

## Chapter 7. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

I. The following list of commands imitate somehow what one does when computes on paper (without a computer) the eigenvalues and values of a matrix.

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> restart;
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> with(linalg):
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Warning, the protected names norm and trace have been redefined and unprotected

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> A:=Matrix([[3,2,4],[2,0,2],[4,2,3]]);
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> Id:=Matrix(3,3,shape=identity):Ar:=A-r*Id:evalm(Ar);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -r+3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -r & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -r+3 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> Ar:=matrix([[3-r,2,4],[2,-r,2],[4,2,3-r]]);
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$$Ar := \begin{bmatrix} -r+3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -r & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -r+3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> det(Ar);
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$$-r^3 + 6r^2 + 15r + 8$$

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> factor(%);
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$$-(r-8)(r+1)^2$$

This shows that the eigenvalues of A are  $r=8$  and  $r=-1$  (double).

-----The eigenvalues for  $r=8$ :

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> A8:=subs(r=8,evalm(Ar));
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$$A8 := \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -8 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> x:=[xi1*exp(8*t),xi2*exp(8*t),xi3*exp(8*t)];
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$$x := [\xi_1 e^{(8t)}, \xi_2 e^{(8t)}, \xi_3 e^{(8t)}]$$

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> A8x:=multiply(A8,x);
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$$A8x := [-5 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_2 e^{(8t)} + 4 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}, 2 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} - 8 \xi_2 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}, 4 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_2 e^{(8t)} - 5 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}]$$

```
> solve({A8x[1]=0,A8x[2]=0,A8x[3]=0},{xi1,xi2,xi3});
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$$\{\xi_2 = \xi_2, \xi_1 = 2 \xi_2, \xi_3 = 2 \xi_2\}$$

-----The eigenvectors for  $r=-1$ :

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> A1:=subs(r=-1,evalm(Ar));
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$$A1 := \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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> A1x:=multiply(A1,x);
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$A1x :=$

$$[4 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_2 e^{(8t)} + 4 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}, 2 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} + \xi_2 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}, 4 \xi_1 e^{(8t)} + 2 \xi_2 e^{(8t)} + 4 \xi_3 e^{(8t)}]$$

```
> solve({A1x[1]=0,A1x[2]=0,A1x[3]=0},{xi1,xi2,xi3});
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$$\{\xi_3 = \xi_3, \xi_1 = \xi_1, \xi_2 = -2 \xi_1 - 2 \xi_3\}$$

So we get (1,-2,0) and (0,-2,1) as linearly independent eigenvectors.

Check next the independence of the solutions that are obtained from these eigenvectors:

```
> W:=matrix([[exp(8*t),1/2*exp(8*t),exp(8*t)],[exp(-t),-2*exp(-t),0],  
[0,-2*exp(-t),exp(-t)]]);
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$$W := \begin{bmatrix} e^{(8t)} & \frac{1}{2} e^{(8t)} & e^{(8t)} \\ e^{(-t)} & -2 e^{(-t)} & 0 \\ 0 & -2 e^{(-t)} & e^{(-t)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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> det(W);
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$$-\frac{9}{2} e^{(8t)} (e^{(-t)})^2$$

II. As usually Maple has its own way of doing things :O)

```
> restart:with(LinearAlgebra):
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```
> Eigenvalues(A);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> Eigenvectors(A);
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[ > with(LinearAlgebra):A:=Matrix([[3,2],[2,0]]):Eigenvectors(A);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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