

Homework No: 01

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Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

① Calculate the characteristic polynomial of A , say $p_A(x)$.

② Verify that $p_A(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}_{M_2(\mathbb{R})}$.

③ Find the inverse matrix A^{-1} (use 2 methods)

④ Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A

⑤ Setting $D = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $P = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x \\ u_y & v_y \end{bmatrix}$,

where (h_1, h_2) are the eigenvalues of A and $(u_x, u_y), (v_x, v_y)$ are the corresponding eigenvectors.

Compute PDP^{-1} and deduce the expression of A^n .

⑥ Solve the system of linear recurrence sequences

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n & a_0 = 1 \\ b_{n+1} = 3a_n + 2b_n & b_0 = 0, \end{cases}$$

that is, find a_n and b_n in terms of n .

end



problems with solution.

Problem 01 :

Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

① Calculate the characteristic polynomial of A (we denote by $P_A(\lambda)$).

② Verify that

$$P_A(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

this is the 2×2 zero matrix.

③ Find the inverse matrix A^{-1}
(use two methods)

④ Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A .

⑤ Setting $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$

and $P = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_x \\ u_y & v_y \end{bmatrix}$,

where λ_1, λ_2 are the eigenvalues of A and

(u_x, u_y) , (v_x, v_y) are the corresponding eigenvectors. Compute PDP^{-1} and deduce the expression of A^n , $n \geq 0$.

(6) Solve the system of linear recurrence sequences

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n, & a_0 = 1 \\ b_{n+1} = 3a_n + 2b_n, & b_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

that is, find a_n and b_n in terms of n .

Solution:

(1) We find the characteristic polynomial:

$$P_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 2 \\ 3 & 2-x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -(1+x) & 2 \\ (1+x) & 2-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x) \cdot [-2 + x - 2]$$

$$= (1+x)(x-4)$$

$$\text{Then, } P_A(x) = (1+x)(x-4).$$

ⓐ We show that $P_A(A)$ is equal to the zero matrix.

In fact, we see that

$$P_A(x) = x^2 - 3x - 4$$

It follows that

$$P_A(A) = A^2 - 3A - 4I,$$

where $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the identity matrix.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(A) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

③ Finding A^{-1} by two methods:

1st Method:

$$\text{we have: } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^t,$$

where

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the Comatrix of A . Thus,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{-1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

2nd Method:

Since $p_A(\lambda) = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \frac{I}{2} &= A - 3A \\ &= A(A - 3I) \end{aligned}$$

Then
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} (A - 3I_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

④ We find the eigenpairs of A :

• **Eigenvalues of A :**

Since $p_A(x) = (1+x)(x-4)$, then

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = -1 \\ \lambda_2 = 4 \end{cases} \text{ are the eigenvalues of } A.$$

• **Eigenvectors of A :**

From definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\lambda_1} &= \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = -x \\ 3x + 2y = -y \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = -x \right\} \\ &= \text{Vect} \left\{ (1, -1) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we obtain

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = 4x \\ 3x + 2y = 4y \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = \frac{3}{2}x \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \left\{ \left(1, \frac{3}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \left\{ (2, 3) \right\}.$$

⑤ We put

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• We compute PDP^{-1} :

In fact

$$PDP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A. \text{ Thus, } PDP^{-1} = A.$$

Since $PDP^{-1} = A$, then

$$A^2 = P \underbrace{D P^{-1} P D P^{-1}}_I = P D^2 P^{-1}$$

and therefore,

$$A^n = P D P^{-1} P D P^{-1} \dots P D P^{-1} \\ = P D^n P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^n & 0 \\ 0 & 4^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3(-1)^n + 2 \cdot 4^n}{5} & \frac{2 \cdot 4^n - 2(-1)^n}{5} \\ \frac{3 \cdot 4^n - 3(-1)^n}{5} & \frac{2(-1)^n + 3 \cdot 4^n}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

⑥ Consider the system :

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n, & a_0 = 1 \\ b_{n+1} = 3a_n + 2b_n, & b_0 = 0. \end{cases} \dots (S')$$

How to solve the system (S') ?

or How to find a_n and b_n in terms of n ?

