## 1. Question: Determinants (*elementary*)

**1.1.** What are the determinants of the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}?$$

**1.2.** Compute the determinants of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**1.3.** Use a cofactor expansion across the third row to compute det(A), where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**1.4.** Compute det(A), where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & 8 & 9 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2. Question: Eigenspaces

- **2.1.** Name all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces of the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ . (*elementary*)
- 2.2. Compute all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces of the following matrices: (basic)

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -6 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.3.** Consider a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ . Name all eigenvectors and corresponding eigenspaces of  $vv^{\top}$ . (*basic*)

## 3. Question: Conceptual questions (basic)

For some questions in this exercise, you will need the following: The determinant of a square matrix is equal to the product of its eigenvalues, while the trace is equal to the sum of its eigenvalues. (For a proof, see page 3 of https://www.adelaide.edu.au/mathslearning/ua/media/120/evalue-magic-tricks-handout.pdf)

- **3.1.** Prove that a square matrix A is invertible if and only if it has no eigenvalues of value 0.
- **3.2.** If an invertible matrix A has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$  then what are the eigenvalues of  $A^{-1}$ ? What about A + I? What about  $A^{\top}$ ? What about  $A^2$ ? What about  $A^3$ ? Answer the same question for eigenvectors.

- **3.3.** Is it possible to determine the eigenvalues of the following matrices?
  - (i) A, a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with det(A) = -2 and tr(A) = 0.
  - (ii) B, a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with det(A) = -2 and tr(A) = 0.
- **3.4.** Prove that if matrices A and B are similar then they have identical eigenvalues.
- **3.5.** Prove the following statement: Similar matrices are always equivalent. However, equivalent matrices are not necessarily similar.

## 4. Question: Matrix decomposition (*basic*)

In this question, you may use the following: A square matrix is called orthogonal, if its columns are

- orthonormal to each other (i.e. the product of any two columns is 0)
- of unit length (have length 1).

For an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , it holds that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{\top}$ .

**4.1.** Compute the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**4.2.** Another popular matric decomposition is the Cholesky decomposition. It says that any symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with only strictly positive eigenvalues may be decomposed as follows:

$$oldsymbol{A} = oldsymbol{L}oldsymbol{L}^{ op} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & \dots & l_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

For the following decomposition of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, write all  $l_{ij}$ s, in terms of the  $a_{ij}$ s, i, j = 1, 2, 3.

$$oldsymbol{A} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{array}
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**4.3.** Write out the matrix decompositions for matrices A and B from **2.2** (and check whether the decomposition truly results in A and B if you want to practice matrix multiplication).

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