

Diagonalization and linear maps

The following exercises must be handed over before the class of the 9th of October starts.

Part 1: Theoretical questions.

1. (1.5 points). Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a detailed answer.

- (i) All matrices are diagonalizable.
- (ii) The eigenvectors of a matrix A are the vectors v satisfying $Av = \lambda v$, for some λ .
- (iii) If the eigenvectors of a matrix of order $n \times n$ generate \mathbb{R}^n , then the matrix is diagonalizable.

2. (0.5 points). Explain why the following statement is true: "If a matrix is diagonalizable, then its determinant is equal to the product of the eigenvalues (with the exponent corresponding to their multiplicity in the characteristic polynomial)".

Part 2: Hand-written exercises. The following exercises must be solved hand-written. All the computations must be detailed.

3. (2 points). Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Find the characteristic polynomial for each of the matrices.
- (ii) Find the zeroes of the characteristic polynomial, that is, the eigenvalues.
- (iii) Compute the spaces of eigenvectors for each eigenvalue.
- (iv) Which matrices are diagonalizable?

4. (0.5 points). Decide which of the following maps $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are linear:

- (i) $f(x, y) = x + y - 1$,
- (ii) $f(x, y) = \frac{2x+y}{x-y}$,
- (iii) $f(x, y) = x + y^2$,
- (iv) $f(x, y) = \frac{x+2y}{3}$,
- (v) $f(x, y) = 4x - y$,
- (vi) $f(x, y) = \log(x)$.

5. (0.5 points). Consider the linear map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}^3 &\xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x, y, z) &\mapsto (2x + y, -z + x, 2x) \end{aligned}$$

Give the matrix associated.

Part 3: Octave. To be solved with Octave. The file must be uploaded in the assignment prepared for that.

6. (0.5 points). Check the results you obtained in exercise 3, using the command $[V, x] = \text{eig}(\text{matrix})$.