
Homework 10

Exercise 1 For any $\mathcal{A} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$, show the following equality

$$P_{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \lambda \operatorname{Tr}(\mathcal{A}) + \operatorname{Det}(\mathcal{A}).$$

Exercise 2 Let $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and assume that \mathcal{A} has n eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Then, show the following equalities:

(i) $\operatorname{Det}(\mathcal{A}) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$ (product of the eigenvalues)

(ii) $\operatorname{Tr}(\mathcal{A}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$ (sum of the eigenvalues)

Exercise 3 Let $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and consider the linear maps $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $L_{t\mathcal{A}}$. Show that these linear maps have the same eigenvalues.

Exercise 4 Show that if $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is orthogonal (i.e. $t\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{-1}$), then the (real) eigenvalues of $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ can only be 1 or -1 .

Exercise 5 Let $\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, and consider the associated linear map $L_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. Determine the eigenvalues of $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ and the corresponding eigenspaces.

Exercise 6 Let $\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, and consider the associated linear map $L_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Determine the eigenvalues of $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ and the corresponding eigenspaces. Consider then the matrix $\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and compute the product $\mathcal{B}^{-1}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}$. What do you observe, and how do you understand your result ?

Exercise 7 Let $\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, and consider the associated linear map $L_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Determine the eigenvalues of $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ and the corresponding eigenspaces.