

# 1 Sub-test of Algebra III, January 15th-2020

**Exercise1.** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Find eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ .
2. Find eigenvectors for each eigenvalue of  $A$ .
3. Diagonalize the matrix  $A$ . That is, find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .
4. Diagonalize the matrix  $A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I$ , where  $I$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix.
5. Calculate  $A^n$ , for  $n \geq 0$ .
6. Calculate  $(A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I)^{2020}$ .

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**Exercise 2.**

**a.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be an orthogonal matrix (i.e.,  $A^tA = AA^t = I$ ). Prove that  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .

**b.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that if  $A$  is diagonalizable by an orthogonal matrix  $P$ , then  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.

**c.** For which values of constants  $a, b$  and  $c$  is the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 2 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable?

**d.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that

$$\det(e^A) = e^{\text{tr}(A)}.$$

**e.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Explain how a system of differentail equations  $X' = AX$  can be solved whenever  $A$  is diagonalizable or not.

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**Good Luck.**

## 2 Solution of Sub-test of Algebra III, 2020

**Exercise1.** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. We find eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(x) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 2 \\ 4 & 3-x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 5-x & 5-x \\ 4 & 3-x \end{vmatrix} = (5-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3-x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (5-x)(3-x-4) = (x-5)(x+1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$ .

2. We find eigenvectors for each eigenvalue of  $A$ :

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = -x \\ 4x + 3y = -y \end{array} \right\} = \text{Vect}\{(1, -1)\},$$

also, we have

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = 5x \\ 4x + 3y = 5y \end{array} \right\} = \text{Vect}\{(1, 2)\}.$$

3. Next, we diagonalize the matrix  $A$ . That is, we will find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . In fact, we see that

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = D.$$

4. We diagonalize the matrix  $A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I$ , where  $I$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix:

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I = P(D^3 - 5D^2 + 3D + I)P^{-1}, \quad (*)$$

where by few computation we find:

$$D^3 - 5D^2 + 3D + I = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (**)$$

5. We calculate  $A^n$ , for  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , then

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^n & 0 \\ 0 & 5^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(-1)^n + 5^n}{3} & \frac{5^n - (-1)^n}{3} \\ \frac{2.5^n - 2(-1)^n}{3} & \frac{(-1)^n + 2.5^n}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. We calculate  $(A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I)^{2020}$ . From (\*) and (\*\*), we see that

$$(A^3 - 5A^2 + 3A + I)^{2020} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-8)^{2020} & 0 \\ 0 & 16^{2020} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**Exercise 2.**

**a.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be an orthogonal matrix (i.e.,  $A^t A = A A^t = I$ ). We prove that  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ . Indeed, we see that

$$\det(A^t A) = \det(I) = 1,$$

But

$$\det(A^t A) = \det(A^t) \det(A) = (\det(A))^2 = 1,$$

then  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .

**b.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . We show that if  $A$  is diagonalizable by an orthogonal matrix  $P$ , then  $A$  is a symmetric matrix. In fact, since  $A = P D P^{-1}$  with  $P$  is orthogonal, then  $P^{-1} = P^t$  and  $A = P D P^t$ . It follows that

$$A^t = (P D P^t)^t = (P^t)^t D^t P^t = P D P^t = A.$$

**c.** For which values of constants  $a, b$  and  $c$  is the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 2 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable?

In fact, since  $A$  is an upper triangular matrix, then  $1, 2, 3$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ , which are all simple. That is,  $A_m(\lambda) = G_m(\lambda) = 1$  for  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $A$  is diagonalizable for each values of constants  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

**d.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Note that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $e^\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $e^A$ . Then, we have

$$\det(e^A) = \prod e^{\lambda_i} = e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots} = e^{tr(A)}, \text{ because } tr(A) = \sum \lambda_i.$$

**e.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Consider a system of differentail equations  $X' = AX$ . In general, the solution is given by the following formula:

$$X(t) = e^{tA} c, \text{ where } c \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

But, if  $A$  is diagonalizable (that is,  $A_m(\lambda_i) = G_m(\lambda_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} V_n,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants, and  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  are the corresponding eigenvectors.

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### 3 Exam of Algebra III, January 19th-2020

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**Exercise 1.** Let  $A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A_4$ . Also,

give the algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue<sup>1</sup>. (2 pts).