• The matrix form of (S) :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{n+1} \\ b_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \bar{U}_{n+1}$$

$$\downarrow \\ A$$

$$\downarrow \\ \bar{U}_n$$

avec $\bar{U}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Since $\bar{U}_{n+1} = A \bar{U}_n$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}_n &= A \bar{U}_{n-1} \\ &= A^2 \bar{U}_{n-2} \\ &= \dots \\ &= A^n \bar{U}_0. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$\bar{U}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3(-1)^n + 2 \cdot 4^n}{5} & \frac{2 \cdot 4^n - 2(-1)^n}{5} \\ \frac{3 \cdot 4^n - 3(-1)^n}{5} & \frac{2(-1)^n + 3 \cdot 4^n}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $\bar{U}_n = \begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$.

Thus,

$$\begin{cases} a_n = \frac{3}{5} (-1)^n + \frac{2}{5} \cdot 4^n \\ b_n = \frac{3}{5} \cdot 4^n - \frac{3}{5} (-1)^n \end{cases}, n \geq 0$$

End.

Homework № 02:

Let

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Find $P_{A_3}(x)$.
- Find the eigenvalues of the matrix:

$$A_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & & 1 \\ \dots & & & \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

- We compute the characteristic polynomial of A_3 .

We have

$$P_{A_3}(x) = \det(A_3 - xI)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -(1+x) & 0 & 1 \\ (1+x) & -(1+x) & 1 \\ 0 & (1+x) & -x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x)^2 \begin{vmatrix} \overset{+}{-1} & \overset{-}{0} & \overset{+}{1} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x)^2 \cdot [-(x-1) + 1]$$

$$= (1+x)^2 (2-x)$$

Hence, $f_A(x) = (1+x)^2 (2-x)$.

• Consider the matrix

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have $f_{A_4}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -(1+x) & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ (1+x) & -(1+x) & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & (1+x) & -(1+x) & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & (1+x) & -x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x)^3 \begin{vmatrix} \overset{+}{-1} & \overset{-}{0} & \overset{+}{0} & \overset{-}{1} \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x)^3 \cdot (-1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix} + (1+x)^3 (-1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+x)^3 (x-2) + (1+x)^3 (-1)$$

$$= (1+x)^3 (x-3).$$

We deduce that

$$f_{A_n}(x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)^{n-1} (x-n+1); & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ (1+x)^{n-1} (n-1-x); & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\lambda_1 = -1$ is an eigenvalue of multiplicity $n-1$ and $\lambda_2 = n-1$ is an eigenvalue of multiplicity 1. (simple eigenvalue).

Home work No: 03

Vandermonde determinant

Consider the following determinant

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_0^2 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ where } x_0, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Prove that $\Delta_2 = (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$
- Find the general formula for Δ_n .

Solution: We have

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & x_2 \\ x_0^2 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{C_1} \\ \downarrow \\ C_2 - C_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{C_2} \\ \downarrow \\ C_3 - C_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \kappa_1 - \kappa_0 & \kappa_2 - \kappa_1 & \kappa_2 \\ \kappa_1^2 - \kappa_0^2 & \kappa_2^2 - \kappa_1^2 & \kappa_2^2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (\kappa_1 - \kappa_0) \cdot (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \kappa_2 \\ \kappa_1 + \kappa_0 & \kappa_2 + \kappa_1 & \kappa_2^2 \end{vmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\kappa_1 - \kappa_0) (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1) (\kappa_2 + \kappa_1 - \kappa_1 - \kappa_0)$$

$$= (\kappa_1 - \kappa_0) (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1) (\kappa_2 - \kappa_0).$$

Thus, $\Delta_2 = (\kappa_1 - \kappa_0) (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1) (\kappa_2 - \kappa_0)$

In the general case, we get

$$\Delta_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \kappa_0 & \kappa_1 & \dots & \kappa_n \\ \kappa_0^2 & \kappa_1^2 & \dots & \kappa_n^2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \kappa_0^n & \kappa_1^n & \dots & \kappa_n^n \end{vmatrix} = \prod_{i>j} (\kappa_i - \kappa_j)$$

Homework №: 04

Consider the following theorem:

Theorem: Similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.

