

Complete Solutions to Exercises 7.4

Provide solutions for questions 10 and 11.

1. (a) We are given the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and we need to find an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} which diagonalizes this matrix. The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of matrix \mathbf{A} are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal and are also have a norm of 1 so we do **not** need to normalize them. Thus

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

Check that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ where $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}$:

$$\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}$$

Note that matrix \mathbf{A} is already a diagonal matrix so no surprise that the orthogonal diagonalizing matrix is the identity matrix.

(b) We are given the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Need to find the eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since \mathbf{A} is a symmetric matrix therefore eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal. *Is the orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v})$?*

No because \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are not normalized. We need to normalize these eigenvectors. *How? By dividing by the norm (length). What is the norm of \mathbf{u} equal to?*

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2$$

This is the norm squared $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = 2$, so taking the square root of both sides gives $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2}$. Similarly we have

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$$

Thus $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{2}$. *What are our perpendicular unit eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} equal to?*

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence our orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Checking that $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{D}$:

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Similarly we are given $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and we need to find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 3, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Again we need to normalize the eigenvectors:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2$$

Thus $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2}$ and similarly we have $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{2}$. Therefore our orthonormal eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence our orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Checking that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$ with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}:$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) We need to find an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} that diagonalizes $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 12 \\ 12 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$. First we determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = 13, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = -13, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalising these eigenvectors gives

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 3^2 + 2^2 = 13$$

Hence $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{13}$. Similarly we have $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{13}$. Our orthonormal eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our orthogonal vector is $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Checking that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 12 \\ 12 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 39 & 26 \\ 26 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 0 \\ 0 & -13 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 39 & 26 \\ 26 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. The working out is very similar to question 1.

(a) We are given matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Determining the eigenvalues and eigenvectors gives

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 10, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalising the eigenvector \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} yields:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^2 + 3^2 = 10$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3^2 + 1^2 = 10$$

Taking the square root of both the norm squares gives $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{10}$ and $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{10}$. What are the orthonormal (perpendicular unit) eigenvectors?

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. We can check $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Similarly for $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ we have

$$\lambda_1 = 4, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

What else do we need to do?

Normalize the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} :

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = 2^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 = 6$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = (\sqrt{2})^2 + (-2)^2 = 6$$

Taking the square root of both sides gives $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{6}$. What are the perpendicular unit eigenvectors?

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Our orthogonal matrix is given by $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$. Checking $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & \sqrt{2} \\ 4\sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & \sqrt{2} \\ 4\sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) We need to find an orthogonal matrix which diagonalizes $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. The

eigenvectors and eigenvalues of this matrix are:

$$\lambda_1 = -6, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = -2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

We need to normalize the eigenvectors. *How?*

By dividing each vector by its norm:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = (-3)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 = 12$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = (\sqrt{3})^2 + 3^2 = 12$$

By taking the square root we have $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{12}$. What are the normalized eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} equal to?

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence the orthogonal vector is $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. We can check $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} 18 & -2\sqrt{3} \\ -6\sqrt{3} & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \begin{pmatrix} 18 & -2\sqrt{3} \\ -6\sqrt{3} & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) For the given matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{12} \\ \sqrt{12} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ we need to find an orthogonal matrix which

diagonalizes \mathbf{A} . First we find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{12} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 7, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{12} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Normalising the eigenvectors gives:

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{12} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{12} \end{pmatrix} = (-2)^2 + (\sqrt{12})^2 = 16$$

We have $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = 16$. Taking the square root gives $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 4$. Similarly we have $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 4$.

Normalized eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{12} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{12} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is the orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} equal to?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}) &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & \sqrt{12} \\ \sqrt{12} & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 2 \end{pmatrix} && [\text{Because } \sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \times 3} = 2\sqrt{3}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} && [\text{Taking out 2 and} \\ &&& \text{writing } 2/4 = 1/2] \end{aligned}$$

Checking that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$ with $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{12} \\ \sqrt{12} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 7 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. (a) We are given the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Since \mathbf{A} is a diagonal matrix so the

orthogonal matrix is the identity matrix \mathbf{I} . The matrix has eigenvalues 1, 2 and 3. Thus the orthogonal matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Checking that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}$. The diagonal matrix is the given matrix \mathbf{A} .

