

# MATH661 HW05 - Linear algebra analytical practice

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While working on computational aspects in P01, homework will concentrate on analytical properties.

## 1 Track 1

1. Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be distinct eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric, i.e.,  $\lambda \neq \mu$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mu\mathbf{y}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal.

**Solution.** Compute  $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})^T = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ . Multiply  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mu\mathbf{y}$  with  $\mathbf{x}^T$  to obtain  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mu \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ . Subtracting gives

$$0 = (\lambda - \mu) \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$$

since  $\lambda \neq \mu$ .

2. Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -i & 0 \\ -i & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  normal?  
b) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  self-adjoint?  
c) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  unitary?  
d) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution.** a) Observe block structure

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

such that  $\mathbf{A}$  is normal if  $\mathbf{B}$  normal. Note that

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbf{B},$$

such that  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^* - \mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ , hence  $\mathbf{B}$  is normal.

*Note: Always look for any special properties of a matrix before attempting calculations.*

- b) No, since  $\mathbf{B}^* = -\mathbf{B}$ .  
c) No, since  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^* = -\mathbf{B}^2$ .  
d) Block structure of  $\mathbf{A}$  gives  $\lambda_3 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{e}_3$ , with remaining eigenvectors obtained by those of  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{q} = \mu\mathbf{q} \Rightarrow \mu = \pm i\sqrt{2}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ \sqrt{2}-1 & \sqrt{2}+1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}-1 & \sqrt{2}+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(i\sqrt{2}, -i\sqrt{2}, 1).$$

3. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  expressing rotation around the  $z$ -axis (unit vector  $\mathbf{e}_3 = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$ ).

**Solution.** The rotation map  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is linear

$$\mathbf{f}(\alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{v}) = \alpha \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) + \beta \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{v})$$

and the matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  representing this rotation has columns given by the image of a basis set

$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{e}_1) \ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{e}_2) \ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{e}_3)] = [\cos \theta \mathbf{e}_1 + \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_2 \quad -\sin \theta \mathbf{e}_1 + \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_2 \quad \mathbf{e}_3] = \mathbf{I} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One eigenpair is

$$\lambda_3 = 1, \mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{e}_3,$$

since  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_3$ ; a rotation does not change a vector along the axis of rotation. The characteristic polynomial  $p_3(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\cos \theta + 1)$  also has roots  $\lambda_1 = e^{-i\theta}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = e^{i\theta}$  with associated eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{e}_1 + i\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = i\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2.$$

The above can be verified in an insightful manner by recalling that rotation does not change vector lengths (isometric mapping) hence  $\mathbf{R}$  is orthogonal, and  $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$ , such that the eigenvalue relation  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  leads to

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}.$$

Verify that  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is an eigenvector by computing,

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{x}_1 = e^{-i\theta} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_1^T + \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ -\sin \theta \mathbf{e}_1^T + \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_2^T \\ \mathbf{e}_3^T \end{bmatrix} (\mathbf{e}_1 + i\mathbf{e}_2) = e^{-i\theta} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta + i \cos \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_1.$$

A similar verification can be done for  $\mathbf{x}_2$ . Note how thinking of  $\mathbf{R}$  as a collection of column vectors leads to a concise, elegant solution of the eigenvalue problem. Also, notice that for rotation within the  $x_1x_2$  plane the eigenvectors are outside the real  $x_1x_2$  plane and that all eigenvalues are of unit absolute value since the rotation is isometric.

4. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  expressing rotation around the axis with unit vector  $\mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ .

**Solution.** This is the same as the above problem, but in a different basis, one in which the axis of rotation is  $[1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$  instead of  $[0 \ 0 \ 1]^T$ . As before, one eigenpair is  $\lambda_3 = 1$ , with  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{l}$  along the rotation axis. Above, the other two eigenvectors were found using unit vectors perpendicular to the rotation axis. One can apply Gram-Schmidt to find  $\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  orthonormal to  $\mathbf{l}$  or simply observe that

$$[\sqrt{2}\mathbf{j} \ \sqrt{6}\mathbf{k} \ \sqrt{3}\mathbf{l}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

defines an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{j} \ \mathbf{k} \ \mathbf{l}]$ . Rotating some vector  $\mathbf{x}$  around the  $\mathbf{l}$  axis is straightforward in the  $\mathbf{B}$  basis, so set  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x}$ . Read this to state: the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  has coordinates  $\mathbf{x}$  in the  $\mathbf{I}$  basis, but coordinates  $\mathbf{u}$  in the  $\mathbf{B}$  basis. In the  $\mathbf{B}$  basis the rotation matrix has columns