Prove that the Converse is false.

Solution: Consider the following Counterexample:

$$\text{For } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$

It is clear that

$$p_A(x) = (1-x)^2 = p_B(x).$$

on the other hand, assume that $A \sim B$. Then there exists an invertible matrix P such that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P B P^{-1} \\ &= P \cdot I_2 \cdot P^{-1} \\ &= I_2 \end{aligned}$$

This is a Contradiction.

Conclusion: In general,

$$p_A(x) = p_B(x) \not\Rightarrow A \sim B.$$

- Let $f_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ be a polynomial of degree n . Prove that

$$A \sim B \Rightarrow f_n(A) \sim f_n(B).$$

Solution: Since $A \sim B$, then $A = P B P^{-1}$ for some invertible matrix P . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(A) &= a_0 I + a_1 A + a_2 A^2 + \dots + a_n A^n \\ &= a_0 P P^{-1} + a_1 (P B P^{-1}) + a_2 (P B P^{-1})^2 + \dots + a_n (P B P^{-1})^n \\ &= a_0 P P^{-1} + a_1 P B P^{-1} + a_2 P B^2 P^{-1} + \dots + a_n P B^n P^{-1} \\ &= P [a_0 I + a_1 B + a_2 B^2 + \dots + a_n B^n] P^{-1} \\ &= P f_n(B) P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f_n(A) \sim f_n(B)$.

- prove that $A \sim B \Rightarrow e^A \sim e^B$.

Solution: Since A is similar to B , then there exists an invertible matrix P such that $A = P B P^{-1}$.

From definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^A &= I + \frac{A}{1!} + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{A^n}{n!} + \dots, \text{ then} \\ &= P P^{-1} + \frac{P B P^{-1}}{1!} + \frac{(P B P^{-1})^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(P B P^{-1})^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= P P^{-1} + \frac{P B P^{-1}}{1!} + \frac{P B^2 P^{-1}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{P B^n P^{-1}}{n!} + \dots \\ &= P \left[I + \frac{B}{1!} + \frac{B^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{B^n}{n!} + \dots \right] P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$e^A = P \cdot e^B \cdot P^{-1}, \text{ and hence } e^A \sim e^B.$$

Homework № 05

- For which values of Constants, a, b, c and d is the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & d \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonalizable?

Solution: It's clear that the eigenvalues of A are:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1, \\ \lambda_2 = a. \end{cases}$$

- We find the corresponding eigenspaces:

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x + by + dz = x \\ y + cz = y \\ az = z \end{array} \right\}$$

there are two cases:

Case 1: If $a \neq 1$, then $z = 0$. Then

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} by = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

- If $b \neq 0$, then $y = 0$

In this case, we have

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = z = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \left\{ (1, 0, 0) \right\}$$

Thus,
$$\begin{cases} A_m(1) = 2 \\ G_m(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

i.e, A is not diagonalizable.

- If $b = 0$, we have

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \left\{ (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \right\}$$

Thus,
$$\begin{cases} A_m(1) = 2 \\ G_m(1) = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A_m(1) = G_m(1).$$

In this case, A is diagonalizable.

Case 2: Assume that $a = 1$:

In this case $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue of multiplicity 3 i.e $A_m(1) = 3$.

- We find the corresponding eigenspace E_{λ} :

$$E_{\lambda} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x + by + dz = x \\ y + cz = y \\ az = z \end{array} \right\}$$

It is clear that if one of the constants b, c, d is nonzero, then $\dim E_h \leq 2$

Thus, $G_m(h) \neq 3 = A_m(h)$

i.e. A is not diagonalizable.

In the case when $b = c = d = 0$, then

$$E_h = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ = \mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Vect} \left\{ (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_m(h) = A_m(h) = 3$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

Remark: Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that $\text{Sp}(A) = \{h\}$. Then

A is diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow A = hI$.

