

Show *all* of your work and *explain* your answers fully. There is a total of 100 possible points.  
You may use computations from Sage as justification for your answers **only** as indicated in each question.

1. Compute the determinant of  $A$  (without using Sage). (15 points)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

① A zero in row 4, column 1

② Two zeros in column 3

③ Columns 2 & 4 are equal  $\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$   
Theorem DERC

2. Given the matrix  $B$  below, find an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $S^{-1}BS$  is a diagonal matrix. You may use Sage to compute eigenvalues and to row-reduce matrices. (15 points)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 & -18 \\ -6 & 23 & -36 \\ -3 & 12 & -19 \end{bmatrix}$$

B. eigenvalues() returns  $[2, -1, -1]$

$$(B - 2I_3). \text{rref}() \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis of eigenspace for  $\lambda = 2$   
 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$(B - (-1)I_3). \text{rref}() \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis of eigenspace for  $\lambda = -1$   
 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

So  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  will diagonalize  $B$ . (Theorem DC)

(You could check, but this was not part of the question.)



3. Consider the square matrix  $A$ . (40 points)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -27 & 48 & 31 & -20 \\ -25 & 47 & 25 & -13 \\ 40 & -80 & -36 & 13 \\ 42 & -84 & -42 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Use Sage to compute a factored version of the characteristic polynomial.

$A.$   $\text{fcp}() \Rightarrow (x-4)^2(x+3)$  (or  $\cdot \text{charpoly}()$ , then  $\cdot \text{factor}()$ )

[Eigenvalues:  $\alpha_A(4)=2, \alpha_A(-3)=1$ ]

(b) Without using Sage, determine the eigenvalues of  $A$  and their algebraic multiplicities.

Roots of characteristic polynomial with multiplicities

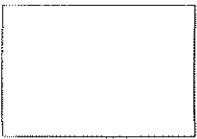
(c) Using only Sage's reduced row-echelon form method for computational assistance, determine all the eigenspaces of  $A$  along with their algebraic multiplicities.

$(A-4I_4).$   $\text{rref}()$   $\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $E_A(4) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$   
 $\delta_A(4) = 1 \rightarrow$  dimension

$(A+3I_4).$   $\text{rref}()$   $\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $E_A(-3) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$   
 $\delta_A(-3) = 1 \rightarrow$  dimension

(d) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Explain fully.

$\alpha_A(4) = 2 \neq 1 = \delta_A(4)$   
 $\alpha_A(-3) = 2 \neq 1 = \delta_A(-3)$   
 just one of these, with Theorem DMFE tells us  $A$  is not diagonalizable.



4. Suppose that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Define

$$U = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid Ax = \lambda x\}$$

Prove additive closure for  $U$ , which is one of the three conditions of checking that a set is a subspace. (15 points)

Suppose  $\underline{x} \in U$ ,  $\underline{y} \in U$ . Then know  $A\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}$ ,  $A\underline{y} = \lambda\underline{y}$ .

Consider  $\underline{x} + \underline{y}$ . Examine

$$A(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) = A\underline{x} + A\underline{y} = \lambda\underline{x} + \lambda\underline{y} = \lambda(\underline{x} + \underline{y})$$

So  $\underline{x} + \underline{y} \in U$ , as desired.

5. Suppose that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three  $n \times n$  matrices that are equal to each other, except for the entries in column  $k$ . In  $A$  column  $k$  is the vector  $\underline{x}$ , in  $B$  column  $k$  is the vector  $\underline{y}$ , and in  $C$  column  $k$  is the vector  $\underline{x} + \underline{y}$ . Prove that  $\det(C) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ . (15 points)

Pictorially:  $A = [\dots | \underline{x} | \dots]$     $B = [\dots | \underline{y} | \dots]$     $C = [\dots | \underline{x} + \underline{y} | \dots]$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(C) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} [\underline{x} + \underline{y}]_i \det(C(i|k)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} ([\underline{x}]_i + [\underline{y}]_i) \det(C(i|k)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} [\underline{x}]_i \det(C(i|k)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} [\underline{y}]_i \det(C(i|k)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} [\underline{x}]_i \det(A(i|k)) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} [\underline{y}]_i \det(B(i|k)) \\ &= \det(A) + \det(B) \end{aligned}$$