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{j}) \ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{k}) \ \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{l})] = [\cos \theta \mathbf{j} + \sin \theta \mathbf{k} \quad -\sin \theta \mathbf{j} + \cos \theta \mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{l}] = \mathbf{B} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}.$$

The result of the rotation is

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x},$$

where  $S = BRB^T$  is the rotation matrix. The eigendecomposition of  $R$  is known from above problem  $R = Q\Lambda Q^*$  furnishing the eigendecomposition of  $S$

$$S = BRB^T = BRB^* = BQ\Lambda Q^*B^* = U\Lambda U^*.$$

The eigenvalues of  $S$  are the same of those of  $R$  ( $e^{\pm i\theta}, 1$ ) and the eigenvectors are

$$U = BQ.$$

5. Compute  $\sin(\mathbf{A}t)$  for

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -9 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution.** The matrix is singular hence one eigenvalue is  $\lambda_1 = 0$  with eigenvector

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The other eigenpair is  $\lambda_2 = -3$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $\mathbf{A}$  with distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda\mathbf{X}^{-1}$ . Powers of  $\mathbf{A}$  are given by

$$\mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{X}\Lambda^k\mathbf{X}^{-1}.$$

From the Euler formula  $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$  find

$$\sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i},$$

which extended to matrix arguments gives

$$\sin(\mathbf{A}t) = \frac{1}{2i} [\exp(it\mathbf{A}) - \exp(-it\mathbf{A})].$$

From the power series  $e^t = 1 + t + t^2/2! + \dots$  obtain

$$\exp(it\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{I} + it\mathbf{A} + (it\mathbf{A})^2/2! + \dots = \mathbf{X}\exp(it\Lambda)\mathbf{X}^{-1},$$

leading to

$$\sin(\mathbf{A}t) = \mathbf{X}\sin(t\Lambda)\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin(3t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -4/3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sin(3t).$$

6. Compute  $\cos(\mathbf{A}t)$  for

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution.** As above, from eigendecomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\Lambda\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

obtain

$$\cos(\mathbf{A}t) = \mathbf{X}\cos(\Lambda t)\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(3t) & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Compute the SVD of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

by finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution.** With the SVD  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{U}^T$  has eigendecomposition

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

hence

$$\mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{50} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{V}^T$  with eigendecomposition

$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

obtain

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  with elements  $a_{ij} = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ . Hint: start with  $m = 1, 2, 3$  and generalize.

**Solution.** Note that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$  hence  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $\lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_m = 0$  an  $m - 1$  repeated zero root implying

$$p_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \det(\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^{m-1}(\lambda - \lambda_1).$$

Adding all rows gives a row of  $\lambda - m$  such that  $\lambda_1 = m$  leads to a null determinant with associated eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1 = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T$ . The other eigenvectors are of the form  $\mathbf{x}_j = [1 \ 0 \ \dots \ -1 \ \dots \ 0]^T$  with the one in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  position.

## 2 Track 2

1. Prove that  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  is normal if and only if it has  $m$  orthonormal eigenvectors.

**Solution.** Apply Schur theorem  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}^*$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  normal  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A}$  implies  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}^* = \mathbf{T}^*\mathbf{T}$ , which implies that  $\mathbf{T}$  is diagonal, as proven by induction

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} t & \mathbf{z}^* \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}^* = \begin{bmatrix} t & \mathbf{z}^* \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{t} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{z} & \mathbf{S}^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t\bar{t} + \mathbf{z}^*\mathbf{z} & \mathbf{z}^*\mathbf{S}^* \\ \mathbf{S}\mathbf{z} & \mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^* \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{T}^*\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} t & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{z} & \mathbf{S}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{t} & \mathbf{z}^* \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t\bar{t} & t\mathbf{z}^* \\ \mathbf{z}\bar{t} & \mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^* \end{bmatrix},$$

since  $t\bar{t} + \mathbf{z}^*\mathbf{z} = t\bar{t}$  implies  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ .

2. Prove that  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  symmetric has a repeated eigenvalue if and only if it commutes with a non-zero skew-symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Solution.**  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric is normal and has an orthogonal eigendecomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^T$ , that states that in the  $\mathbf{Q}$  basis the effect of  $\mathbf{A}$  is simple scaling of components by the eigenvalues. From  $\mathbf{B}$  that commutes with  $\mathbf{A}$ , construct  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q} = -\mathbf{C}^T$  (to work in  $\mathbf{Q}$  basis), and find

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbf{Q}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A})\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{\Lambda}.$$

A repeated eigenvalue is a statement about the components of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ . Equality of the  $(i, j)$  components of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{\Lambda}$  implies

$$\lambda_i c_{ij} = c_{ij} \lambda_j.$$

From above if there is at least one non-zero  $c_{ij}$  element of  $\mathbf{C}$  then  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$ . For the converse choose  $c_{ij} = 1 = -c_{ji}$  at  $i, j$  for which  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$ .

3. Prove that every positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  has a unique square root  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  positive definite and  $\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{K}$ .

**Solution.**  $\mathbf{K}$  positive definite implies  $\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{q} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}^T$ .  $\mathbf{K}$  symmetric admits an orthogonal eigendecomposition  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^T$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_j > 0$ . Define  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{1/2} \mathbf{Q}^T$ . where diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}^{1/2}$  are  $\sqrt{\lambda_j}$ .

4. Find all positive definite orthogonal matrices.

**Solution.** In addition to above properties,  $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K}^T = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda}^2 \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ , so possible elements of  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  are  $\pm 1$ . Imposing  $\mathbf{e}_j^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{e}_j > 0$  then leads to  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}$ .

5. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a Householder reflection matrix.

**Solution.** Write

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - 2 \mathbf{q} \mathbf{q}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

with  $\mathbf{q}$  the unit vector normal to the reflection hyperplane and note that  $\mathbf{H}$  symmetric has an orthogonal eigendecomposition  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^T$ . Since  $\mathbf{H}$  is isometric eigenvalues  $\lambda = \pm 1$ . From

$$\mathbf{H} \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q} - 2 \mathbf{q} (\mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{q}) = -\mathbf{q}$$

find eigenpair  $(-1, \mathbf{q})$ . For any  $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{q}$  obtain

$$\mathbf{H} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$$

so  $(1, \mathbf{v})$  are the remaining  $m - 1$  eigenpairs.

6. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a Givens rotation matrix.

**Solution.** The rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R}(j, k, \theta) = \mathbf{I} + (\cos \theta - 1)(\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^* + \mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_k^*) - \sin \theta (\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_k^* - \mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_j^*)$$

has  $m - 2$  eigenpairs  $(\lambda, \mathbf{e}_l)$  for  $l \neq j, l \neq k$ . The other eigenpairs are

$$\lambda_j = e^{-i\theta}, \mathbf{x}_j = i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k; \lambda_k = e^{i\theta}, \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{e}_j + i \mathbf{e}_k.$$

Verify

$$\mathbf{R} \mathbf{x}_j = i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k + (\cos \theta - 1)(\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_j^* + \mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_k^*)(i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k) - \sin \theta (\mathbf{e}_j \mathbf{e}_k^* - \mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_j^*)(i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k) \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{R} \mathbf{x}_j = i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k + (\cos \theta - 1)(i \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_k) - \sin \theta (\mathbf{e}_j - i \mathbf{e}_k) = (i \cos \theta - \sin \theta) \mathbf{e}_j + (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \mathbf{e}_k = e^{-i\theta} \mathbf{x}_j.$$

7. Prove or state a counterexample: If all eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are zero then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Solution.** Counterexample

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

a Jordan block with 0 diagonal.

8. Prove: A hermitian matrix is unitarily diagonalizable and its eigenvalues are real.

**Solution.** Apply Schur theorem  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}^* = \mathbf{A}^* = (\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q}^*)^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{T}^*) \mathbf{Q}^* = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}^*$ . Since  $\mathbf{T}$  triangular is equal to its adjoint it must be diagonal with real elements  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}^*$ .