In view of the above case ($a = 1$), we see that

$\text{Sp}(A) = \{1\}$, then A is diagonalizable if and only if $A = I_3$

which gives $b = c = d = 0$.

Conclusion: the matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if:

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} a \neq 1 \text{ and} \\ b = 0, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right) \text{ or } \left(\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \text{ and} \\ b = c = d = 0 \end{array} \right).$$

• Study the diagonalization of the matrix :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b & c \\ 0 & 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solution: We see that

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 2, & A_m(\lambda_1) = \mathbf{1} \\ \lambda_2 = 3, & A_m(\lambda_2) = \mathbf{1} \\ \lambda_3 = 1, & A_m(\lambda_3) = \mathbf{2} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, we have

$$E_{\lambda_3} = \left\{ (x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{array}{l} x + ay + bz + ct = x \\ y + dz + et = y \\ 2z + ft = z \\ 3t = t \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{array}{l} t = 0 \\ z = 0 \\ ay = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

We distinguish two cases:

• If $a = 0$, then

$$E_{\lambda_3} = \left\{ (x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{array}{l} z = 0 \\ t = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, 0, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \Rightarrow \dim E_{\lambda_3} = 2. \quad \boxed{42}$$

Thus, A is diagonalizable.

• If $a \neq 0$, then

$$E_{\lambda_3} = \left\{ (x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{array}{l} y = 0 \\ z = 0 \\ t = 0 \end{array} \right\} \\ = \left\{ (x, 0, 0, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Then $\dim E_{\lambda_3} = 1$. In this case, A is not diagonalizable.

Conclusion: The matrix is diagonalizable $\iff a = 0$ and $b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$.

* Study the diagonalization of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \\ a & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solution:

① We find the characteristic polynomial of A .
In fact, we have

$$p_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-x & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1-x & 2 \\ a & 0 & 3-x \end{vmatrix} \\ = (3-x)^2 (1-x).$$

② the eigenvalues of A :

$$\begin{cases} h_1 = 1 & \text{with } A_m(h_1) = 1, \\ h_2 = 3 & \text{with } A_m(h_2) = 2. \end{cases}$$

③ we find the eigenvectors of A .

Since $A_m(h_1) = 1$, then $\dim E_{h_1} = 1$

Finding E_{h_2} :

$$\begin{aligned} E_{h_2} &= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} 3x = 3x \\ 4x + y + 2z = 3y \\ ax + 3z = 3z \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} y = 2x + z \\ ax = 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

there are two cases:

Case 1: $a = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{h_2} &= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = 2x + z \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (x, 2x + z, z) \mid x, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \text{Vect} \left\{ (1, 2, 0), (0, 1, 1) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\dim E_{h_2} = 2$

i.e. A is diagonalizable.

Case 02: $a \neq 0$:

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} y = z \\ x = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ (0, y, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
$$= \text{Vect} \left\{ (0, 1, 1) \right\}$$

In this case, $\dim E_{\lambda_2} = 1$

\Rightarrow A is not diagonalizable.

Homework N°: 06

Consider the following two matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

① prove that $A \sim B$.

② Find an invertible matrix G such that

$$A = G \cdot B \cdot G^{-1}$$

Solution: ①

Step 1: We find the characteristic polynomials of A and B .

$$P_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-x & 1 \\ 2 & 3-x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} (4-x) & (4-x) \\ 2 & 3-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-x) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-x) \cdot [3-x-2]$$

$$= (4-x)(1-x).$$

Also, we have

$$P_B(x) = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 2 \\ -2 & 5-x \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ \downarrow \\ L_1 - L_2 \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2-x & -3+x \\ -2 & 5-x \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} L_1 \\ \downarrow \\ L_1 - L_2 \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 4-x & -2(4-x) \\ -2 & 5-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-x) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-x) [5-x-4]$$

$$= (4-x)(1-x). \text{ Hence } P_A(x) = P_B(x).$$

Then A and B have the same eigenvalues:

