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1. (a) 10 points Show that if a square matrix  $A$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 + 5A - 2I = 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(A + 5I)$ .

**Solution:** If there exists the  $B$  matrix such that  $AB = BA = I$ , then  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ . Additionally, the matrix  $A$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 + 5A - 2I = 0$ , so  $I = \frac{1}{2}(A^2 + 5A)$ .

$$\frac{1}{2}(A + 5I) \cdot A = \frac{1}{2}(A^2 + 5A) = I$$

$$A \cdot \frac{1}{2}(A + 5I) = \frac{1}{2}(A^2 + 5A) = I$$

Therefore,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(A + 5I)$  is the inverse matrix of  $A$ .

- (b) 10 points Find an elementary matrix  $E$  that satisfies equation  $EA = B$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:** The matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = B$$
$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow EA = B$$

2. 15 points Suppose that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\det A = (-4)$ . Use Cramer's rule to find  $x_3$ .

**Solution:** The determinant of the matrix  $A$  is different from zero, so we can use Cramer's rule to solve the system.

We can find  $x_3$  by calculating  $x_3 = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|}$ .

$$|A_3| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 2(-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -8$$

$$x_3 = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|} = \frac{-8}{-4} = 2$$

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A$  and  $D$  are similar matrices.

- (a) 6 points Find the determinant of  $A$ .
- (b) 8 points Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (c) 6 points Find the nullity and the rank of  $A$ .

**Solution:**  $A$  and  $D$  are similar matrices. Therefore, their determinant, eigenvalues, nullity and rank are same.

(a)  $|A| = |D| = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$

- (b) The eigenvalues of  $D$  are  $\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 5$  and  $\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = 0$ , so the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 5$  and  $\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = 0$ .

- (c) The reduced row echelon form of the  $D$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . The reduced matrix has two non zero rows, so the rank and the nullity of  $D$  and  $A$  are 2 and 3, respectively.

4. Let  $T : P_3 \rightarrow P_2$  be the transformation defined by  $T(p(x)) = 2p'(x) - p''(x)$ .

- (a) 5 points Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
- (b) 5 points Find the standard matrix of the transformation relative to the standard basis.
- (c) 8 points Find a basis for  $\ker T$  (i.e.,  $\text{NullA}$ ).
- (d) 7 points Find a basis for range (image) of  $T$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  in  $P_3$ . The coordinates of  $p(x)$  and its image relative to the standard basis are written as

$$T(p(x)) = 2(a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2) - (2a_2 + 6a_3x) = (2a_1 - 2a_2) + (4a_2 + 6a_3)x + 6a_3x^2$$

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 - 2a_2 \\ 4a_2 + 6a_3 \\ 6a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Suppose that  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  and  $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3$  are in  $P_3$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$T(p(x) + q(x)) = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_0 + b_0 \\ a_1 + b_1 \\ a_2 + b_2 \\ a_3 + b_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 + 2b_1 - 2a_2 - 2b_2 \\ 4a_2 + 4b_2 + 6a_3 + 6b_3 \\ 6a_3 + 6b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 - 2a_2 \\ 4a_2 + 6a_3 \\ 6a_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2b_1 - 2b_2 \\ 4b_2 + 6b_3 \\ 6b_3 \end{bmatrix} = T(p(x)) + T(q(x))$$

$$T(kp(x)) = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} ka_0 \\ ka_1 \\ ka_2 \\ ka_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2ka_1 - 2ka_2 \\ 4ka_2 + 6ka_3 \\ 6ka_3 \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 - 2a_2 \\ 4a_2 + 6a_3 \\ 6a_3 \end{bmatrix} = kT(p(x))$$

Therefore it is a linear transformation.

$$(b) \quad T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 - 2a_2 \\ 4a_2 + 6a_3 \\ 6a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Therefore, } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for the solution space of the } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \text{ and}$$

$p_1(x) = 1$  is a basis for  $\ker T$ .

$$(d) \quad \text{The set } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} q_1(x) & = & 2 \\ q_2(x) & = & -2 + 4x \\ q_3(x) & = & 6x + 6x^2 \end{matrix} \text{ is a basis for the image of } T \text{ relative to the standard basis.}$$

5. 20 points The eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = -2$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 4$  are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , respectively. Find a matrix  $Q$  that orthogonally diagonalizes  $A$  such that  $Q^T Q = I$

**Solution:** The columns of  $Q$  are the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $A$ . We can find an orthogonal basis for eigenspace of  $A$ .

$$u_1 = v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{3} u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, u_2 \rangle}{\|u_2\|^2} u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are orthogonal vectors.

$$q_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are orthonormal.  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$