

Exercise 1. Find all (possibly complex) eigenvalues for the matrices

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Are these matrices similar?

Solution:

Exercise 2. Diagonalize the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} .6 & .2 \\ .4 & .8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In other words, find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

Use this to compute exact formulas for the functions defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a(n) & b(n) \\ c(n) & d(n) \end{bmatrix} = A^n$$

for positive integers $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Finally, calculate the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n$.

Solution:

Exercise 3. Find the rank and eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Exercise 4. Find the eigenvalues and determinants of

$$B = A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Exercise 5. Consider the vector space

$$V = \{ax^2 + bx + c : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

of polynomials in one variable x with degree at most three.

- (a) Define $T : V \rightarrow V$ to be the function with $T(f(x)) = f(x + 1)$ for $f \in V$, so

$$T(3x) = 3x + 3 \quad \text{and} \quad T(x^2) = x^2 + 2x + 1,$$

for example. Explain why this function is linear.

- (b) Let $A : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow V$ and $B : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear functions with

$$A(e_i) = x^{i-1} \quad \text{and} \quad B(x^{i-1}) = e_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

where

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The composition $F = B \circ T \circ A$ is a linear function $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. Determine the standard matrix of F .

- (c) Using part (b), find all eigenvalues for T and for each eigenvalue find a corresponding eigenvector.

In this context, an eigenvector for T with eigenvalue λ is a nonzero polynomial $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \in V$ such that

$$T(f(x)) = f(x + 1) = \lambda f(x)$$

which is equivalent to

$$a(x + 1)^2 + b(x + 1) + c = (\lambda a)x^2 + (\lambda b)x + (\lambda c).$$

Solution:

