

Linear algebra II, spring term 2018  
Solutions to Homework 3

$$1.a) Av = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2v \Rightarrow v \text{ is an eigenvector of } A, \text{ with eigenvalue } 2.$$

b) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_A(t) &= \det(A - \lambda I_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 4-t & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & -t & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 2-t \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \\ \textcircled{1} \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3-t & 0 & 3-t \\ -5 & -t & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 2-t \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-t) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & -t & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 2-t \end{vmatrix} = (3-t) \left( (-t)(2-t) - (-3)(-1) + (-5)(-1) - (-1)(-t) \right) \\ &= (3-t) (t^2 - 2t - 3 + 5 - t) = (3-t) (t^2 - 3t + 2) \\ &= (3-t) \left( \left(t - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4} + \frac{8}{4} \right) = (3-t) \left( \left(t - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right) = (3-t)(t-2)(t-1) \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are the zeroes of  $f_A(t)$ , that is, the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue 1:

$$\begin{aligned} A - 1 \cdot I_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -8 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \textcircled{-1} \\ \textcircled{-1} \end{matrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{-1} \\ \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{1} \end{matrix} \\ &\sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1(A) = \ker(A - 1 \cdot I_3) = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{u_1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue 2:

$$A - 2I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \ker(A - 2I_3) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{u_2}$

Eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue 3:

$$A - 3I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_3(A) = \ker(A - 3I_3) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{u_3}$

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a basis of } \mathcal{E}_1(A)$$

$$u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a basis of } \mathcal{E}_2(A)$$

$$u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a basis of } \mathcal{E}_3(A)$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$   
are 1, 2, and 3

c)  $\underline{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  is an eigenbasis of  $A$ , hence  $A$  is diagonalisable.

$$\text{For each eigenvalue } \lambda \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \text{al} \mu_A(\lambda) = \text{ge} \mu_A(\lambda) = 1$$

2) R: If  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a non-zero vector then  $v, Rv$  are non-zero and orthogonal, and hence linearly independent.  
 It follows that  $v$  is not an eigenvector of  $R$ ;  
 i.e.,  $R$  has no eigenvalues and no eigenvectors

P:  $Pu = u$ , so  $u$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.  
 The vector  $w = \begin{pmatrix} -u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix}$  is non-zero (since  $u \neq 0$ ), and  $w \cdot u = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow Pw = 0$  Hence  $w$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 0.  
 Since  $\dim \mathbb{R}^2 = 2$ , there can exist no more than 2 linearly independent eigenvectors. Hence, 0 and 1 are the only eigenvalues,  
 and  $\begin{cases} \mathcal{E}_0(P) = \text{span}\{w\} \\ \mathcal{E}_1(P) = \text{span}\{u\} \end{cases}$

R<sup>2</sup>: As  $R^2 = -\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ , every non-zero vector is an eigenvector with eigenvalue -1.

P<sup>2</sup>:  $P^2 = P$ , because  $\begin{cases} P^2u = Pu \\ P^2w = 0 = Pw \end{cases}$  and  $(u, w)$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Hence, as with  $P$ , the eigenvalues are 0 and 1, and  
 $\mathcal{E}_0(P^2) = \text{span}\{w\}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_1(P^2) = \text{span}\{u\}$ .

R<sup>100</sup>:  $R^{100} = (R^2)^{50} = (-\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2})^{50} = (-1)^{50} \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ . Hence, every non-zero vector is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{PR}: \quad PR(u) = P(w) = 0, \\ PR(w) = P(-u) = -u. \end{aligned}$$

The vectors  $u$  and  $w$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $[PR]_{(u,w)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Characteristic polynomial:

$$f_{PR}(t) = \det(PR - t \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2}) = \det([PR]_{(u,w)} - tI_2) = \begin{vmatrix} -t & -1 \\ 0 & -t \end{vmatrix} = t^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  0 is the only eigenvalue of PR.

