

# MATH 257 Exam 3 CARE Review

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# Topic Summary

- Linear Transformation
- Coordinate Matrices
- Determinants
- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Markov Matrices
- Diagonalization
- Matrix powers
  - Matrix exponential
- Linear differential equations

# Linear Transformations

**Definition.** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. A map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a **linear transformation** if

$$T(a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w}) = aT(\mathbf{v}) + bT(\mathbf{w})$$

for all  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$  and all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 50.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then there is a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that

$$\Leftrightarrow T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{e}_n)], \text{ where } (\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n) \text{ is the standard basis of } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

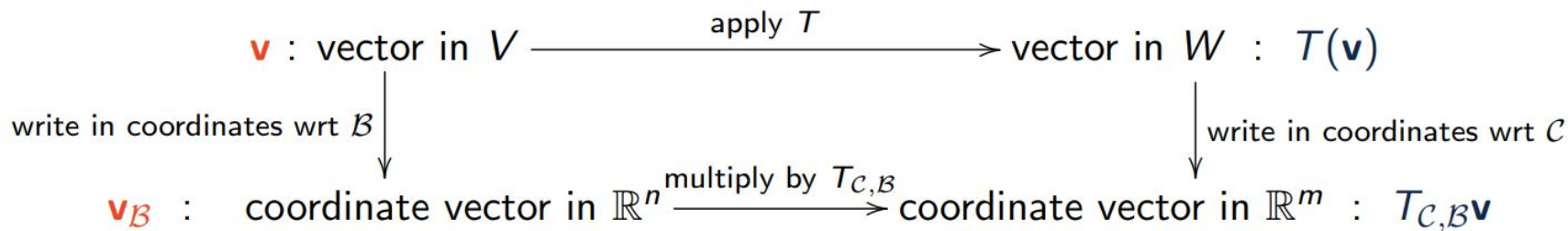
**Remark.** We call this  $A$  the **coordinate matrix of  $T$**  with respect to the standard bases - we write  $T_{\mathcal{E}_m, \mathcal{E}_n}$ .

# Coordinate matrices

**Theorem 51.** Let  $V, W$  be two vector space, let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$  and  $\mathcal{C} = (\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_m)$  be a basis of  $W$ , and let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then there is a  $m \times n$  matrix  $T_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}}$  such that

$$\Rightarrow T(\mathbf{v})_{\mathcal{C}} = T_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}} \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{B}}, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{v} \in V.$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}} = [T(\mathbf{b}_1)_{\mathcal{C}} \quad T(\mathbf{b}_2)_{\mathcal{C}} \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{b}_n)_{\mathcal{C}}].$$



# Determinants (how to find them)

**2x2:** easy formula!

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$$

**Triangular:** multiply all of the diagonal entries together

**Otherwise:** cofactor expansion

**Note:** if the matrix  $A$  is not invertible,  $\det(A) = 0$  ← this is the definition of a determinant!

# Cofactor Expansion

**Definition.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$ -matrix. The  $(i, j)$ -**cofactor** of  $A$  is the scalar  $C_{ij}$  defined by

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}.$$

## Procedure for large matrices:

- Pick one row or one column to eliminate
- Go one by one in the other dimension (row or column) and ignore all the entries in that row + column
  - Calculate the cofactor
  - Find the determinant of the remaining matrix

This is very impractical for anything larger than 3x3!

# Cofactor Expansion Example

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot (-1)^{1+2} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} & - & \\ 3 & & 2 \\ 2 & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \cdot (-1)^{2+2} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & + & \\ 2 & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \cdot (-1)^{3+2} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ 3 & & 2 \\ & - & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot (-1)^{1+3} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} & & + \\ 3 & -1 & \\ 2 & 0 & \end{vmatrix} + 2 \cdot (-1)^{2+3} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & \\ & & - \\ 2 & 0 & \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot (-1)^{3+3} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & \\ 3 & -1 & \\ & & + \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 - 2 \cdot (-4) + 1 \cdot (-7) = 1$$

# Properties of determinants

**(Replacement)** Adding a multiple of one row to another row *does not change* the determinant.

**(Interchange)** Interchanging two different rows *reverses the sign* of the determinant.

**(Scaling)** Multiplying all entries in a row by  $s$ , *multiplies* the determinant by  $s$ .

These three things also apply to the columns of a matrix!

*Let  $A, B$  be two  $n \times n$ -matrices. Then  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$*

*If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$*

*Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$ -matrix. Then  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$*

# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

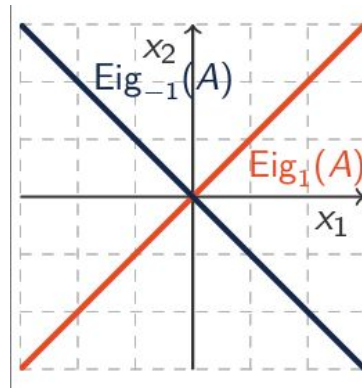
An **eigenvector** of  $A$  is a **nonzero**  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
such that

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

← eigenvalue

An eigenspace is all the eigenvectors associated with a specific eigenvalue.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ x \end{bmatrix} = -1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvectors are always linearly independent!

