

Read: Lax, Chapter 6, pages 58–69.

1. Prove the following properties of the trace function:
 - (a) $\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \operatorname{tr}(BA)$ for all $m \times n$ matrices A and $n \times m$ matrices B .
 - (b) $\operatorname{tr}(AA^T) = \sum a_{ij}^2$ for all $n \times n$ matrices A . This quantity is the square of the *Hilbert-Schmidt norm* of A .
2. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. For a vector $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$, define the *norm* of z by

$$\|z\| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

- (a) State and prove necessary and sufficient conditions for $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|A^N z\| = 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
 - (b) Prove that if $|\lambda_i| > 1$ for each i , then $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|A^N z\| = \infty$ for all $z \neq 0$. Soon, after developing more analytical techniques, we will formulate and prove a necessary and sufficient condition for this to hold.
3. Suppose that $B = PAP^{-1}$, and A has eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ and eigenvectors v_1, \dots, v_n . What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B ? Prove your claims.
 4. Let X be an n -dimensional vector space, and $A: X \rightarrow X$ a linear map with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be the corresponding eigenvectors of A , and let ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_n be the corresponding eigenvectors of the transpose $A': X' \rightarrow X'$.
 - (a) Prove that $(\ell_i, v_i) \neq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.
 - (b) Explain why every $x \in X$ can be written as $x = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$, and derive a formula for a_i .
 - (c) Is ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_n necessarily the dual basis of v_1, \dots, v_n ? Why or why not?

5. Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 14 \\ 0 & 3 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & 85 \\ 1 & 4 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A straightforward calculation shows that the characteristic polynomials are

$$p_A(s) = p_B(s) = p_C(s) = (s - 2)^2(s - 3).$$

- (a) Find the eigenvectors and the minimal polynomials of each matrix
- (b) Find a basis $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ for \mathbb{R}^3 where $Bv_1 = 3v_1$, $Bv_2 = 2v_2$, and $(B - 2I)v_3 = v_2$. Write the matrix of this linear map with respect to this new basis.
- (c) Repeat the previous step for the matrix C .