

Read: Lax, Chapter 6, pages 58–76.

- Let  $A: X \rightarrow X$  be a linear map with distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Let  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n$  be the dual basis.
  - Prove that  $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n$  are eigenvectors of the transpose map  $A': X' \rightarrow X'$ .
  - Now, suppose that  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is *any* basis of eigenvectors of  $A'$ . Prove that  $(f_i, v_j) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $(f_i, v_i) \neq 0$ .
  - For any  $x = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$ , derive a formula for  $a_i$  in terms of  $x$ ,  $v_i$ , and  $f_i$ .
- Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that  $A^{-1}$  can be written as a polynomial in degree at most  $n - 1$ . That is, prove that there are scalars  $c_i$  such that

$$A^{-1} = c_{n-1}A^{n-1} + c_{n-2}A^{n-2} + \dots + c_1A + c_0I.$$

- Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ , and let  $N_j$  be the nullspace of  $(A - \lambda I)^j$ . Elements of  $N_j$  are called *generalized eigenvectors* of  $\lambda$ . The special case of  $j = 1$  are the ordinary (“genuine”) eigenvectors. Prove that  $A - \lambda I$  extends to a well-defined map  $N_{j+1}/N_j \rightarrow N_j/N_{j-1}$ , and that this mapping is 1–1.
- Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$  with an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and corresponding eigenvector  $v_1$ . Let  $v_2$  be a generalized eigenvector satisfying  $(A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$ .
  - Show that  $A^N v_2 = \lambda^N v_2 + N\lambda^{N-1}v_1$ , for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .
  - Show that  $q(A)v_2 = q(\lambda)v_2 + q'(\lambda)v_1$ , for any polynomial  $q(t) \in \mathbb{C}[t]$ .
  - Give a formula (no proof needed) for  $q(A)v_m$ , where  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are generalized eigenvectors of  $A$  with  $(A - \lambda I)v_k = v_{k-1}$ . Let  $v_0 = 0$ , for convenience.
- Do the following for the matrix  $A$  below, and then repeat it for  $B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the characteristic and minimal polynomials, and all (genuine) eigenvectors.
- For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , compute  $\dim N_{(A-\lambda I)^j}$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .
- Find a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^4$  consisting of generalized eigenvectors, so that the matrix with respect to this basis is  $J = P^{-1}AP$ , where  $J$  is a *Jordan matrix*. This means that  $J$  is block-diagonal formed from *Jordan blocks*  $J_\lambda$ ; see above.
- A subspace  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^4$  is *A-invariant* if  $A(Y) \subseteq Y$ . Of the 16 subspaces spanned by subsets of  $\mathcal{B}$ , determine which ones are *A-invariant*.