

**Math 2890 – Exam 3**  
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**Instructions:** Show your work! Explain your answers. No books.  
No notes. Non-graphing calculators only. Please write neatly.

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1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -17 & -6 \\ 84 & 28 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\lambda = 7$ .

Find an eigenvector for the matrix  $A$  that corresponds to the given eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

answer: One choice is  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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2. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -37 & 13 & 4 \\ -64 & 24 & 8 \\ -8 & -8 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the eigenvalue for the matrix  $A$  that corresponds to the given eigenvector  $x$ .

answer:  $\lambda = -8$ .

3. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -60 & 27 \\ 0 & -8 & 3 \\ 0 & -14 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the eigenvalues (including multiplicities) of  $A$ .

answer: The eigenvalues are:  $-1, -2, -4$ .

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Use the Power Method to find estimates  $\mu_3$  and  $x_3$  for the dominant eigenvalue of  $A$  and its eigenvector. Give your answer either as rational numbers or decimals with at least four digits of accuracy.

answer:  $\mu_3 = 2.47368$  and  $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.73684 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

details: The vector  $x_{k+1} = Ax_k(1/\mu_k)$  where  $\mu_k$  is an entry in  $Ax_k$  whose absolute value is as large as possible.

$k$	0	1	2	3	4
$x_k$	1	0.66667	0.85714	0.73684	0.80851
	1	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
$y_k$	2	2.00000	2.00000	2.00000	2.00000
	3	2.33333	2.71429	2.47368	2.26170
$\mu_k$	3	2.33333	2.71429	2.47368	2.26170

5. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AP = PD$ , or explain why no such matrices exist.

answer: One choice is  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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6. Let  $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$   $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

and  $\lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = -2$ .

Write down a matrix  $A$  that has the given vectors as eigenvectors with the corresponding scalars as the eigenvalues.

answer: One solution is  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 8 \\ 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

7. Let  $\{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots\} = \{3, -1, -2, 1, -4, 3, 3, -1, -4, 3, \dots\}$ .

Use the filter  $z_k = -5y_{k+2} + 2y_{k+1} + 2y_k$  to find the first 3 terms of the signal  $\{z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots\}$ .

answer:  $\{z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots\} = \{14, -11, 18, -21, \dots\}$

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8. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Compute  $A^{10}$ .

HINT: It may help to know that  $AP = PD$  where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ while } P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

answer:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{10} &= PD^{10}P^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1024 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3070 & 3069 \\ -2046 & -2045 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

9. Consider  $y_{k+2} - 6y_{k+1} - 16y_k = -42$

Find the general solution of this linear difference equation.

answer: The general solution is  $y_k = c_1(8)^k + c_2(-2)^k + 2$ .

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10. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find a steady state probability vector for the stochastic matrix  $A$ .

answer:  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 \\ 0.25 \end{pmatrix}$ .

11. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2.8 & -4.4 \\ 3.3 & 4.9 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Is the origin an attractor, repeller or saddle point for the discrete dynamical system  $x_{k+1} = Ax_k$ ?

HINT: It may help to know that  $AP = PD$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

answer: The origin is a saddle point since  $A$  has eigenvalues both greater than and less than 1 in absolute value.

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12. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -75 & -36 \\ 162 & 78 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Is the origin an attractor, repeller or saddle point for the differential equation  $y' = Ay$ ?

HINT: It may help to know that  $AP = PD$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

answer: The origin is a saddle point since  $A$  has both positive and negative eigenvalues.

13. Suppose  $AP = PD$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solve the discrete dynamical system  $x_{k+1} = Ax_k$  where  $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 34 \\ 92 \end{pmatrix}$ .

answer:  $x_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} (6)(0.4)^k + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} (7)(1.5)^k$

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14. Suppose  $AP = PD$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solve the initial value problem  $y' = Ay$  where  $y(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -28 \end{pmatrix}$ .

answer:  $y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} (4)e^{8t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (-4)e^{-5t}$

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