(b) Steps 1 and 2: We are given the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues and

corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 0, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_3 = 6, \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: We need to check that the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal since they belong to the same eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$. We have

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \times 1) + (1 \times (-1)) + (-2 \times 0) = 0$$

Because $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ therefore \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal.

Step 4: We need to normalize these eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5: Since the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are orthonormal vectors therefore

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 6: By using MATLAB or otherwise you can check that we have

$$\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Steps 1 and 2: For the given matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ we have

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 0, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_3 = 2, \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: We need to check that the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal since they belong to the same eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$. We have

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \times 0) + (0 \times 1) + (0 \times (-1)) = 0$$

Because $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ therefore the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal.

Step 4: The eigenvector \mathbf{u} is already normalized but we need to normalize \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} :

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2$$

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$$

Taking the square root gives $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{2}$ and $\|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{2}$. Normalized eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5: The orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{w}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Taking out } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and} \\ \text{rewriting } 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Step 6: You may like to check that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ where \mathbf{D} is the diagonal matrix given by

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. (a) Steps 1 and 2:

We are given the symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and we first find the eigenvalues and

the corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_3 = 5, \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: This time the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **not** orthogonal because

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (-2 \times 2) + (1 \times (-3)) + (1 \times 1) = -6 \quad (*)$$

We need to convert \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , eigenvectors belonging to the same eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$, into an orthogonal set of vectors. *How?*

By applying the Gram Schmidt Process (4-10) which is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_1 &= \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1 \quad (**) \end{aligned}$$

What is $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1$ and $\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2$ equal to?

Since $\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u}$ therefore $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -6$. What is $\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2$ equal to?

$$\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (-2)^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 6 \quad (\dagger)$$

Substituting $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = -6$ and $\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = 6$ into $\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1$ gives

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{-6}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + (-2) \\ -3 + 1 \\ 1 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can ignore the scalar 2 in \mathbf{q}_2 and normalize $\mathbf{q}_2^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Now \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2^* and \mathbf{w} are orthogonal. (Check by finding the dot product.)

What else do we need to do in order to find the orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} ?

Step 4: Need to normalize \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2^* and \mathbf{w} :

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|} \mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{By } (\dagger) \|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = 6 \\ \text{and } \|\mathbf{q}_1\| = \sqrt{6} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_2\|} \mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5: Our orthonormal vectors are \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2^* and \mathbf{w} . Thus

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \mathbf{q}_2^* \quad \mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} -2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 6: You can check that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ where \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix by using MATLAB. MATLAB instructions are as follows:

A=[1 2 2; 2 1 2; 2 2 1]

A =

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1  2  2
2  1  2
2  2  1
```


$$Q = [-2/\sqrt{6} \ 0 \ 1/\sqrt{3}; 1/\sqrt{6} \ -1/\sqrt{2} \ 1/\sqrt{3}; 1/\sqrt{6} \ 1/\sqrt{2} \ 1/\sqrt{3}]$$

Q =

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.8165 & 0 & 0.5774 \\ 0.4082 & -0.7071 & 0.5774 \\ 0.4082 & 0.7071 & 0.5774 \end{bmatrix}$$

>> Q'*A*Q

ans =

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.0000 & -0.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0 & -1.0000 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5.0000 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we have the diagonal matrix **D** with the entries on the leading diagonal as the eigenvalues of the matrix **A**.

(b) Steps 1 and 2:

We are given the symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ which is matrix in part (a) but with the

1's and 2's interchanged. The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this matrix are

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = 1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_3 = 4, \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: Again the eigenvectors **u** and **v** belonging to the same eigenvalue are **not** orthogonal because

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^2 + 0 + 0 = 1 \quad (\dagger)$$

Need to use the Gram Schmidt Process to convert these **u** and **v** into orthogonal vectors:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1$$

Since $\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u}$ therefore $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1$. Also

By (\dagger)

$$\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 2$$

Substituting $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = 1$ and $\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = 2$ into $\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1+1/2 \\ 0-1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Now \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2 and \mathbf{w} are orthogonal. (You may check by showing the dot product is zero.)

Step 4: Need to normalize \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2 and \mathbf{w} :

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|} \mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left[\text{Because } \|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = 2 \right]$$

Remember for normalising we can ignore the fraction. For normalising \mathbf{q}_2 we ignore the $1/2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_2^* &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_2^*\|} \mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{w} &= \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Step 5: Our orthonormal vectors are \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2^* and \mathbf{w} . Thus

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2^* & \mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 6: You can check that $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ where \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix by using MATLAB. MATLAB instructions are as follows:

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A=[2 1 1; 1 2 1; 1 1 2]
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```
A =
```

```
2    1    1
1    2    1
1    1    2
```

```
>> Q=[-1/sqrt(2) -1/sqrt(6) 1/sqrt(3); 1/sqrt(2) -1/sqrt(6) 1/sqrt(3); 0 2/sqrt(6) 1/sqrt(3)]
```

```
Q =
```

```
-0.7071 -0.4082 0.5774
0.7071 -0.4082 0.5774
0 0.8165 0.5774
```

```
>> Q'*A*Q
```

```
ans =
```

```
1.0000    0    0
0 1.0000 0.0000
0    0 4.0000
```

