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## §1.5 # 1.5.4, 1.5.5, 1.5.6, 1.5.8, 1.5.9, 1.5.11

# 1.5.4: Let

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

i. Regarding  $A$  as a matrix over  $\mathbf{R}$ , show that  $A$  has no real eigenvalues.

Solution: The eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of  $\det(\lambda I - A)$ . Note that

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence  $\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 + 1$ , which has no real roots.

ii. Regarding  $A$  as a matrix over  $\mathbf{C}$ , find the complex eigenvalues of  $A$  and a corresponding eigenvector for each eigenvalue.

Solution: Since  $\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 + 1 = (\lambda + i)(\lambda - i)$ , the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $+i$  and  $-i$ .

For  $\lambda = +i$ , we consider  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$ , that is,  $(iI - A)v = 0$ , or

$$\begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives the two equations  $ia + b = 0$  and  $-a + ib = 0$ . Multiplying the first equation by  $i$  gives the second equation, so these yield only one constraint, namely  $b = -ia$ . Thus  $E_i$ , the eigenspace for  $\lambda = i$ , consists of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ -ia \end{bmatrix}$ . In particular,  $E_i$  is spanned by the eigenvector

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = -i$ , when we consider  $(\lambda I - A)v = (-iI - A)v = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives the two equations  $-ia + b = 0$  and  $-a - ib = 0$ . Multiplying the first equation by  $-i$  gives the second equation, so these yield only one constraint, namely  $b = ia$ . Thus  $E_{-i}$ , the eigenspace for  $\lambda = -i$ , consists of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ ia \end{bmatrix}$ . In particular,  $E_{-i}$  is spanned by the eigenvector

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}.$$

iii. Find an invertible matrix  $P$  over  $\mathbf{C}$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  over  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Solution: By Lemma 1.74, we can take

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & i \end{bmatrix}.$$

iv. Use part iii to calculate  $A^{99}$ .

Solution: Note that (by the formula for the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix at the bottom of p. 46),

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{2i} \begin{bmatrix} i & -1 \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , we have (as on p. 72)  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$ . Note that

$$D^{99} = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}^{99} = \begin{bmatrix} i^{99} & 0 \\ 0 & (-i)^{99} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix},$$

since  $i^{99} = i^{96}i^3 = (i^4)^{24}i^3 = 1^{24}(-i) = -i$  and hence  $(-i)^{99} = (-1)^{99}i^{99} = -(-i) = i$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} A^{99} &= PD^{99}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2i} \begin{bmatrix} i & -1 \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2i} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2i \\ -2i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

v. Check that  $A^2 = -I$ . Use this to compute  $A^{99}$ , and compare with the answer in part iv.

Solution: We have

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -I,$$

hence

$$A^{99} = (A^2)^{49}A = (-I)^{49}A = (-1)^{49}A = -A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

as in part iv.

# 1.5.5: Define  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = -1$ . For  $n \geq 0$ , inductively define  $x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} + 6x_n$ . Find a formula for  $x_n$ .

Solution: For  $n \geq 0$ , define  $u_n = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$u_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+2} \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = Au_n, \text{ for } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence (as on p. 74),  $u_n = A^n u_0$ . We diagonalize  $A$  in order to compute  $A^n$ . To find the eigenvalues of  $A$ , we note that

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -6 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3).$$

Hence the eigenvalues are  $\lambda = -2$  and  $\lambda = 3$ .

To find an eigenvector  $v$  for  $\lambda = -2$ , we consider

$$(-2I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields the equation  $a + 2b = 0$ . We obtain the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$ , we consider

$$(3I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields the equation  $-a + 3b = 0$ . We obtain the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Hence (as on p. 72)  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad P^{-1} = \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $A^n = PD^nP^{-1}$ , hence  $\begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = u_n = A^n u_0 = PD^nP^{-1}u_0$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-2)^n & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} (-2)^{n+1} & 3^{n+1} \\ (-2)^n & 3^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4(-2)^{n+1} + 3^{n+1} \\ 4(-2)^n + 3^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

The result is that

$$x_n = \frac{4}{5}(-2)^n + \frac{1}{5} \cdot 3^n.$$

# 1.5.6: The *Fibonacci sequence* is defined inductively by  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 1$ , and for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} + x_n$ . Find a formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  *Fibonacci number*  $x_n$ .

Solution: For  $n \geq 0$ , define  $u_n = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$u_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+2} \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = Au_n, \quad \text{for } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence (as on p. 74),  $u_n = A^n u_0$ . We diagonalize  $A$  in order to compute  $A^n$ . To find the eigenvalues of  $A$ , we note that