As  $PR \neq 0$ , we have  $\ker(PR) \neq \mathbb{R}^2$  }  $\Rightarrow \dim(\ker PR) = 1$ , and  
 $u \in \ker(PR)$  }  
 $\mathcal{L}_0(PR) = \ker PR = \text{span}\{u\}$ .

3.a) Assume that  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  is an eigenvector of  $D$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ; that is,  $f \neq 0$  and  $D(f) = \lambda f$ .

Setting  $g(t) = f(t)e^{-\lambda t}$ , we have

$$g'(t) = f'(t)e^{-\lambda t} + f(t)D(e^{-\lambda t}) = \lambda f(t)e^{-\lambda t} + f(t)(-\lambda e^{-\lambda t}) = 0, \quad \forall t$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{g(t) = c \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{R}.}$$

b) From (a) follows that if  $f$  is an eigenvector of  $D$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $f(t)e^{-\lambda t} = c$ , i.e.,  $f(t) = ce^{\lambda t}$ , for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Conversely, if  $f(t) = ce^{\lambda t}$  then  $D(f)(t) = c\lambda e^{\lambda t} = \lambda f(t) \quad \forall t$   
 $(c \neq 0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad D(f) = \lambda f.$

Hence, every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $D$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors are the elements of the form  $f(t) = ce^{\lambda t}$ , for  $c \neq 0$ .

4.a) Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y}(f+g)(x) &= \int_0^x (f+g)(t) dt = \int_0^x (f(t)+g(t)) dt = \int_0^x f(t) dt + \int_0^x g(t) dt = \mathcal{Y}(f)(x) + \mathcal{Y}(g)(x) \\ &\Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}(f+g) = \mathcal{Y}(f) + \mathcal{Y}(g) \end{aligned}$$

For  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathcal{Y}(\lambda f)(x) = \int_0^x \lambda f(t) dt = \lambda \int_0^x f(t) dt = \lambda \mathcal{Y}(f)(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}(\lambda f) = \lambda \mathcal{Y}(f).$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a linear map.

b) For any  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $D\mathcal{Y}(f)(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x f(t) dt = f(x)$  by the fundamental theorem of calculus.

i.e.,  $D\mathcal{Y}(f) = f$  and  $D\mathcal{Y} = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})}$ .

On the other hand, if  $f$  is a non-zero constant function ( $f(t) = c, \forall t, c \neq 0$ ), then  $D(f) = 0$  and hence

$$\mathcal{Y}D(f) = \mathcal{Y}(0) = 0 \neq f$$

(since  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a linear map)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}D \neq \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})}$

c) First, notice that 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{J}$ :

if  $\mathcal{J}(f) = 0$  then  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: 0 = \mathcal{J}(f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt = F(x) - F(0)$   
for some antiderivative  $F$  of  $f$ .

$\Rightarrow F(x) = F(0)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $F$  is a constant function  
and  $f(x) = F'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is,  $f = 0$ .

Hence  $\mathcal{J}(f) \neq 0$  whenever  $f \neq 0$ , so 0 is not an eigenvalue.

Second, assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{J}$ , and  $f$   
a corresponding eigenvector.

Then  $f = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})}(f) \stackrel{\text{(by (b))}}{=} D\mathcal{J}(f) = D(\lambda f) = \lambda D(f)$

$$\Rightarrow D(f) = \frac{1}{\lambda} f$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is an eigenvector of  $D$  with eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ .  $\Rightarrow \underline{f(t) = ce^{\lambda^{-1}t}}$ .  
(\*)

On the other hand,  $\lambda f(x) = \mathcal{J}(f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda f(0) = \int_0^0 f(t) dt = 0 \stackrel{(\lambda \neq 0)}{\Rightarrow} \underline{f(0) = 0}.$$

(\*\*)

By (\*) and (\*\*),  $0 = f(0) = ce^{\lambda^{-1} \cdot 0} = ce^0 = c \Rightarrow f = 0$ .

But this contradicts that  $f$  is an eigenvector, and hence,

the linear map  $\mathcal{J}$  does not have any eigenvalues.