

**Instructions:** This homework is an individual effort. Answer each question. This is due on **Monday, June 15th. Show all work to receive full credit.**

## 1 Chapter 6

1. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of these four matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution 1.**  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 4 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 8 = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1)$ .

Thus,  $\lambda = 5, -1$ . When  $\lambda = 5$ ,

$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . By similar process, the next eigenvector is  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . For the rest of the matrices, I will not show the process since it is identical to this.

For  $B$ ,  $\lambda = 0, 6$  with eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $C$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  twice with eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $D$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  twice with eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. If  $A$  has  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$  then  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 5) = \lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 20$ . Find three matrices that have trace  $a + d = 9$  and determinant 20 and  $\lambda = 4, 5$ .

**Solution 2.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3. Factor these two matrices into  $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$  :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution 3.** First we find the eigenvalues.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3)$ . Thus,  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 3$ . When  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ When } \lambda_2 = 3,$$

$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow -2x + 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus, we have the following:

$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $X^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . By similar process we get the following for the second matrix:

$\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = 4$ .  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } X^{-1} = (1/4) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Write down the most general matrix that has eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Hint: Use  $X\Lambda X^{-1}$ )

**Solution 4.**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} (-1/2) \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1/2) \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1 & -\lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= (-1/2) \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 & -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \\ -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 & -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}.$

5. The rabbit population shows fast growth (from 6r) but loss to wolves (from -2w). The wolf population always grows in this model:

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = 6r - 2w \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{dw}{dt} = 2r + w.$$

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. If  $r(0) = w(0) = 30$  what are the populations at time  $t$ ? After a long time, what is the ratio of rabbits to wolves?

**Solution 5.** Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ w \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ w \end{bmatrix}$  is the system we are looking at. Let us find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix.

$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 6 - \lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (6 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 4 = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 2)$ . Thus,  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$ . When  $\lambda_1 = 2$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x - y = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = y \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ When } \lambda_2 = 5,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2y \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Now we have the following solution:}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = Ce^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + De^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ce^{2t} + 2De^{5t} \\ 2Ce^{2t} + De^{5t} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ When } \mathbf{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Thus, } C + 2D = 30 \text{ and } 2C + D = 30. \text{ By substitution, } C + 60 - 4C = 30 \Rightarrow C = 10, D = 10. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 10e^{2t} + 20e^{5t} \\ 20e^{2t} + 10e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Ratio} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r(t)}{w(t)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10e^{2t} + 20e^{5t}}{20e^{2t} + 10e^{5t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10e^{2t}(1 + 2e^{3t})}{10e^{2t}(2 + e^{3t})} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2e^{3t}}{2 + e^{3t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2e^{3t}}{e^{3t}} = 2.$$

6. Find the eigenvalues and the unit eigenvectors of  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Hint: Use the fact that  $S$

is symmetric.)

**Solution 6.**  $\det(S - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda = -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8) = \lambda(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)$ . Thus,  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 4$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -2$ . When  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ When } \lambda_2 = 4,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ We reduce to get } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Thus, } -2y + 2z = 0, 2x - 4y = 0$$

and  $2x - 4z = 0$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . When  $\lambda_3 = -2$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ We reduce to get } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Thus, } -2y + 2z = 0, 2x + 2y = 0,$$

and  $2x + 2z = 0$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $S$  is symmetric, we are already orthogonal.

Now we unitize!  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

7. Find an orthonormal matrix  $Q$  that diagonalizes  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution 7.** By similar process to the above we get  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -3$  with  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . These vectors normalized are  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$\mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus,

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ -2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & -2/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Check it!

8. Which of  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$  has positive eigenvalues? Use a test, don't compute the  $\lambda$ 's.

$$S_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad S_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 10 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \quad S_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 10 & 101 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution 8.** Not  $S_1$  since the determinant is negative.

Not  $S_2$  since the upper left value is negative.

Not  $S_3$  since the determinant is 0.

$S_4$  is since the upper left is positive and so is its determinant.

9. Compute the upper left determinants of  $S$  to establish positive definiteness. Verify that their ratios give the second and third pivots.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution 9.** The uppermost determinant is 2. The 2 by 2 determinant is  $10 - 4 = 6$ . The full

matrix has the determinant  $2(40 - 9) - 2(16 - 0) = 62 - 32 = 30$ . Thus,  $S$  is positive definite.

Reduced  $S$  is 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We see that  $6/2 = 3$  and  $30/6 = 5$  which are the second and third pivots.