# **Advanced Engineering Mathematics**

Homework Three

Eigenproblems : Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Diagonalization, Self-Adjoint Operators

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Quote of Homework Three

**Raoul Duke**: Nonsense. We came here to find the American Dream, and now we're right in the vortex you want to quit? You must realize that we've found the Main Nerve.

Grisoni and Gilliam : Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1998)

1. EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

Given,

$$\mathbf{A}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} .1 & .6 \\ .9 & .4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{5} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.1. Eigenproblems. Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A_i$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

## 2. DIAGONALIZATION

2.1. Eigenbasis and Decoupled Linear Systems. Find the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}_i$  and vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}$  that completely decouples the system of linear differential equations  $\frac{d\mathbf{Y}_i}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{Y}_i$  for i = 3, 4, 5.

#### 3. Regular Stochastic Matrices

For the *regular stochastic matrix*  $A_4$ , define its associated steady-state vector,  $\mathbf{q}$ , to be such that  $A_4 \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}$ .

3.1. Limits of Time Series. Show that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbf{A}_4^n \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q}$  where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 = 1$ .

### 4. ORTHOGONAL DIAGONALIZATION AND SPECTRAL DECOMPOSITION

Recall that if  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  then their inner-product is defined to be  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^{\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{y} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}$ . Also, in this case, the 'length' of the vector is taken to be  $|\mathbf{x}| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ .

4.1. Self-Adjointness. Show that  $A_5$  is a self-adjoint matrix.

4.2. Orthogonal Eigenvectors. Show that the eigenvectors of  $A_5$  are orthogonal with respect to the inner-product defined above.

4.3. Orthonormal Eigenbasis. Using the previous definition for length of a vector and the eigenvectors of the self-adjoint matrix, construct an *orthonormal basis* for  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

4.4. Orthogonal Diagonalization. Show that  $\mathbf{U}^{H} = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ , where U is a matrix containing the normalized eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}_{5}$ .

4.5. Spectral Decomposition. Show that  $\mathbf{A}_5 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^{\mathsf{H}} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^{\mathsf{H}}$ .

5. INTRODUCTION OF SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS

Let L be a linear transformation defined by,

(1) 
$$Lu = \frac{1}{w(x)} \left( -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right] + q(x)u \right)$$

where the unknown function  $\boldsymbol{u}$  must satisfy the boundary conditions,

(2) 
$$k_1 u(a) + k_2 u'(b) = 0$$

(3) 
$$l_1 u(b) + l_2 u'(b) = 0.$$

Finding all nontrivial eigenfunctions of (1), which satisfy (2)-(3) is called a the Sturm-Liouville (SL) Problem.

#### 5.1. Equations in SL Form.

5.2. Orthogonality of Eigenfunctions.