

**Take Home Exam 6**  
**Matrix Algebra**

**Q1.** (*Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors*) Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors for the following matrices.

(i)  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(iii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(iv)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Q2.** (*Trace*). The sum of the main diagonal entries, called the trace of  $A$ , equals the sum of the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Using the following 2x2 matrix, show that the sum of the eigenvalues of  $A$  is equal to the sum of the diagonal elements  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{22}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q3.** (*Symmetric/Skew-Symmetric/Orthogonal*) Are the following matrices symmetric, skew-symmetric, or orthogonal (orthonormal)?

(i)  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(iii)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ 0 & -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$

(iv)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 4/9 & 8/9 \\ -4/9 & -7/9 & 4/9 \\ 8/9 & -4/9 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix}$

**Q4.** (*Similar Matrices*) For the given  $A$  and  $P$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Determine  $\hat{A} = P^{-1}AP$ , the similar matrix of  $A$ .
- Show that  $A$  and  $\hat{A}$  have the same eigenvalues.
- Show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , then  $\mathbf{y} = P^{-1}\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $\hat{A}$ .

**Q5.** (*Diagonal Matrices*) Find an Eigenbases (a basis of eigenvectors) and diagonalize.

(i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Q6.** (*Quadratic form and Coordinate Transformation*) What kind of geometric place is defined by the following quadratic form? Transform it to principal axes. Express in simplified terms of a new coordinate system.

(i)  $Q = x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 9x_2^2 = 10$

(ii)  $Q = -11x_1^2 + 84x_1x_2 + 24x_2^2 = 156$

**Q7.** (*Gram-Schmitt Orthogonalization*) Consider the matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues have been determined as  $\lambda_1 = 5$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -3$ . The corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) Are these orthogonal?
- (ii) If not, find an orthogonal set based on these vectors using Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization algorithm.

**Q8.** (Bonus) (*Leontief Matrix*) Suppose that *three* products are interrelated so that their outputs are used as inputs by themselves, according to the  $3 \times 3$  *consumption matrix*, so called Leontief input-output model. (It is very commonly used matrix in economics)

$$A = [a_{jk}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0.4 \\ 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $a_{ij}$  is the fraction of the product of  $k$  used in product  $j$ . Let  $p_j$  be the price charged for product  $j$ .

A problem is to find prices so that for each product, total expenditures equal to the total income. This leads to  $\mathbf{p} = A \mathbf{p}$ , where

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a solution for  $\mathbf{p}$  with nonnegative  $p_1, p_2, p_3$ .

(Hint: Show that  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue. Then consider  $A \mathbf{p} = \lambda \mathbf{p}$  with  $\lambda = 1$ . Hence  $\mathbf{p}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$ .)