

1. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . For each of the following statements, write the word “true” or “false.”
- (a) The matrix  $2A$  has eigenvalue  $2\lambda$ .  
True. Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Then  $2A\mathbf{v} = 2\lambda\mathbf{v}$ .
- (b) The matrix  $A + 2I$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda + 2$ .  
True. Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Then  $(A + 2I)\mathbf{v} = (\lambda + 2)\mathbf{v}$ .
2. Give an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$  such that  $A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

First we need to find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 3)^2(\lambda - 6)$$

To find the eigenspace for  $\lambda = 6$ , which must be one-dimensional, we need to look at

$$NS(A - 6I) = NS \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is spanned by  $(1, 1, 1)^T$ . Therefore, let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)^T$ .

Next we need to find an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace for  $\lambda = 3$ , which must be two-dimensional by the Spectral Theorem. First we need a basis for

$$NS(A - 3I) = NS \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is spanned by  $(1, -1, 0)^T$  and  $(1/2, 1/2, -1)^T$ , which are already orthogonal. Therefore let  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0)^T$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}(1/2, 1/2, -1)^T$ .

Therefore, if

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$ .