

We recall that with any matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, we associate the linear map $L_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by $L_A(X) = AX$ for any $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Exercise 1 Circle the correct statement(s) without providing the proof :

1. If 0 is an eigenvalue of the linear map L_A , then $\text{Det}(A) = 0$,
2. If X is an eigenvector of L_A for $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and if Y is an eigenvector of L_B for $B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then $X + Y$ is an eigenvector of L_{A+B} ,
3. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and assume that L_A has n different eigenvalues, then there must exist a basis of \mathbb{R}^n consisting of eigenvectors of L_A ,
4. If A is an upper triangular matrix, then the eigenvalues of L_A correspond to the diagonal entries of A ,
5. If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is symmetric, then L_A always possesses an eigenvalue different from 0,
6. If $A, B \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ and if both L_A and L_B have the eigenvalues 1, 2 and 3, then A and B are similar,
7. If X is an eigenvector of L_A , then X is an eigenvector of L_{A^3} as well,
8. If X is an eigenvector of L_A , then X must belong to the kernel of L_A or to the range of L_A ,
9. If $\text{Det}(A) = \text{Det}(A^t)$, then A must be symmetric,
10. If the standard vectors E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are eigenvectors of a linear map L_A in \mathbb{R}^n , then $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ must be a diagonal matrix.