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1.$$

By the quadratic formula, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

To find an eigenvector  $v$  for  $\lambda = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we consider

$$(\lambda I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields the equations  $\frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}a - b = 0$  and  $-a + \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}b = 0$ . Multiplying the first by  $-\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$  yields the second, so these give only one constraint:  $b = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}a$ . Letting  $a = 1$ , we obtain the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we get

$$(\lambda I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields the equations  $-\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}a - b = 0$  and  $-a + \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}b = 0$ . Multiplying the first by  $-\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$  yields the second, so these give only one constraint:  $b = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}a$ . Letting  $a = 1$ , we obtain the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Hence (as on p. 72)  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } P^{-1} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & -1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $A^n = PD^nP^{-1}$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} &= u_n = A^n u_0 = PD^nP^{-1}u_0 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & -1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \\ \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}\sqrt{5}} [(1+\sqrt{5})^{n+1} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{n+1}] \\ \frac{1}{2^n\sqrt{5}} [(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n] \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

using  $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = -1$  twice to simplify the bottom row. The result is that

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2^n\sqrt{5}} [(1+\sqrt{5})^n - (1-\sqrt{5})^n].$$

# 1.5.8: Let

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

Show that 3 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  which has algebraic multiplicity 2 but geometric multiplicity 1. Conclude that  $A$  does not have a basis of eigenvectors and hence is not diagonalizable.

Solution: Note that

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda - 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence  $\det \lambda I - A = (\lambda - 3)^2$ . Therefore 3 is an eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 2. To find the eigenspace  $E_3$  corresponding to the eigenvalue 3, we solve  $(\lambda I - A)u = (3I - A)u = 0$ , or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives only one constraint, namely  $b = 0$ . Therefore  $E_3$  consists of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $a$  a scalar. In other words,  $E_3$  is spanned by the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . So  $E_3$  is 1-dimensional, so  $\lambda = 3$  has geometric multiplicity 1. Since this is less than the algebraic multiplicity, there is no basis of eigenvectors of  $A$ , and so  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

# 1.5.9: Let

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

i. Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Solution: Note that  $\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & \lambda - 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & \lambda - 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence  $\text{Det}(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = (\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 3)$ . So  $A$  has eigenvalue 2 with algebraic multiplicity 2 and eigenvalue 3 with algebraic multiplicity 1.

For  $\lambda = 2$ , we consider

$$(2I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives the equation  $-3a - c = 0$ . Thus  $c = -3a$ , so the most general form of an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -3a \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence we can take  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as eigenvectors forming a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$ , we consider

$$(3I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives the equations  $a = 0$  and then  $b - c = 0$ . Hence we can take  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 3$ .

Therefore we let

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

ii. Find a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^2 = A$ .

Solution: Since  $P^{-1}AP = D$ , we have  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . Also the diagonal matrix  $C = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies  $C^2 = D$ . Thus if we let  $B = PCP^{-1}$ , we have  $B^2 = PCP^{-1}PCP^{-1} = PC^2P^{-1} = PDP^{-1} = A$ . So to find  $B$  we need to compute  $P^{-1}$  and then  $PCP^{-1}$ . To find  $P^{-1}$ , we use the Gaussian elimination technique for matrix inversion as follows:

$$[P|I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I|P^{-1}],$$

where at the first step we added three times the first row to the third, and at the second step we subtracted the third row from the second. Hence  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore

$$B = PCP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -3\sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{3} & \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ -3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{3} & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# 1.5.11: Find the general solution to the system of differential equations

$$y_1' = 8y_1 - 15y_2$$

$$y_2' = 2y_1 - 3y_2.$$

Solution: We write

$$y' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -15 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = Ay, \text{ for } A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -15 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To diagonalize  $A$ , we compute

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 8 & 15 \\ -2 & \lambda + 3 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 24 + 30 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 2).$$

Hence the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 3$ .

To find an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ , we solve  $(2I - A)u = 0$ , or

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 15 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which yields the one constraint  $-2a + 5b = 0$ . So we can take  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  as an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 2$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$ , solving  $(3I - A)u = 0$  gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 15 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

or  $-a + 3b = 0$ . So we can take  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 3$ .

As on p. 72, we obtain  $P^{-1}AP = D$ , or equivalently  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , for

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The equation  $y' = Ay$  is the same as  $y' = PDP^{-1}y$ , which is equivalent to  $P^{-1}y' = DP^{-1}y$ . Since multiplying by constants commutes with differentiation, this is the same as  $(P^{-1}y)' = DP^{-1}y$ . Let  $z = P^{-1}y$ . Then the equation is  $z' = Dz$ , or

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1' \\ z_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is just the pair of uncoupled equations  $z_1' = 2z_1$  and  $z_2' = 3z_2$ . By basic o.d.e., the solutions are  $z_1(t) = C_1e^{2t}$  and  $z_2(t) = C_2e^{3t}$ . Since  $y = Pz$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1e^{2t} \\ C_2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5C_1e^{2t} + 3C_2e^{3t} \\ 2C_1e^{2t} + C_2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

In other words,  $y_1(t) = 5C_1e^{2t} + 3C_2e^{3t}$  and  $y_2(t) = 2C_1e^{2t} + C_2e^{3t}$ .

## §1.6 # 1.6.6, 1.6.19

# 1.6.6: i. Let  $V$  be a complex inner product space and  $\|\cdot\|$  a norm obtained from the inner product as in Definition 1.90. Prove the *parallelogram identity*:

$$2\|z\|^2 + 2\|w\|^2 = \|z+w\|^2 + \|z-w\|^2,$$

for every  $z, w \in V$ . To see why this is called the parallelogram identity, draw two nonzero vectors  $z, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with a common base point and consider the parallelogram with sides  $z$  and  $w$ . Show that the sums of the squares of the lengths of the two diagonals equals the sums of the squares of the lengths of the four sides.