$$\begin{cases} h_1 = 1, & A_m(h_1) = 1, \\ h_2 = 4, & A_m(h_2) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Since $G_m(h_1) = 1 = G_m(h_2)$, then A and B are diagonalizable. Then

$$\begin{cases} A = P D P^{-1} & \text{for some } P \text{ invertible} \\ B = Q D Q^{-1} & \text{" " } Q \text{ " "} \end{cases}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{cases} A = P D P^{-1} \\ D = Q^{-1} B Q. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P Q^{-1} B Q P^{-1} \\ &= (P Q^{-1}) \cdot B \cdot (P Q^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= C' \cdot B \cdot C'^{-1}, \text{ where } C' = P Q^{-1} \text{ is} \\ &\text{invertible. That is, } A \text{ is similar to } B. \end{aligned}$$

② Finding the matrix C :

From simple Computation, we find

$E_{h_1} = \text{Vect} \{(-1, 1)\}$ and $E_{h_2} = \text{Vect} \{(1, 2)\}$
for the matrix A , and

$\tilde{E}_{h_1} = \text{Vect} \{(2, 1)\}$, $\tilde{E}_{h_2} = \text{Vect} \{(1, 2)\}$
for the matrix B .

Since $C = P \Phi^{-1}$, where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\Phi^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Homework №: 07

Consider the matrix

$$A(a) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- ① Find all the eigenvalues of $A(a)$.
- ② Find the real parameter a for which the matrix $A(a)$ is diagonalizable, and give in this case the diagonalization formula of $A(a)$.

Solution: Simple Computation, we find

$$P_{A(a)}(x) = (x-1)^2(x+1)$$

• the eigenvalues of $A(a)$ are:

$$h_1 = 1 \text{ with } A_m(h_1) = 2 \text{ and}$$

$$h_2 = -1 \text{ with } A_m(h_2) = 1$$

Now, we find the eigenspace E_{h_1} :

In fact, we have

$$E_{h_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \left/ \begin{array}{l} x = x \\ ax - 2y + 3z = y \\ x - y + 2z = z \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} ax + 3z = 3y \\ x - y = -z \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (a-3)x = 0 \right\}$$

There are two cases:

• Case 1: $a \neq 3$:

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x = 0 \\ y = z \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \{ (0, 1, 1) \}$$

Thus, $G_m(\lambda_1) = 1$.

In this case $A(a)$ is not diagonalizable.

• Case 2: $a = 3$.

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = x + z \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, x+z, z) \mid x, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x(1, 1, 0) + z(0, 1, 1) \mid x, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Vect} \{ (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1) \}$$

Thus, $G_m(\lambda_1) = 2$

$\Rightarrow A(a)$ is diagonalizable.

② Diagonalization of $A(a)$:

Setting

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \cdot \\ 0 & 1 & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, we compute E_{λ_2} :

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\lambda_2} &= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x = -x \\ 3x - 2y + 3z = -y \\ x - y + 2z = -z \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x = 0 \\ y = 3z \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \text{Vect} \{ (0, 3, 1) \} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

After computation, we obtain :

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows that

$$A(3) = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Homework №: 08

Solve the system of linear recurrence sequences:

$$(S) \dots \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = 3x_n - y_n + 1 \\ y_{n+1} = -x_n + 3y_n + 2 \end{cases}, \text{ where}$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (1, 0).$$

Compute x_{1000} and y_{1000} .

