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1.  20 points Suppose  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . Compute  $A^4$ .

**Solution:** First we find  $P^{-1}$ . Since  $\det(P) = (1)(3) - (2)(2) = -1$ , we have

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(P)} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Denoting by  $I_2$  the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A^4 &= (PDP^{-1})^4 = (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) = PD \underbrace{(PP^{-1})}_{I_2} D \underbrace{(PP^{-1})}_{I_2} D \underbrace{(PP^{-1})}_{I_2} DP^{-1} \\ &= PDDDDP^{-1} = PD^4P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A &= PD^4P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^4 \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 81 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 162 & -81 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 321 & -160 \\ 480 & -239 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$  be bases for a vector space  $V$ , and suppose

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = 4\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = -\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{b}_2 - 2\mathbf{b}_3.$$

(a) 10 points Find the change-of-coordinate matrix from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Solution:**

$${}_{\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) 15 points Find the coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{a}_1 + 4\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3$ .

**Solution:** It is possible to solve this in two ways. First, write the vector as a linear combination of vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= 3\mathbf{a}_1 + 4\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3 = 3(4\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2) + 4(-\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3) + (\mathbf{b}_2 - 2\mathbf{b}_3) \\ &= ((3)(4) + (4)(-1) + 0)\mathbf{b}_1 + ((3)(-1) + (4)(1) + (1)(1))\mathbf{b}_2 + ((3)(0) + (4)(1) + (1)(-2))\mathbf{b}_3 \\ &= 8\mathbf{b}_1 + 2\mathbf{b}_2 + 2\mathbf{b}_3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

The second way is directly to use the matrix we found in part (a).

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} &= {}_{\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{P} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{A}} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. (a) 20 points Is  $\lambda = 1$  an eigenvalue of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ? If so, find one corresponding eigenvector.

**Solution:** Denote by  $p_A(\lambda)$  the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  where  $p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ . At  $\lambda = 1$ , this polynomial takes the value

$$p_A(1) = \det(A - I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 4-1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1-1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

which follows from the third column is a scalar multiple of the second. Hence  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue. Next suppose  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} \in N(A - I)$ . Therefore  $(A - I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and row reduce the augmented matrix for  $A - I$ .

$$[A - I | 0] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Then the eigenvector must be of the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (3/2)t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{t}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consequently one corresponding eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b) 15 points Show that if  $A$  is both diagonalizable and invertible, then so is  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution:** Since  $A$  is diagonalizable, there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that

$$P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1}$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $A$  not all of them need be distinct and not all of them need be real.

Since  $A$  is invertible,  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . We know that  $\det(A) = \det(PDP^{-1}) = \det(P)\det(D)\det(P^{-1}) = \det(P)\det(D)\frac{1}{\det(P)} = \det(D)$  and that  $\det(D) = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \cdots \cdot \lambda_n$ , the product of all diagonal entries. So  $\det(D) \neq 0$ ,  $D$  is also invertible and we have  $\lambda_k \neq 0$  for each  $k \geq 1$ . Hence  $D^{-1}$  is given by

$$D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1/\lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$A^{-1} = (P^{-1})^{-1} D^{-1} P^{-1} = P D^{-1} P^{-1}$$

and  $A^{-1}$  is also diagonalizable with the same diagonalizing matrix  $P$ , and the diagonal matrix is made up of the inverses of the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

4. 20 points Find a basis for the eigenspace for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$ .

**Solution:** Suppose  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 3$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} \in N(A - 3I)$ . Therefore  $(A - 3I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and row reduce the augmented matrix for  $A - 3I$ .

$$[A - 3I | 0] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4-3 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0-3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 5-3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

This shows the system has free variable. The general solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consequently a basis for the eigenspace  $N(A - 3I)$  is  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .