

PROBLEM 1

Let a, b and c be arbitrary real numbers. We consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (7, 1, -3)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (4, b, c)$.

1. Let $a = 0$. Determine on standard parametric form the general solution to the matrix equation

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_1.$$

2. Let $a = 2$. Determine the values of b and c for which the matrix equation

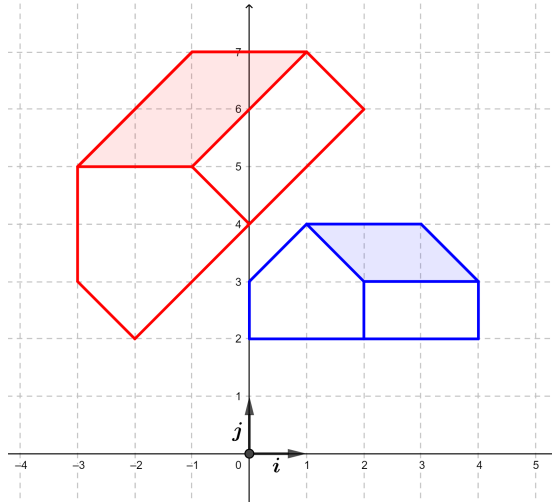
$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_2$$

has solutions.

PROBLEM 2

Let G_2 denote the set of vectors in a 2D plane that are positioned from the origin in a standard $(O, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j})$ coordinate system in which the standard basis (\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}) is denoted e .

A linear map $f : G_2 \rightarrow G_2$ is below illustrated as follows: A blue point P with position vector \overrightarrow{OP} is mapped to a red point which is the end point of $f(\overrightarrow{OP})$. The red figure is in this way the image by f of the blue figure.



We consider the vectors \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 given by ${}_e\mathbf{v}_1 = (3, 4)$ and ${}_e\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 2)$.

1. Justify that the vector set $\nu = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ is a new basis for G^2 . Determine the change-of-basis matrix ${}_e\mathbf{M}_\nu$.
2. State the image vectors $f(\mathbf{v}_1)$ and $f(\mathbf{v}_2)$, and determine the mapping matrices ${}_e\mathbf{F}_\nu$ and ${}_e\mathbf{F}_e$ of f .
3. A vector \mathbf{w} is given by ${}_e\mathbf{w} = (1, 4)$. Compute the angle between \mathbf{w} and its image $f(\mathbf{w})$. Justify that the angle between an arbitrary other proper vector and its image vector is identical to the angle between \mathbf{w} and $f(\mathbf{w})$.

PROBLEM 3

The characteristic polynomial of a real 3×3 matrix \mathbf{A} is given on fully factorized form:

$$P(\lambda) = (\lambda + 2) \cdot \left(\lambda - 1 + \frac{i}{2} \right) \cdot \left(\lambda - 1 - \frac{i}{2} \right), \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

1. State the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} .
2. We are furthermore informed that the vector $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ belongs to the eigenspace E_{-2} , and that the vector $\mathbf{u}_2 = (0, i, -1)$ belongs to the eigenspace $E_{1-\frac{i}{2}}$. Based on this, state $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1$ and $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2$.
3. State a 3×3 matrix that matches the above information about \mathbf{A} .

PROBLEM 4

We are given the matrix

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

1. Compute the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , and provide for each of them a corresponding proper eigenvector.

An inhomogeneous system of linear differential equations is given by

$$\begin{aligned}x_1'(t) + 3x_1(t) &= -1 + 6t \\x_2'(t) - 4x_1(t) + 2x_2(t) &= -8t.\end{aligned}$$

2. Determine the general solution to the homogeneous system of differential equations that corresponds to the above given inhomogeneous system.
3. A particular solution $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$ to the given inhomogeneous system of differential equations exists so that $x_1(t) = at + b$ and $x_2(t) = ct + d$. Substitute this guess on a particular solution into the system of differential equations and determine in this way the numbers a, b, c and d .
4. Use the results from questions 2 and 3 to determine the general solution to the given inhomogeneous system of differential equations.

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