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1. Always True or sometimes False?

1. If A is a square invertible matrix then A and A^{-1} have the same rank. True

2. The function $y(t) = e^{3t}$ is the only solution to $y''(t) - 6y' + 9y = 0$. False

3. Each eigenvalue of a square matrix A is also an eigenvalue of A^2 . False

4. There is a t for which the Wronskian of e^t and e^{2t} has determinant zero. False

5. If A is a diagonalizable square matrix whose eigenvalues are all zero then $e^A = I$. True

1. Invertible means full rank, so A and A^{-1} both have full rank

True

2. $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$

$(r-3)^2 = 0$

$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}$

False

3. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\lambda = 2$

$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\lambda = 4$

false

4. $\det(W(t)) = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & e^{2t} \\ e^t & 2e^{2t} \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{2t} \cdot e^t - e^{2t} \cdot e^t = e^{3t}(2-1) = e^{3t}$

false

5. $e^A = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$
 $e^A = P \begin{bmatrix} e^0 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^0 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$
 $e^A = P \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} = PP^{-1} = I$

True

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2. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) For which pairs of numbers a, b does A have rank 3?

rank = dim Col A

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = -R_3 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for A to have rank 3, there must be 3 pivot entries in A . Therefore A has rank 3 for all (a, b) such that $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 1$

b) For which pairs of numbers a, b does A have rank 2?

The row reduced form of A is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For A to have rank 2, there must be only 2 pivot entries in A .

Therefore, A has rank 2 for:

(a, b) such that $a = 0$ and $b \neq 1$

(a, b) such that $a \neq 0$ and $b = 1$

$$y = e^{-t}$$

$$y' = -e^{-t}$$

$$y'' = e^{-t}$$

~~$$e^{-t} + e^{-t} - 2e^{-t} = 2e^{-t} - 2e^{-t} = 0$$

$$y = -2t + 1 + e^{2t}$$~~

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3. Find all solutions $y(t)$ to the differential equation $y'' - y' - 2y = 4t$.

The auxiliary equation is given by

$$r^2 - r - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r-2)(r+1) = 0$$

$$r_1 = 2 \quad r_2 = -1$$

the general solution for the homogeneous equation is given by

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}, \text{ where } c_1, c_2 \text{ are arbitrary constants}$$

To find the particular solution, use method of undetermined coefficients

① $y'' - y' - 2y = 4t$ is in the form $y'' - y' - 2y = C t^m e^{r_3 t}$

\Rightarrow where $m=1, r_3=0, C=4$

The guess for the particular solution is

$$y_p(t) = (A_1 t + A_0) e^{0t} = A_1 t + A_0$$

$$y_p'(t) = A_1$$

$$y_p''(t) = 0$$

Substituting into ① and matching coefficients,

$$0 - A_1 - 2(A_1 t + A_0) = 4t$$

$$-A_1 - 2A_1 t - 2A_0 = 4t$$

$$\Rightarrow -A_1 - 2A_0 = 0$$

$$-2A_1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = -2$$

$$-(-2) - 2A_0 = 0$$

$$2 - 2A_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_0 = 1$$

therefore the particular solution is given by

$$y_p(t) = -2t + 1$$

By the superposition principle all solutions $y(t)$ are given by $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$

so $y(t) = -2t + 1 + c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{2t}$

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4. Let P_2 be the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2, and let $B = \{1, t, t^2\}$ be the standard ordered basis for P_2 . Let $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ be the transformation $T(f) = f' + 2f$.

- a) Show that T is a linear transformation.

suppose $f \in P_2$ and $g \in P_2$ and c is a constant.

$$T(f+g) = (f+g)' + 2(f+g) = f' + g' + 2f + 2g = (f' + 2f) + (g' + 2g) = T(f) + T(g)$$

$$T(cf) = (cf)' + 2(cf) = c(f') + c(2f) = c(f' + 2f) = cT(f)$$

- b) Find the matrix A for T with respect to the basis B .

$$A = [[T(1)]_B \quad [T(t)]_B \quad [T(t^2)]_B]$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0+2(1) & 1+2(t) & 2t+2t^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- c) What are the eigenvalues of A ?

Since A is a diagonal matrix, eigenvalues are in diagonal.
 $\lambda = 2$ multiplicity 3

- d) What is the kernel of A ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 2x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ so $\ker A = \{0\}$

- e) What are the solutions to $y' + 2y = 0$ that lie in P_2 .

$y' + 2y = 0$ can be written as $L[y] = y' + 2y$ where L is a linear operator. $L[y]$ is equivalent to $T[f]$, where $f \in P_2$.

The kernel of T was found in part d), which is the same as the solutions to $y' + 2y = 0$ that lie in P_2 .

There are the solutions that lie in P_2 are $\{y(t) = 0\}$

