

EVALUATION GUIDELINES - Course paper

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Question 1.

The python code will give an error message if the argument is not a square matrix. If the matrix A is square, then the function **f** will return the trace tr(A) of A when called with the 2-dimensional NumPy array corresponding to A: If $A = (a_{11})$ is a 1×1 matrix, then it will return $tr(A) = a_{11}$. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with n > 1, it will use the recursive formula

$$\operatorname{tr}(A) = \operatorname{tr}\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11} + \operatorname{tr}\begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

to compute and return the trace $tr(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn}$ of A. This will be done by calling f recursively.

Question 2.

Using Table A.1 in Eriksen [E] and symmetry, we find that $\sin(120^\circ) = \sin(60^\circ) = \sqrt{3}/2$ and $\cos(120^\circ) = -\cos(60^\circ) = -1/2$. In fact, the points with polar coordinates $(1, 120^\circ)$ and $(1, 60^\circ)$ are reflections of each other along the *y*-axis, and this reflection maps (x, y) to (-x, y); see the figure below where the points are marked in blue and red.



a) We have that $\omega = 1 \cdot (\cos 120^\circ + i \sin(120^\circ)) = -1/2 + i\sqrt{3}/2$. To express ω^2 in this form, we could use the polar coordinates $(1, 240^\circ)$ of ω^2 , and $\cos(240^\circ) = \cos(-120^\circ) = \cos(120^\circ) = -1/2$ and $\sin(240^\circ) = \sin(-120^\circ) = -\sin(120^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}/2$ to obtain

$$\omega^2 = 1 \cdot (\cos 240^\circ + i \sin(240^\circ)) = -1/2 - i\sqrt{3}/2$$

Alternatively, we could use multiplication to find ω^2 :

$$\omega^2 = (-1/2 + i\sqrt{3}/2)^2 = 1/4 - 2i\sqrt{3}/4 + 3i^2/4 = -1/2 - i\sqrt{3}/2$$

The complex numbers 1, ω and ω^2 are shown on the figure above.

b) To solve the equation $x^3 = 1$, we write $1 = e^{i \cdot 0^\circ}$ since 1 has polar coordinates $(1, 0^\circ)$. Let (r, θ) be the polar coordinates of x, then $x^3 = r^3 e^{3\theta}$, and $x^3 = 1$ can be written

$$r^3 e^{3\theta} = 1 \cdot e^{i \cdot 0^\circ} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^3 = 1 \text{ and } 3\theta = 0^\circ + k \cdot 360^\circ$$

This gives r = 1 and $\theta = k \cdot 120^{\circ}$, and k = 0, 1, 2 give the three distinct solutions of $x^3 = 1$. Hence the solutions are x = 1, $x = \omega$, and $x = \omega^2$ (for k = 0, 1, 2). For the second part, assume that z^* is one solution of the equation $x^3 = -i$. Then we have that

$$(z^*\omega)^3 = (z^*)^3\omega^3 = -i \cdot 1 = -i, \quad (z^*\omega^2)^3 = (z^*)^3\omega^6 = -i \cdot 1 = -i$$

Since the third order equation $x^3 = -i$ has three complex roots, the roots must be z^* , $z^*\omega$, and $z^*\omega^2$.

c) We have that $(2+i)^2 = (4+4i-1) = 3+4i$, and therefore that

$$(2+i)^3 = (2+i)^2(2+i) = (3+4i)(2+i) = 6+8i+3i+4i^2 = 2+11i$$

This means that 2 + i is one solution of $x^3 = 2 + 11i$, and by the same argument as in b) it follows that the three complex solutions of $x^3 = 2 + 11i$ are given by (2 + i), $(2 + i)\omega$, and $(2 + i)\omega^2$. We can express $(2 + i)\omega$ and $(2 + i)\omega^2$ as

$$(2+i)(-1/2+i\sqrt{3}/2) = -1 - i/2 + i\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}/2 = (-1 - \sqrt{3}/2) + i(\sqrt{3} - 1/2)$$
$$(2+i)(-1/2 - i\sqrt{3}/2) = -1 - i/2 - i\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}/2 = (-1 + \sqrt{3}/2) + i(-\sqrt{3} - 1/2)$$

d) Recall that when a is a real number, we have defined $\sqrt[3]{a}$ to be the unique real number x such that $x^3 = a$. There is no definition of this kind for the third root of a complex number a + ib with $b \neq 0$. We must therefore interpret $\sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt{-121}} = \sqrt[3]{2 + 11i}$ as any complex solution of $x^3 = 2 + 11i$, and interpret $\sqrt[3]{2 - \sqrt{-121}} = \sqrt[3]{2 - 11i}$ as any complex solution of $x^3 = 2 - 11i$. According to Cardano's formula, the solutions of $x^3 = 15x + 4$ can be written x = u + v, where u is a solution of the equation $u^3 = 2 + 11i$ and v is a solution of $v^3 = 2 - 11i$. We solved the first equation in c). Using the results we obtained there, we see that the possible values for u are

$$u_1 = 2 + i$$
, $u_2 = (-1 - \sqrt{3}/2) + i(\sqrt{3} - 1/2)$, $u_3 = (-1 + \sqrt{3}/2) + i(-\sqrt{3} - 1/2)$