(c) Steps 1 and 2:

We are given the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_1 = -9, \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -9, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_3 = 0, \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3:

Check the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} belonging to the same eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -9$ are orthogonal:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = (-1 \times 1) + (1 \times 0) + (0 \times (-2)) = -1 \quad (\odot)$$

Thus \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **not** orthogonal so we need to use the Gram Schmidt Process to place these into an orthogonal set \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 say:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Similar to solutions to parts (a) and (b) above we have

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -1 \quad [\text{By } (\odot)]$$

$$\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 2$$

Substituting $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = -1$ and $\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2 = 2$ into (*) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|^2} \mathbf{q}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{-1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-1/2 \\ 0+1/2 \\ -2+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the vectors \mathbf{q}_1 and \mathbf{q}_2 are a basis for the eigenspace E_{-9} .

Step 4:

We need to normalize our orthogonal set of vectors \mathbf{q}_1 , \mathbf{q}_2 and \mathbf{w} .

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_1\|} \mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remember to normalize \mathbf{q}_2 we can remove the fraction and normalize \mathbf{q}_2^* where \mathbf{q}_2^* is the vector \mathbf{q}_2 but without the $1/2$. What is the norm of \mathbf{q}_2^* ?

$$\|\mathbf{q}_2^*\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 1^2 + 1^2 + (-4)^2 = 18$$

Taking the square root of both sides gives $\|\mathbf{q}_2^*\| = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$. We have

$$\mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{q}_2^*\|} \mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The norm squared of \mathbf{w} is

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 = 9$$

Taking the square root gives $\|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{9} = 3$. The normalized vector is

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5: Form the matrix \mathbf{Q} whose columns are the orthonormal vectors $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$\mathbf{q}_2^* = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} :$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{q}_1 \quad \mathbf{q}_2^* \quad \mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/3\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/3\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 0 & -4/3\sqrt{2} & 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 6: Check that $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ by using MATLAB.

```
>> A=[-5 4 2; 4 -5 2; 2 2 -8]
```

```
A =
```

```
-5   4   2
  4  -5   2
  2   2  -8
```

```
>> Q=[-1/sqrt(2) 1/(3*sqrt(2)) 2/3; 1/sqrt(2) 1/(3*sqrt(2)) 2/3; 0 -4/(3*sqrt(2)) 1/3]
```

```
Q =
```

```
-0.7071   0.2357   0.6667
 0.7071   0.2357   0.6667
 0 -0.9428   0.3333
```

```
>> Q'*A*Q
```

```
ans =
```

```
-9.0000    0    0
 0 -9.0000    0
 0  0.0000  0.0000
```

5. The matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is identical to the matrix of question 1(b).

Our orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} was given by $\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

To find the powers of matrix \mathbf{A} we use the formula $\mathbf{A}^m = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}^m\mathbf{Q}^T$ where \mathbf{D} is the diagonal matrix whose leading diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , that is $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{10} &= \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}^{10}\mathbf{Q}^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{10} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{2^{10}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2^9 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2^9 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^9 \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

To prove that $\mathbf{A}^m = 2^{m-1} \mathbf{A}$ we use the above with m in place of 10.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^m &= \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}^m\mathbf{Q}^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{2^m}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2^{m-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^{m-1} \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

6. We need to prove that if \mathbf{A} is a diagonal matrix then orthogonal diagonalizing matrix $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$.