#### Exercise 2.

1. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Explain how a system of differential equations  $X' = AX$  can be solved whenever  $A$  is diagonalizable or not. (2 pts)
2. Trigonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (4 pts)
3. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Assume that  $A$  has a unique eigenvalue, say  $\lambda$ . Prove that

$$e^{tA} = e^{\lambda t} \left[ I + (A - \lambda I) \frac{t}{1!} + (A - \lambda I)^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} (A - \lambda I)^{n-1} \right]. \quad (1.5 \text{ pts})$$

4. Solve the system of differential equations:  $\begin{cases} x' = 2x - y \\ y' = x + 4y. \end{cases}$  (1.5 pts)
5. Solve the following system of linear recurrence sequences:

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 2a_n - b_n \\ b_{n+1} = a_n + 4b_n \end{cases}, \text{ where } a_0 = 1 \text{ and } b_0 = 0. \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

#### Exercise 3.

1. Let  $A, B$  be two square matrices. Prove that if  $A$  or  $B$  is invertible, then  $AB$  is similar to  $BA$ . (1 pt)
2. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  be its eigenvalues. Show that

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i. \quad (2 \text{ pts})$$

3. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. We say that  $A$  is idempotent if  $A^2 = A$ .

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<sup>1</sup>**Optional Question:** Determine all eigenvalues and their algebraic multiplicities of the matrix  $A_{2n}$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . (+ 2 pts)

- 3.a) Find a nonzero, nonidentity idempotent matrix. (1 pt)
- 3.b) Show that any eigenvalue of an idempotent matrix  $A$  is either 0 or 1. (1 pt)
- 3.c) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  idempotent complex matrix. Then prove that  $A$  is diagonalizable. (2 pts)

**Good Luck.**

## 4 Solution

**Exercise 1.** Let  $A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . We find the eigenvalues and their algebraic multi-

plicities of the matrix  $A_4$ . In fact, we have

$$p_{A_4}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-x & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -x & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = -x \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -x & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$-x \begin{vmatrix} -x & 0 & x \\ 0 & -x & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = -x^3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = -x^3 [ -(-1+x) + 1 ] = x^3(x-2).$$

Then  $\lambda_1 = 0$  with  $A_m(\lambda_1) = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$  with  $A_m(\lambda_2) = 1$ .

### **Exercise 2.**

1. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Consider a system of differential equations  $X' = AX$ . In general, the solution is given by the following formula:

$$X(t) = e^{tA}c, \text{ where } c \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

But, if  $A$  is diagonalizable (that is,  $A_m(\lambda_i) = G_m(\lambda_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} V_n,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants, and  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  are the corresponding eigenvectors.

2. We trigonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , and then we compute  $A^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(a) We compute the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  :

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

$$= (3-x)(4-x-1) = (3-x)^2.$$

(b) We compute the corresponding eigenvector:

$$E_3 = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; \begin{array}{l} 2x - y = 3x \\ x + 4y = 3y \end{array} \right\} = Vect \{(1, -1)\}.$$

(c) Setting  $v_2 = (1, 0)$ , and let

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

and so,  $A = PTP^{-1}$ .

(d) We compute  $A^n$  : In fact, we have  $A^n = PT^nP^{-1}$ .

(e) Next, it suffices to compute  $T^n$ . Since

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}_D + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_N,$$

where  $N$  is nilpotent (with  $N^2 = 0$ ) and  $DN + ND$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} T^n &= (D + N)^n = D^n + nD^{n-1}N = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{pmatrix} + n \begin{pmatrix} 3^{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & -3^{n-1}.n \\ 0 & 3^n \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(f) Finally, we deduce that

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & -3^{n-1}.n \\ 0 & 3^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n - 3^{n-1}.n & -3^{n-1}.n \\ 3^{n-1}.n & 3^{n-1}.n + 3^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a square matrix which has a unique eigenvalue, say  $\lambda$ . We prove that

$$e^{tA} = e^{\lambda t} \left[ I + (A - \lambda I) \frac{t}{1!} + (A - \lambda I)^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} (A - \lambda I)^{n-1} \right].$$

