

**Homework 9 – Theory**

Due: Thursday, April 15 – 10:00 EST

**Problem 1: More on diagonalization [20 Points]**

1. Diagonalize  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathbb{M}(3 \times 3, \mathbb{R})$  or prove that this is impossible:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

2. Matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{M}(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$  are similar if there is an invertible  $S \in \mathbb{M}(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $A = SBS^{-1}$ . (Hence,  $A$  and  $B$  describe the same linear map in different bases and the base change is mediated by the matrix  $S$ .)

- If  $A$  is diagonalizable and  $A, B$  are similar, prove that  $B$  is diagonalizable.
- If  $A, B$  are similar, then show that  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ .
- Are there  $A_i$  in eq. (1) which are similar?

3. Matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{M}(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$  are simultaneously diagonalizable if there is an invertible  $S \in \mathbb{M}(n \times n, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $S^{-1}AS$  and  $S^{-1}BS$  are both diagonal.

- Show that simultaneously diagonalizable matrices commute:  $AB = BA$ .
- Are there  $A_i$  in eq. (1) which are simultaneously diagonalizable?
- **Math 513:** Show that if  $AB = BA$  and all eigenvalues of  $A$  have algebraic multiplicity 1, then  $A, B$  are simultaneously diagonalizable.

**Problem 2: Markov meets Christmas [20 Points]**

Suppose your mood is categorized in exactly three classes (good, even-tempered, bad). We assume the following daily transition probabilities:

	good	even-tempered	bad
good	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
even-tempered	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
bad	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$

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Let  $\vec{x}^{(k)} = [g_k \ e_k \ b_k]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$  correspond to your mood in  $k$ -days.

1. Find  $M \in \mathbb{M}(3 \times 3, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\vec{x}^{(k)} = M\vec{x}^{(k-1)}$  (for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ).
2. Today is April 7. Find the number  $N$  of days until Christmas eve.
3. Diagonalize  $M$  and use it to find an algebraic expression for  $\vec{x}^{(k)}$ .
4. For  $\vec{x}^{(0)} = [0.6 \ 0.3 \ 0.1]^T$ , approximate the mood on Christmas eve.
5. **Math 513:** Verify that the components  $\vec{x}^{(k)}$  add to one and find  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M^k$ .