Proof.

Let \mathbf{A} be a diagonal matrix and if $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ then

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}$$

Therefore the identity matrix \mathbf{I} **orthogonally** diagonalizes \mathbf{A} . Thus our orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$. ■

7 (a) We need to prove that the zero matrix \mathbf{O} is orthogonally diagonalizable.

Proof.

The eigenvalues λ of the zero matrix \mathbf{O} is given by

$$\det(\mathbf{O} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0 \text{ which gives } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \cdots = \lambda_n = 0$$

The corresponding eigenvectors for these $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \cdots = \lambda_n = 0$ are

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The orthogonal matrix is $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n) = \mathbf{I}$. Thus

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{OQ} = \mathbf{I}^{-1}\mathbf{OI} = \mathbf{OI} = \mathbf{O}$$

Thus the zero matrix \mathbf{O} is diagonalizable.

We could also use the result of question 6 above since \mathbf{O} is a diagonal matrix. ■

(b) We need to prove that the identity matrix \mathbf{I} is orthogonally diagonalizable.

Proof.

Since the identity matrix is a diagonal matrix therefore we can use the result of question 6 to deduce that the identity matrix is diagonalizable and the orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$. ■

8. We need to show that $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ is diagonalizable and find the orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} .

Since \mathbf{A} is a symmetric matrix therefore by Theorem (7-20) we conclude that the matrix \mathbf{A} is orthogonally diagonalizable. The eigenvalues of matrix \mathbf{A} are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ b & c - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (a - \lambda)(c - \lambda) - b^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 - (a + c)\lambda + ac - b^2 = 0 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We have a quadratic equation which we can solve by using the quadratic equation formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{(a + c) \pm \sqrt{(a + c)^2 - 4(ac - b^2)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(a + c) \pm \sqrt{a^2 + c^2 + 2ac - 4ac + 4b^2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(a + c) \pm \sqrt{a^2 + c^2 - 2ac + 4b^2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(a + c) \pm \sqrt{(a - c)^2 + 4b^2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus we have } \lambda_1 = \frac{(a + c) + \sqrt{(a - c)^2 + 4b^2}}{2} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = \frac{(a + c) - \sqrt{(a - c)^2 + 4b^2}}{2}.$$

What are the eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} equal to?

Let \mathbf{u} be the eigenvector for λ_1 then:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda_1 & b \\ b & c - \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have the simultaneous equations:

$$(a - \lambda_1)x + by = 0$$

$$bx + (c - \lambda_1)y = 0$$

Solving these for x and y gives $x = b$, $y = \lambda_1 - a$ because substituting these $x = b$, $y = \lambda_1 - a$ into the above equations gives

$$(a - \lambda_1)x + by = (a - \lambda_1)b + b(\lambda_1 - a) = 0$$

$$bx + (c - \lambda_1)y = bb + (c - \lambda_1)(\lambda_1 - a)$$

$$= b^2 + c\lambda_1 - ca - \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_1 a$$

$$= -(\lambda_1^2 - (c + a)\lambda_1 + ca - b^2) = 0$$

By (*)

Thus $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix}$. Similarly let \mathbf{v} be the eigenvector for λ_2 then

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I})\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda_2 & b \\ b & c - \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives the simultaneous equations

$$(a - \lambda_2)x + by = 0$$

$$bx + (c - \lambda_2)y = 0$$

Solving these gives $x = \lambda_2 - c$, $y = b$ because substituting these $x = \lambda_2 - c$, $y = b$ into the above equations gives

$$(a - \lambda_2)x + by = (a - \lambda_2)(\lambda_2 - c) + bb$$

$$= a\lambda_2 - ac - \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_2 c + b^2$$

$$= -(\lambda_2^2 - (a + c)\lambda_2 + ac - b^2) = 0$$

By (*)

$$b(\lambda_2 - c) + (c - \lambda_2)b = 0$$

Hence the eigenvector is $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix}$.