Firstly, note that  $p_A(x) = (x - \lambda)^n$  since  $A$  has a unique eigenvalue, say  $\lambda$ . By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= e^{\lambda t I_n + t(A - \lambda I_n)} & (1) \\ &= e^{\lambda t I_n} e^{t(A - \lambda I_n)} \quad (\text{since } \lambda t I_n \text{ and } t(A - \lambda I_n) \text{ commute}) \\ &= e^{\lambda t} e^{t(A - \lambda I_n)} \quad (\text{since } e^{\alpha I_n} B = e^\alpha B \text{ for any } B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}) \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (A - \lambda I_n)^k \frac{t^k}{k!} \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (A - \lambda I_n)^k \frac{t^k}{k!}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{k=n}^{+\infty} (A - \lambda I_n)^k = 0$ ; since by Cayley-Hamilton's Theorem  $p_A(A) = (A - \lambda I_n)^n = 0$ .

4. *Application:* We solve the system of differential equations  $\begin{cases} x' = 2x - y \\ y' = x + 4y. \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= e^{3t} [I + (A - \lambda I)t] \cdot C \\ &= e^{3t} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cdot C = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} & -te^{3t} \\ te^{3t} & (2t+1)e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $x = c_1 e^{3t} - c_2 t e^{3t}$  and  $y = c_1 t e^{3t} + c_2 (2t + 1) e^{3t}$ ,  $c_1, c_2$  are constants.

5. In the matrix form, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{n+1} \\ b_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Setting  $U_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$  with  $U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$U_n = A^n U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n - 3^{n-1} \cdot n & -3^{n-1} \cdot n \\ 3^{n-1} \cdot n & 3^{n-1} \cdot n + 3^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows that  $a_n = 3^n - 3^{n-1} \cdot n$  and  $b_n = 3^{n-1} \cdot n$ .

### Exercise 3.

1. Let  $A, B$  be two square matrices. We prove that if  $A$  or  $B$  is invertible, then  $AB$  is similar to  $BA$ . Assume, for example  $A$  is invertible. It is clear that

$$A^{-1}(AB)A = I \cdot BA = BA.$$

2. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Since  $A = PTP^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is an upper triangular matrix with its diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of  $A$  (say,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ ) and  $P$  is invertible, then

$$\det(A) = \det(PTP^{-1}) = \det(P) \det(T) \det(P^{-1}) = \det(T) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

3. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. We say that  $A$  is idempotent if  $A^2 = A$ .

3.a) We find a nonzero, nonidentity idempotent matrix. For example, we have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3.b) Let  $A$  be an idempotent matrix and let  $(\lambda, x)$  be an eigenpair of  $A$ . Then  $\lambda x = Ax = A^2x = \lambda^2x$  and hence  $\lambda^2 = \lambda$  since  $x \neq 0$ . Thus,  $\lambda$  is either 0 or 1.

3.c) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  idempotent complex matrix. We prove that  $A$  is diagonalizable. Indeed, from the above question we see that

$$p_A(x) = x^\alpha (x - 1)^\beta, \text{ where } \alpha + \beta = n.$$

Since  $A(A - I) = 0$ , then  $m_A(x) = x(x - 1)$ , which has simple roots. Hence,  $A$  is diagonalizable. **End.**

# 5 Passing Exam, November 18th-2020

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**Exercise 1.** The following questions are independent.

1. Let  $A$  be an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Prove that

$$\det(A) = \prod_{\lambda_i \in Sp(A)} \lambda_i.$$

2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $A^n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ .

3. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a nilpotent matrix. Show that

$$A \text{ is diagonalisable} \Rightarrow A = 0 \text{ (zero matrix).}$$

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Is  $A$  a diagonalizable matrix?

4. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that

$$A \sim 2A \Rightarrow A \text{ is nilpotent.}$$

5. Consider the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\pi}{2} & \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \frac{2}{\pi} & \frac{-\pi}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute  $\cos^2 A$  et  $\sin^2 A$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $A$  be the real matrix given by:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_3(\mathbb{R}).$$

a) Determine the minimal polynomial of  $A$ .



b) Prove, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , that there exist two real numbers  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  for which

$$A^n = \alpha_n A + \beta_n I_3.$$

c) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , compute  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  in terms of  $n$

d) Assume that  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  with  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i = j, -1$ ; otherwise. Prove that  $A$  is diagonalizable.

**Good Luck.**