

**Linear Algebra**  
**Problem Set 10**

**Spring 2012**

Due Thursday, 31 May 2012 at 4:30 PM in EE208. This problem set covers Lecture 32-35. Free feel to work with others, but the final write-up should be entirely based on your own understanding. Be sure to print your name and student ID on your homework.

1. (15pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
  - (b) Find the eigenvectors of  $A$ .
2. (15pts) A 3 by 3 matrix  $A$  is known to have eigenvalues of 1, 2, 3. Use this information to find the values of the following items (give the answers where possible):

- (a) The rank of  $A$
- (b) The determinant of  $A^T A$
- (c) The eigenvalues of  $A^T A$
- (d) The trace of  $A + 2I$
- (e) The eigenvalues of  $(A^2 + I)^{-1}$ .

3. (15pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Show that  $A^{1024} = I$ .
  - (b) Show that  $B^{1024} = -B$ .
4. (20pts)
- (a) The block  $B$  has eigenvalues 1, 2 and  $C$  has eigenvalues 3, 4 and  $D$  has eigenvalues 5, 7. Find the eigenvalues of the 4 by 4 matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find the determinants of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Try to find the eigenvalues of  $A$  and then multiply them together.)

5. (15pts)

If  $a_{k+2} = 3a_{k+1} - 2a_k$ , and  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 3$ , find the formula for  $a_k$ , where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer.

6. (20pts)

(a) Substitute  $A = SAS^{-1}$  into the product  $(A - \lambda_1 I)(A - \lambda_2 I) \cdots (A - \lambda_n I)$  and

explain why this produces the zero matrix. We are substituting the matrix  $A$  for the number  $\lambda$  in the polynomial  $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ . The

Cayley-Hamilton Theorem says that this product is always  $p(A) = \text{zero matrix}$ , even if  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

(b) Use the Cayley-Hamilton theorem to  $A^3 + 3A^2 - 13A - 17I$ , where

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