We need to show that the eigenvectors are orthogonal because we **may** have a repeated eigenvalue such as $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix} = b(\lambda_2 - c) + (\lambda_1 - a)b \\ &= b(\lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - (a + c)) \end{aligned} \quad (**)$$

How do we show this is zero?

By using the hint which was

$$x^2 + px + q = 0 \text{ has roots } a \text{ and } b \text{ then } a + b = -p$$

and (*) from above

$$\lambda^2 - (a + c)\lambda + ac - b^2 = 0 \quad (*)$$

has the roots λ_1 and λ_2 . Therefore $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = a + c$ and substituting this into (**) we have

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = b(\lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - (a + c)) = b(0) = 0$$

Hence \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are orthogonal set of vectors. We need to normalize these eigenvectors:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= b^2 + (\lambda_1 - a)^2\end{aligned}$$

Taking the square root gives the norm $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{b^2 + (\lambda_1 - a)^2}$. The normalized vector is

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2 + (\lambda_1 - a)^2}} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ \lambda_1 - a \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly we normalize the eigenvector \mathbf{v} :

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda_2 - c)^2 + b^2$$

Taking the square root of both sides gives the norm $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{(\lambda_2 - c)^2 + b^2}$.

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\lambda_2 - c)^2 + b^2}} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 - c \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

What is our orthogonal vector which diagonalizes the given matrix \mathbf{A} ?

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + (\lambda_1 - a)^2}} & \frac{\lambda_2 - c}{\sqrt{(\lambda_2 - c)^2 + b^2}} \\ \frac{\lambda_1 - a}{\sqrt{b^2 + (\lambda_1 - a)^2}} & \frac{b}{\sqrt{(\lambda_2 - c)^2 + b^2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

9. We need to prove that if \mathbf{Q} orthogonally diagonalizes the matrix \mathbf{A} then \mathbf{Q} also diagonalizes the matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} .

Proof.

We have $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$ because \mathbf{Q} diagonalizes the matrix \mathbf{A} . Taking the inverse of both sides we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{D}^{-1} &= (\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} (\mathbf{Q}^T)^{-1} && \left[\text{Because } (\mathbf{ABC})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \right] \\ &= \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} (\mathbf{Q}^{-1})^{-1} && \left[\text{Since } \mathbf{Q} \text{ is orthogonal so } \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^T \right] \\ &= \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} && \left[\text{Because } (\mathbf{Q}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{Q} \right]\end{aligned}$$

We have $\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}^{-1}$ where \mathbf{D}^{-1} is the diagonal matrix with the leading diagonal entries $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}, \frac{1}{\lambda_3}, \dots$ and $\frac{1}{\lambda_n}$ which are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}^{-1} . Thus \mathbf{Q} orthogonally diagonalizes the matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} . ■

10. We need to prove that (7-17) which claims:

Let \mathbf{A} be a symmetric matrix with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ and corresponding eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots$ and \mathbf{v}_n . Then these eigenvectors are orthogonal.

We prove this result by induction. The 3 steps of induction are:

1. Check the result is correct for some base case $n = k_0$.
2. Assume the result is true for $n = k$.
3. Prove the result for $n = k + 1$ by using steps 1 and 2.

Proof.

Step 1:

For $n = 2$ the result is true because of:

Proposition (7-16). Let \mathbf{A} be a symmetric matrix. If λ_1 and λ_2 are *distinct* eigenvalues of matrix \mathbf{A} then their corresponding eigenvectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} respectively are orthogonal.

Step 2:

Assume the result is true for $n = k$:

The eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ which belong to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ are orthogonal.

Step 3:

Required to prove this result for $n = k + 1$. We need to prove:

The eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}$ which belong to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k+1}$ are orthogonal.

Consider $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{v}_{k+1}$. By step 2 we know that the eigenvectors

$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are orthogonal. Since the eigenvalue λ_{k+1} associated with \mathbf{v}_{k+1} is *distinct* from each of the other eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ so by step 1 the eigenvector \mathbf{v}_{k+1} is orthogonal to each of the eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$. This is our required result. ■