

MTH 204

Quiz 8

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Follow the directions carefully.

Please write neatly in pencil.

You must show all your work  
to get full credit. If you get  
stuck, feel free to ask me  
for help.

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Test 3 - 17 Nov

7.4 - 8.2

By hand, calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \det \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -1 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 3 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = (\lambda-2)(\lambda-4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 4.$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = 2 \Rightarrow (A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{R}_1 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5-2 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 1-2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 3k_1 - k_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3k_1 & -k_2 \\ 3k_1 & -k_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow k_1 = k_2 \quad \hookrightarrow FV=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{R}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ 3k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ 2, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = 4 \Rightarrow (A - \lambda_2 I) \vec{R}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5-4 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 1-4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow k_1 - k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = k_2 \quad \hookrightarrow FV=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{R}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ 4, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Bonus (2 pts): What is the general solution for  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ ?

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t}$$