Solution: We can write the system (S) as the following matrix formula:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{U_{n+1}} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_A \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{U_n} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_C$

with $U_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

That is, $U_n = A U_{n-1} + C$, and hence

$$U_n = A^n U_0 + (A^{n-1} + A^{n-2} + \dots + A + I) \cdot C$$

• We find A^n :

After computation, we get

$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2^n + 4^n}{2} & \frac{2^n - 4^n}{2} \\ \frac{2^n - 4^n}{2} & \frac{2^n + 4^n}{2} \end{bmatrix} ; n \geq 0$$

Note that

$$A^n = \frac{2^n}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{+4^n}{2}\right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• We Compute $A^{n-1} + A^{n-2} + \dots + A + I$:

Setting

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $A^n = \frac{2^n}{2} U + \frac{4^n}{2} \bar{V}$, then

$$A^{n-1} + A^{n-2} + \dots + A + I$$

$$= \frac{2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2^1 + 2^0}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$\frac{4^{n-1} + 4^{n-2} + \dots + 4^1 + 4^0}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$= \frac{2^n - 1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{4^n - 1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2^n}{2} + \frac{4^n}{6} - \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2^n}{2} - \frac{4^n}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2^n}{2} - \frac{4^n}{6} - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2^n}{2} + \frac{4^n}{6} - \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_n = 2^{n+1} + \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \\ y_n = 2^{n+1} - \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{5}{3} \end{array} \right. ; n \geq 0.$$

Homework №: 09

Let (x_n) be the sequence given by

$$x_{n+2} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{x_n} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}}}, \quad x_0, x_1 \neq 0$$

Find x_n in terms of n .

Solution: We can write

$$x_n = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{x_{n-2}} + \frac{1}{x_{n-1}}}, \quad x_0, x_1 \neq 0$$

It follows that

$$\frac{2}{x_n} = \frac{1}{x_{n-2}} + \frac{1}{x_{n-1}}$$

We put $\frac{1}{x_n} = y_n$. Then

$$2y_n = y_{n-1} + y_{n-2}, \quad \text{and hence}$$

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2} y_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} y_{n-2} \dots \dots (*)$$

Also, we can write (*) as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{n-1} \\ y_{n-2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad y_0 = \frac{1}{x_0}, \quad y_1 = \frac{1}{x_1}$$

That is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = A^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

After simple computation, we have

$$A^{n-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}}{3} & \frac{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}}{3} \\ \frac{2 - 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}}{3} & \frac{1 + 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$y_n = \frac{1}{3} \left[2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \right] y_1 + \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \right] y_0$$

Since $y_n = \frac{1}{x_n}$, then

$$x_n = \frac{3}{\left(2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}\right) \frac{1}{x_1} + \left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}\right) \frac{1}{x_0}}$$

thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = \frac{3}{\frac{2}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_0}}$$

Homework №: 10

Solve the system of differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_2' = 3x_1 + 2x_2 \end{cases} \dots \textcircled{S'}$$

Solution:

① We see that

$$(S') \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$X' = A \cdot X$$

② We find the eigenvalues of A and corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = -1, & v_1 = (-1, 1) \\ \lambda_2 = 4, & v_2 = (2, 3) \end{cases}$$

Setting

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Since $X' = A \cdot X$ and $A = P D P^{-1}$,

then

$$X' = A X \iff \begin{cases} X' = P D Y \\ Y = P^{-1} \cdot X \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{cases} P^{-1} X' = D Y \\ Y = P^{-1} X \end{cases}$$

That is,

$$\begin{cases} X' = P Y' \dots (1) \\ Y' = D Y \dots (2) \\ Y = P^{-1} \cdot X \dots (3) \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = -c_1 e^{-t} \\ y_2 = c_2 e^{4t} \end{cases} ; c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow X = P \cdot Y$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 e^{-t} \\ c_2 e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} + 2c_2 e^{4t} \\ -c_1 e^{-t} + 3c_2 e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Homework $W^{\circ} = 11$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find e^{tA} for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Solve the system of differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x' = x + y \\ y' = x + y \\ z' = 2z \end{cases} \dots (S')$$

Solution: Note that A is diagonalizable with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $e^{tA} = e^{t(PDP^{-1})} = P \cdot e^{tD} \cdot P^{-1}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

• the solution of the system of differential equations (S) is given by :

$$X(t) = e^{tA} \cdot C$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & \frac{e^{2t}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c_1}{2} e^{2t} + \frac{c_2}{2} e^{2t} \\ \frac{c_1}{2} e^{2t} + \frac{c_2}{2} e^{2t} \\ c_3 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

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