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1. Give an example of a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix  $A$  that is not the identity matrix such that every non-zero vector in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  is an Eigen vector of  $A$ . Justify your answer. 3

*Soln:* For  $A = kI$ , every non-zero  $x \in \mathbf{R}^3$  is an Eigen vector with Eigen value  $k$ .

2. Let  $G$  be a complete graph of 5 vertices. Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of  $A$ . What will be the sum of the Eigen values of  $A$ ? Justify your answer. 3

*Soln:* The sum of the Eigen values of  $A = \text{trace}(A) = 0$ .

3. Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbf{R}^3$  satisfy  $T(i) = i$ ,  $T(i + j) = 2(i + j)$  and  $T(i + j + k) = 3(i + j + k)$ . Find a basis of Eigen vectors of  $T$ . What will be the matrix of  $T$  with respect to this basis? 3

*Soln:*  $b_1 = i, b_2 = (i + j), b_3 = (i + j + k)$  are Eigen vectors with Eigen values 1, 2 and 3 respectively. The matrix of  $T$  w.r.t this basis will be the  $3 \times 3$  diagonal matrix with 1, 2 and 3 on the diagonal.

4. Let  $S$  be a subspace of an inner product space  $V$ . Let  $s \in S$ . Let  $t \in S^\perp$ . Show that  $s$  and  $t$  are linearly independent. 3

*Soln:* Let scalars  $\alpha, \beta$  be such that  $\alpha s + \beta t = 0$ . Then we have,  $0 = (s, \alpha s + \beta t) = \alpha(s, s)$  Since  $s \neq 0$ ,  $(s, s) \neq 0$ . Hence  $\alpha = 0$ . Similarly,  $\beta = 0$ .

5. Let  $V$  be a real vector space and  $T$  an operator on  $V$ . Let  $a, b, c$  be three distinct Eigen values of  $T$ . Let  $u, v, w$  be the corresponding Eigen vectors. Show that  $u, v, w$  are linearly independent. 3

*Soln:* Let  $\alpha u + \beta v + \gamma w = 0$  for some scalars  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\gamma \neq 0$ . Multiplying the equation with  $c$ , we get  $c\alpha u + c\beta v + c\gamma w = 0$ . Then  $T(\alpha u + \beta v + \gamma w) = a\alpha u + b\beta v + c\gamma w = 0$ . Subtracting this equation from the previous one, we get  $(c - a)\alpha u + (c - b)\beta v = 0$ . Since both  $c - a$  and  $c - b$  are non-zero, it follows that  $u$  and  $v$ , which are Eigen vectors corresponding to distinct Eigen values  $a$  and  $b$  are linearly dependent, which is a contradiction. (We had proved in the class that Eigen vectors corresponding to distinct Eigen values must be linearly independent).

6. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix. Argue that  $\text{Rank}(A) \leq \min\{m, n\}$ . (You may assume theorems/results proved in the class, but state which theorems/results are used while using them). 3

*Soln:* As  $A$  is a linear map from  $\mathbf{R}^n \mapsto \mathbf{R}^m$ , by Rank Nullity Theorem  $\text{CRank}(A) \leq m$ . Since  $A^T$  is a linear map from  $\mathbf{R}^m$  to  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $\text{CRank}(A^T) = \text{RRank}(A) \leq n$ . The result follows from the fact that  $\text{RRank}(A) = \text{CRank}(A)$ .