In a similar way, solve $v^3 = 2 - 11i$ to find possible values of v. To compute these solutions, notice that $2 - 11i = \overline{2 + 11i}$ is the complex conjugate of 2 + 11i. This means that if u is a solution of $u^3 = 2 + 11i$, then $v = \overline{u}$ gives

$$v^3 = \overline{u}^3 = \overline{u^3} = \overline{2+11i} = 2-11i$$

Hence the possible values for v are the complex conjugates of u_1 , u_2 , and u_3 , given by

 $v_1 = \overline{u_1} = 2-i$, $v_2 = \overline{u_2} = (-1-\sqrt{3}/2)+i(-\sqrt{3}+1/2)$, $v_3 = \overline{u_3} = (-1+\sqrt{3}/2)+i(\sqrt{3}+1/2)$ We could also have computed the solutions by multiplying $v_1 = 2-i$ with $1, \omega, \omega^2$, and we see that $v_2 = \omega^2 v_1$ and $v_3 = \omega v_1$. Since x = u + v, we can combine the different possible values for u and v. But notice that according to the argument behind Cardano's formula, we must have $u \cdot v = p/3 = 15/3 = 5$. This means that we get the solutions

$$x_1 = u_1 + v_1 = 4$$

$$x_2 = u_2 + v_2 = -2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$x_3 = u_3 + v_3 = -2 + \sqrt{3}$$

since $u_1 \cdot v_1 = (2+i)(2-i) = 4+1 = 5$, and therefore $u_2v_2 = u_1\omega \cdot v_1\omega^2 = 5\omega^3 = 5$ and $u_3v_3 = u_1\omega^2 \cdot v_1\omega = 5\omega^3 = 5$. The three complex solutions of $x^3 = 15x + 4$ are therefore

$$x_1 = 4$$
, $x_2 = -2 - \sqrt{3}$, $x_3 = -2 + \sqrt{3}$

Question 3.

See the next page for the python code for the functions rank and pivots. We get the following results when using these function on the matrices A and B:

- a) $\operatorname{rk}(A) = 2$ and $\operatorname{rk}(B) = 3$
- b) The pivot positions of A are (1, 1), (2, 2). The pivot positions of B are (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3).

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[1]: # Python code: Gaussian elimination
     import numpy as np
[2]: # Elementary row operations
     def Rswitch(matrix,i,j):
         r = matrix[i-1].copy()
         matrix[i-1] = matrix[j-1]
         matrix[j-1] = r
         return(matrix)
     def Rmult(matrix,i,c):
         matrix[i-1]=matrix[i-1]*c
         return(matrix)
     def Radd(matrix,i,j,c):
         matrix[j-1]=matrix[j-1] + c*matrix[i-1]
         return(matrix)
[3]: # Rank
     def rank(matrix):
         # check the number of rows
         if matrix.shape[0]==0:
             return(0)
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if matrix.shape[1]==0:
    return(0)
# get the leftmost column, nonzero positions
lcol = matrix[:,0]
nz = np.arange(lcol.size)[lcol != 0]
# when zero column, move to next column, if any
if nz.size==0:
    return(rank(matrix[:,1:]))
# find first non-zero entry in column
p=nz[0]
if p!=0:
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Rswitch(matrix,1,p+1)
         # get zeros under the pivot
         for r in range(1,lcol.size):
             Radd(matrix,1,r+1,-matrix[r,0]/matrix[0,0])
         return(1+rank(matrix[1:,1:]))
[4]: # Pivots
     def pivots(matrix):
         r = rank(matrix)
         pivots = []
         for i in range(r):
             row = matrix[i]
             c = np.arange(row.size)[row != 0][0]
             pivots.append((i+1,c+1))
         return(pivots)
[5]: # Some tests that you can run
     A = np.array([[1,1,1,3,-1],[1,2,4,7,3],[2,3,5,10,2]])
     B = np.array([[1,3,1],[1,4,3],[2,3,5],[-1,10,2]])
[6]: rank(A)
[6]: 2
[7]: rank(B)
[7]: 3
[8]: pivots(A)
[8]: [(1, 1), (2, 2)]
[9]: pivots(B)
[9]: [(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)]
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