

8. exercise sheet for Engineering Mathematics



8.1. (Cross products and orientation)

In each of the figures below you see a vector \vec{v} drawn as \longrightarrow and a vector \vec{w} drawn as \longrightarrow . Discern for each figure whether the vector $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$ is \longrightarrow or \longrightarrow .



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(Hint: pay very close attention to the direction of the three standard unit vectors \vec{e}_1 , \vec{e}_2 and \vec{e}_3 for every figure separately.)

8.2. (Vectors and angles)

Consider the linear map $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $(v_1, v_2) \mapsto (-v_2, v_1)$.

- (a) Check which of the following statements are true. (None, one or multiple of them may be true.)
 - \bigcirc Geometrically, f describes a rotation by 90° in clockwise direction.
 - \bigcirc Geometrically, *f* describes a rotation by 90° in anti-clockwise direction.
 - \bigcirc Geometrically, *f* describes a reflection across the line $\mathbb{R}({}^{0}_{1})$.
 - \bigcirc area $f(\Omega) = \operatorname{area} \Omega$, where Ω is the set $[1, 2] \times [0, 1]$.
 - \bigcirc area $f(\Omega) = 2 \operatorname{area} \Omega$, where Ω is the set $[1, 8] \times [1, 8]$.
 - \bigcirc There is a non-zero vector \vec{b} such that $f(\vec{b}) = \vec{0}$.
 - $\bigcirc f$ has an eigenvector $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.
- (b) For vectors $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ and $\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2)$, compute



8.3. (Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, I)

Consider $(C, n) \in \{(A, 2), (B, 3)\}$, where A and B are the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For *both* choices of (C, n) do the following:

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(a) determine the characteristic polynomial $\chi_C = \det(X \mathbf{1}_n - C)$ (here "*X*" should be treated like a variable; think of your favourite number, but do not plug it in),



(b) compute the eigenvalues of *C* (= the numbers λ that yield zero when substituted for *X* in the polynomial χ_C) and all associated eigenvectors (= the non-zero solutions $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of $(\lambda \mathbf{1}_n - C)\vec{v} \stackrel{!}{=} \vec{0}$),

(c) and discern whether the matrix *C* is diagonalisable or not (i.e., decide whether you can choose eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1, \ldots, \vec{v}_n$ such that the matrix with these eigenvectors as columns has non-zero determinant).

A is diagonalisable:
$$\begin{cases} \bigcirc & yes \\ \bigcirc & no \end{cases}$$
, B is diagonalisable: $\begin{cases} \bigcirc & yes \\ \bigcirc & no \end{cases}$.

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(Hint: you can find some worked examples in § 3.5 of the lecture notes.)

8.4. (*Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, II*) Consider the matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ and the vectors $\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_5 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ given below:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & -12 \\ 8 & -9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b}_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) For each vector \vec{b}_j (j = 1, ..., 5), check whether it is an eigenvector of *A* and, if it is, determine the corresponding eigenvalue.



(b) Let $B_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ denote the matrix with columns \vec{b}_i and \vec{b}_j . Compute the matrix

 $C_{ij} := B_{ij}^{-1} A B_{ij}$

for all three pairs $(i, j) \in \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (3, 5)\}$.