# Calculating eigenvectors and eigenvalues

**Theorem 59.** *Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $p_A(t) := \det(A - tI)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ . Thus  $A$  has at most  $n$  eigenvalues.*

**Definition.** We call  $p_A(t)$  the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .

**The roots of the characteristic polynomial are the eigenvalues**

*Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $\lambda$  be eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then*

$$\text{Eig}_\lambda(A) = \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I).$$

**General algorithm:** 1) find  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  and solve for  $\lambda$   
2) plug each eigenvalue back into  $A - \lambda I$   
3) solve for the nullspace

# Eigenvalue/eigenvector example

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 - \lambda & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)$$

$\leadsto$   $A$  has eigenvalues 2, 3, 6. The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are its diagonal entries.

$$\lambda_1 = 2 : \quad A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto \text{Nul}(A - 2I) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 : \quad A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto \text{Nul}(A - 3I) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\lambda_3 = 6 : \quad A - 6I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto \text{Nul}(A - 6I) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

# Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

For a 2x2 matrix:

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \text{Tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A)$$

## Multiplicity:

- **Algebraic** multiplicity is the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  in the characteristic polynomial
- **Geometric** multiplicity is the dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$

**Trace:** the sum of the diagonal entries of a matrix

- $\text{Tr}(A)$  = sum of all eigenvalues
- $\det(A)$  = product of all eigenvalues

# Markov Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & .25 & .4 \\ 1 & .25 & .2 \\ 0 & .5 & .4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition:** a square matrix with non-negative entries where the sum of terms in each column is 1

A **probability vector** has entries that add up to 1

The  $\lambda$  of a Markov Matrix:

- 1 is always an eigenvalue, and the corresponding eigenvector is called **stationary**
- All other  $|\lambda| \leq 1$

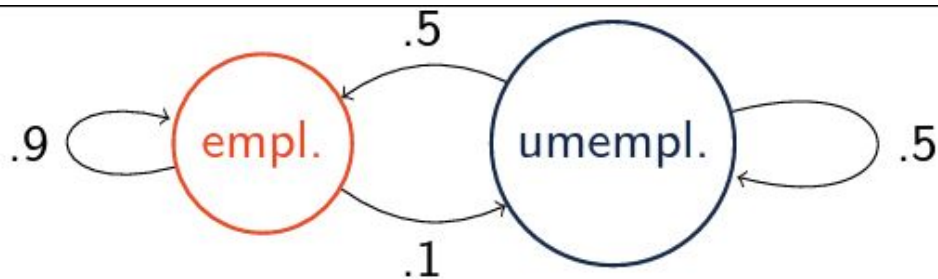
# Why is a Markov Matrix useful?

**Theorem 65.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$ -Markov matrix with only positive entries and let  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a probability vector. Then

$$\mathbf{z}_\infty := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k \mathbf{z} \text{ exists,}$$

and  $\mathbf{z}_\infty$  is a stationary probability vector of  $A$  (ie.  $A\mathbf{z}_\infty = \mathbf{z}_\infty$ ).

This basically says you can left multiply  $A$  with  $\mathbf{z}$  infinitely and you will get a stationary probability vector (steady state)



$x_t$ : % of population employed at time  $t$

$y_t$ : % of population unemployed at time  $t$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{t+1} \\ y_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .9x_t + .5y_t \\ .1x_t + .5y_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .9 & .5 \\ .1 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \end{bmatrix}$$

# How to approach a Markov Matrix problem

1. Write out the Markov Matrix  $A$ . If it helps, make a graph like on the previous slide.
2. Determine what the question is asking you to solve for. Steady state? Intermediate state?
3. Write the probability vector of what you know of the initial state, if possible.
4. To solve for the **steady state**: Find  $A^{-1} \cdot I$  and solve for the nullspace, then find the probability vector in the nullspace
5. To solve for an **intermediate state**: multiply the initial state vector by the Markov matrix the appropriate number of times.

# Diagonalization

$$P = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{v}_n]$$

$\mathbf{v}$  are eigenvectors

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

For a matrix  $A$  to be diagonalizable:

- $A$  must be square
- $A$  must have as many unique eigenvectors as rows/columns (i.e. it has an eigenbasis)
- $A = PDP^{-1}$

Observe that

$$A = PDP^{-1} = I_{\mathcal{E}_n, \mathcal{B}} D I_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}_n}$$

Where  $\mathcal{B}$  is the eigenbasis  $\rightarrow$   
diagonalizing is a base change to the eigenbasis

# Matrix Powers and Matrix Exponential

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

**Matrix power:** diagonal matrices are easy!

$$A^m = P D^m P^{-1}$$

Where  $D^m = \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda_1)^m & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & (\lambda_n)^m \end{bmatrix}$

**Matrix exponential:**

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{(At)^2}{2!} + \frac{(At)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{At} = P e^{Dt} P^{-1}$$

# Linear Differential Equations

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = A\mathbf{u}$$

With initial condition:

$$\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{v}$$

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

The solution of the differential equation  $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = A\mathbf{u}$  with initial condition  $\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{v}$  is  $\mathbf{u}(t) = e^{At}\mathbf{v}$

If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  is an eigenbasis of  $A$ :

$$e^{At}\mathbf{v} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \mathbf{v}_n$$

# Python Coding Tips

Remember to **import** numpy and math!  
import numpy as np  
from math import \*

Check for **syntax errors** (missing parentheses and brackets, spelling)

- Read your error message! It usually tells you exactly where it went wrong

You have to use **np.** or **np.linalg.** for most functions

Study **coding problems from the homework** (hint: they tend to pull questions from there!)

# Python Functions to know

## Useful functions to know:

`np.array([[1, 1, 1], [2, 2, 2]])` →  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

`np.linalg.solve(a, b)` → solves a system where  $a$  is the coefficient matrix and  $b$  is the scalars on the right side of the =

`np.linalg.inv(a)` → gives you the inverse if  $a$  is invertible

## Ways to multiply matrices:

`a @ b` ← this is always matrix multiplication

`a * b` ← don't use this unless  $a$  or  $b$  is a scalar

`np.dot(a, b)` ← gives the dot product

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