

$$(c) \quad f: \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} 2\alpha + 3\beta = -5 \\ -\alpha + 2\beta = -1 \end{cases} \implies \alpha = -1, \beta = -1.$$

Also,

$$f: \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{cases} 2\alpha + 3\beta = -4 \\ -\alpha + 2\beta = 9 \end{cases} \implies \alpha = -5, \beta = 2.$$

Hence the matrix is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

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(We must express the images in terms of the new codomain basis.)

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Question 4

(a) The characteristic equation of \mathbf{A} is

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & 4 \\ -2 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3-\lambda \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(-(3+\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 8)$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 1)$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda-1)(\lambda+1).$$

So the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are 1, 1 and -1 .

(b) The eigenvector equations $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$, where $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$, are

$$(1-\lambda)x - 2y + 2z = 0,$$

$$(-3-\lambda)y + 4z = 0,$$

$$-2y + (3-\lambda)z = 0.$$

When $\lambda = 1$, the eigenvector equations become

$$-2y + 2z = 0,$$

$$-4y + 4z = 0,$$

$$-2y + 2z = 0,$$

so that $y = z$. Thus two linearly independent eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} are, for example,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

When $\lambda = -1$, the eigenvector equations become

$$2x - 2y + 2z = 0,$$

$$-2y + 4z = 0,$$

$$-2y + 4z = 0.$$

It follows that

$$y = 2z \quad \text{and} \quad x = y - z = z.$$

So a corresponding eigenvector of \mathbf{A} is

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence we may take the set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ as a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 consisting of eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} .

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