Solution: We expand the right side by the definition and apply additivity (that is, (I1) in Definition 1.86 and equation (1.42)), and scalar homogeneity (I2 in Definition 1.86 and equation (1.43)):

$$\begin{aligned} \|z+w\|^2 + \|z-w\|^2 &= \langle z+w, z+w \rangle + \langle z-w, z-w \rangle \\ &= \langle z, z \rangle + \langle z, w \rangle + \langle w, z \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle + \langle z, z \rangle - \langle z, w \rangle - \langle w, z \rangle + \langle w, w \rangle \\ &= 2\langle z, z \rangle + 2\langle w, w \rangle = 2\|z\|^2 + 2\|w\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

as required.

ii. For  $z \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , define

$$\|z\|_1 = |z_1| + |z_2|,$$

where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the components of  $z$ . Prove that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm on  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . This is called the  $\ell^1$  norm.

Solution: We check properties N1-N4 in the definition of a norm in Exercise 1.6.5.

N1: For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\|z\|_1 = |z_1| + |z_2|$  is clearly a non-negative real number.

N2: We have  $\|z\|_1 = |z_1| + |z_2| = 0$  if and only if  $z_1 = 0$  and  $z_2 = 0$ , that is, if and only if  $z = 0$ .

N3: By definition,  $\|\lambda z\|_1 = |\lambda z_1| + |\lambda z_2| = |\lambda||z_1| + |\lambda||z_2| = |\lambda|(|z_1| + |z_2|) = |\lambda|\|z\|_1$ .

N4: For any  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , using the definition of the norm and the triangle inequality on  $\mathbb{R}$  (Lemma 1.2) gives  $\|z+w\|_1 = |z_1+w_1| + |z_2+w_2| \leq |z_1| + |w_1| + |z_2| + |w_2| = |z_1| + |z_2| + |w_1| + |w_2| = \|z\|_1 + \|w\|_1$ .

iii. Find vectors  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2$  such that

$$2\|z\|_1^2 + 2\|w\|_1^2 \neq \|z+w\|_1^2 + \|z-w\|_1^2.$$

Deduce that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm that does not come from an inner product.

Solution: Almost any choice will do. For example, take  $z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $z+w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $z-w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\|z\|_1 = 1$ ,  $\|w\|_1 = 1$ ,  $\|z+w\|_1 = 2$ , and  $\|z-w\|_1 = 2$ . Hence

$$2\|z\|_1^2 + 2\|w\|_1^2 = 2 \cdot 1^2 + 2 \cdot 1^2 = 4,$$

while

$$\|z + w\|_1^2 + \|z - w\|_1^2 = 2^2 + 2^2 = 4 + 4 = 8.$$

Thus the  $\ell^1$  norm does not satisfy the parallelogram law, which is satisfied by every norm coming from an inner product as in Definition 1.90. So  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm that does not come from an inner product.

# 1.6.19: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Prove that  $A$  is unitary if and only if  $A$  is normal and all eigenvalues of  $A$  have magnitude 1.

Solution: ( $\implies$ ) Suppose  $A$  is unitary. Then by definition  $A^*A = I = AA^*$ , so  $A$  is normal. Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , and let  $v$  be an eigenvector for  $\lambda$ , so that  $v \neq 0$  and  $Av = \lambda v$ . By Lemma 1.105 part v,

$$\|v\| = \|Av\| = \|\lambda v\| = |\lambda|\|v\|.$$

Since  $\|v\| \neq 0$  (because  $v \neq 0$ ), we get  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Suppose  $A$  is normal and all the eigenvalues of  $A$  have magnitude 1. By Theorem 1.109, there exist  $D$  diagonal and  $U$  unitary such that  $A = U^*DU$ . Since  $A$  is similar to  $D$ , they have the same eigenvalues (Corollary 1.68), so the diagonal entries  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  of  $D$  (which are the eigenvalues of  $D$ , since  $D$  is diagonal) have magnitude 1. Then  $D^*$  has diagonal entries  $\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \dots, \bar{\lambda}_n$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} D^*D &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\lambda}_1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda}_2 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & \bar{\lambda}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\lambda}_1\lambda_1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda}_2\lambda_2 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & \bar{\lambda}_n\lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |\lambda_1|^2 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & |\lambda_2|^2 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & |\lambda_n|^2 \end{bmatrix} = I, \end{aligned}$$

because  $|\lambda_j| = 1$  for all  $j$ . By Exercise 1.6.10 i,  $A^* = (U^*DU)^* = U^*(U^*D)^* = U^*D^*(U^*)^* = U^*D^*U$ , since  $(U^*)^* = U$ . Hence

$$A^*A = U^*D^*UU^*DU = U^*D^*DU = U^*IU = U^*U = I.$$

Thus  $A$  is invertible and  $A^* = A^{-1}$  (Exercise 1.4.12 ii). That is,  $A$  is unitary.