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Exercise 1 Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Find the characteristic polynomial of A .

Exercise 2 Let $M \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ be the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of M . Is M diagonalizable ?

Exercise 3 Find a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 made of eigenvectors for the linear map $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ that is represented by the matrix

$$[L] = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

concerning the standard basis

Exercise 4 Let $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_3(\mathbb{R}) :$

- (a) Determine the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of M over the field \mathbb{R} .
- (b) Say, justifying the answer, if there exist a matrix $V \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ and a diagonal matrix $D \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ such that $M = PDP^{-1}$.
- (c) Determine a possible choice of such V and D .

Exercise 5 Let A be the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of A over the field \mathbb{R} . Is A diagonalizable ?
- (b) Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of A over the field \mathbb{C} . Is A diagonalizable ?
- (c) Find an invertible matrix $V \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$ such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

Exercise 6 Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is A diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} ?
- (b) For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is $\lambda = 3$ an eigenvalue for A ?
- (c) For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is $v = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ an eigenvector for A ?

Exercise 7 Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the endomorphism associated to the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 6 & 9 \\ 3 & 12 & 9 \\ 3 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

to the standard basis. Say if T is diagonalizable and, if so, compute a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 made of eigenvectors for T .

Exercise 8 Let A be the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of A over the field \mathbb{R} . Is A diagonalizable?
2. Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of A over the field \mathbb{C} . Is A diagonalizable?
3. Find an invertible matrix $V \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$ such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

Exercise 9 Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

1. For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is A diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} ?
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3. For which $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is $v = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ an eigenvector for A ?

Exercise 10 Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ be a real parameter and let L_a be the linear endomorphism of \mathbb{R}^3 defined as

$$L_a \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2ax + y + z \\ x + ay + z \\ -x + y + az \end{bmatrix}$$

Study the diagonalizability of L_a , depending on the parameter a .

Exercise 11 Verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Exercise 12 Is $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ invertible? If so, find A^{-1} (use Cayley-Hamilton theorem).

Exercise 13 Find the minimal polynomial of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Exercise 14 Let $p, q \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ be given by $p = x^2 - 2x - 3$, $q = x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 5$.
Let $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $B \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ be given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Compute $p(A)$, $p(B)$, $q(A)$, $q(B)$.
2. Compute the characteristic polynomials of A and B , from question 1. What do you notice?
3. Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}_2$, the field of two elements and let $p = x^2 + x \in \mathbb{F}[x]$.
Show that $p(t) = 0$, for all $t \in \mathbb{F}$.

Exercise 15 Find a 3×3 matrix whose minimal polynomial is x^2

Exercise 16 Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \\ -3 & -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of A .
- (b) Find the minimal polynomial of A
- (c) Find the characteristic vectors and a basis \mathcal{B} such that $[A]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is diagonal.

Exercise 17 What can the minimal polynomial of $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be if the characteristic polynomial of $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is

- $(t - 1)(t^3 + 1)$
- $(t^2 + 1)^2$?

Here, \mathcal{B} is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^4