

2.7 Week 7 Tutorial: Diagonalization and Jordan normal form

HW: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -11 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute $A - 2$, $(A - 2)^2$ and $(A - 2)^3$.
- (b) Find a basis for $\ker(A - 2)$.
- (c) Find a basis for $\ker((A - 2)^2)$.
- (d) Find a basis for $\ker((A - 2)^3)$.

Let $v_3 \in \ker((A - 2)^3)$ such that $v_3 \notin \ker((A - 2)^2)$. Let

$$v_2 = (A - 2)v_3 \quad \text{and} \quad v_1 = (A - 2)v_2.$$

Let P be the matrix that has v_1, v_2, v_3 as its columns. Show that

$$PAP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A possible option for P is

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

HW: Let

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

- (a) Compute $A - 2$, $(A - 2)^2$ and $(A - 2)^3$.
- (b) Find a basis for $\ker(A - 2)$.
- (c) Find a basis for $\ker((A - 2)^2)$.

Find $v_2 \in \ker((A - 2)^2)$ such that $v_2 \notin \ker(A - 2)$. Let

$$v_1 = (A - 2)v_2 \quad \text{and choose a nonzero} \quad v_3 \in \ker(A - 2)$$

such that v_3 is not a multiple of v_1 . Let P be the matrix that has v_1, v_2, v_3 as its columns. Check that

$$PAP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

A possible option for P is

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

HW: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -15 & 11 \\ -2 & 11 & -7 \\ -5 & 21 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute $A - 2$, $(A - 2)^2$ and $(A - 2)^2(A + 1)$.
- (b) Find a basis for $\ker(A - 2)$.
- (c) Find a basis for $\ker((A - 2)^2)$.
- (d) Find a basis for $\ker(A + 1)$.

Find $v_2 \in \ker((A - 2)^2)$ such that $v_2 \notin \ker(A - 2)$. Let

$$v_1 = (A - 2)v_2 \quad \text{and choose a nonzero} \quad v_3 \in \ker(A + 1).$$

Let P be the matrix that has v_1, v_2, v_3 as its columns. Check that

$$PAP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

HW: Let $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{C})$. Assume that A has 3 linearly independent eigenvectors of eigenvalue 2. Prove that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that it follows that $A - 2 = 0$.

HW: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 & 5 \\ -2 & 11 & -7 \\ -4 & 18 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute $A - 2$, $(A - 2)(A - 1)$ and $(A - 1)(A + 1)$ and $(A - 2)(A - 1)(A + 1)$.
- (b) Find a basis for $\ker(A - 2)$.
- (c) Find a basis for $\ker(A - 1)$.
- (d) Find a basis for $\ker(A + 1)$.

Let v_1, v_2, v_3 be nonzero vectors such that

$$v_1 \in \ker(A - 2), \quad v_2 \in \ker(A - 1) \quad \text{and} \quad v_3 \in \ker(A + 1).$$

Let P be the matrix that has v_1, v_2, v_3 as its columns. Check that

$$PAP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$