

1. In each instance we will compare the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  ( $C(A)$ ) to that of  $B$ . They must agree if the matrices are to be similar.

(a)  $p(A) = x^2 - 4x + 3 \neq x^2 - 2x - 3 = p(B)$ .

(b)  $p(A) = x^2 - 5x + 6 \neq x^2 - 6x + 6 = p(B)$ .

(c)  $p(A) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 2 \neq x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 6 = p(B)$ .

(d)  $p(A) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 12x - 11 \neq x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 11 = p(B)$ .

2. For a pair of matrices to be similar the determinants and characteristic polynomials must be the same.

(a)  $\det(A) = 3 \neq 2 = \det(B)$

(b)  $\det(A) = -4 = \det(B)$ , but  $p(A) = \lambda^2 + \lambda - 4 \neq \lambda^2 - \lambda - 4 = p(B)$ .

(c)  $\det(A) = 1 \neq -8 = \det(B)$

(d)  $\det(A) = -24 \neq 0 = \det(B)$

3. In each case we have  $A^3 = (PDP^{(-1)})(PDP^{(-1)})(PDP^{(-1)}) = PD^3P^{(-1)}$ .

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{26}{5} & -\frac{14}{5} \\ -\frac{21}{5} & \frac{19}{5} \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{5} & -\frac{8}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{6}{5} \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

4. (a) The technique is described in part (b). The result is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -6 \\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) It would be easy to simply use  $A^3$  from Exercise 3(b) and multiply by  $A$ . However, we don't explicitly have  $A$ . Alternatively,

$$A^4 = PD^4P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -15 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) The technique is described in part (b). The result is

$$A^4 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (d) The technique is described in part (b). The result is

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. They are all diagonalizable with  $P$  and  $D$  as follows.

(a)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

6. (a)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (b)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- (c)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (d)  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Only the matrices in parts (a) and (c) are positive definite.

- (a)  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- (c)  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

8. The matrix will be positive definite if and only if the all the principle leading submatrices have a positive determinant. Let  $A_n$  denote the  $n \times n$  principle leading submatrix of  $A$ .

- (a)  $\det(A_1) = 4$ ,  $\det(A_2) = 12$ , and  $\det(A) = 44$ , so  $A$  is positive definite. A factorization  $D = Q^t A Q$  has

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{10}}{10} & \frac{\sqrt{10}}{10} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 + \sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 - \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b)  $\det(A) = 0$  so  $A$  is not positive definite.
- (c)  $\det(A) = -5$  so  $A$  is not positive definite.
- (d)  $\det(A_1) = 8$ ,  $\det(A_2) = 48$ ,  $\det(A_3) = 352$ , and  $\det(A) = 2736$ , so  $A$  is positive definite. A factorization  $D = Q^t A Q$  has, approximately,

$$Q^t = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6005 & -0.6005 & -0.4496 & -0.2770 \\ -0.7071 & 0.7071 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.2844 & 0.2844 & -0.8906 & 0.2122 \\ -0.2419 & -0.2419 & 0.0688 & 0.9371 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 13.9587 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.4841 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7.5572 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. In each case the matrix fails to have 3 linearly independent eigenvectors.

- (a)  $\det(A) = 12$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular.
- (b)  $\det(A) = -1$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular.
- (c)  $\det(A) = 12$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular.
- (d)  $\det(A) = 1$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular.

10. (a) The matrix is clearly singular because it has a row (and a column) all of whose entries are 0. However, the eigenvalues of  $A$ , which are  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 3$  are distinct so the corresponding eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (0, 0, 1)^t$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^t$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3 = (1, -1, 0)^t$ , can be used to form the columns of the matrix  $P$  with  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . The matrix  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries in the order 0, 1, and 3.

(b) The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 3$ , so  $A$  is singular. However, there are three linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ . The eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 1, 1)^t$ , corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , and the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (1, 0, -1)^t$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3 = (1, -1, 0)^t$ , corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3$ . These eigenvectors can be used to form the columns of the matrix  $P$  with  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . The matrix  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries in the order 0, 3, and 3.

11. (a) The eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors are  
 $\lambda_1 = 5.307857563$ ,  $(0.59020967, 0.51643129, 0.62044441)^t$ ;  
 $\lambda_2 = -0.4213112993$ ,  $(0.77264234, -0.13876278, -0.61949069)^t$ ;  
 $\lambda_3 = -0.1365462647$ ,  $(0.23382978, -0.84501102, 0.48091581)^t$ .

(b)  $A$  is not positive definite because  $\lambda_2 < 0$  and  $\lambda_3 < 0$ .

12. Since  $B$  is nonsingular,  $B^{-1}$  exists and

$$AB = I \cdot (AB) = (B^{-1}B)(AB) = B^{-1}(BA)B.$$

So  $AB$  is similar to  $BA$ .

13. Because  $A$  is similar to  $B$  and  $B$  is similar to  $C$  there exist invertible matrices  $S$  and  $T$  with  $A = S^{-1}BS$  and  $B = T^{-1}CT$ . Hence  $A$  is similar to  $C$  because

$$A = S^{-1}BS = S^{-1}(T^{-1}CT)S = (S^{-1}T^{-1})C(TS) = (TS)^{-1}C(TS).$$

14. Suppose that  $A = PBP^{-1}$ .

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A) &= \det(PBP^{-1}) = \det(P) \det(B) \det(P^{-1}) \\ &= \det(P) \det(P^{-1}) \det(B) = \det(PP^{-1}) \det(B) = \det(I) \det(B) = \det(B).\end{aligned}$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned}p(A) &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \det(PBP^{-1} - \lambda P \cdot I \cdot P^{-1}) \\ &= \det(P) \det(B - \lambda I) \det(P^{-1}) = \det(B - \lambda I) = p(B).\end{aligned}$$

(c) The characteristic polynomials of  $A$  and  $B$  agree, so  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues. The matrix  $A$  is singular if and only if 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , which is true if and only if 0 is an eigenvalue of  $B$ . So  $A$  is nonsingular if and only if  $B$  is nonsingular.

(d) We have

$$A^{-1} = (PBP^{-1})^{-1} = (P^{-1})^{-1}B^{-1}P^{-1} = PB^{-1}P^{-1}.$$

So  $A^{-1}$  is similar to  $B^{-1}$ .

(e) We have

$$A^t = (PBP^{-1})^t = (P^{-1})^t B^t P^t = (P^t)^{-1} B^t P^t.$$

Since  $P$  is invertible if and only if  $P^t$  is invertible,  $A^t$  is similar to  $B^t$ .

15. The matrix  $A$  has an eigenvalue of multiplicity 1 at  $\lambda_1 = 3$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{s}_1 = (0, 1, 1)^t$ , and an eigenvalue of multiplicity 2 at  $\lambda_2 = 2$  with linearly independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{s}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^t$  and  $\mathbf{s}_3 = (-2, 0, 1)^t$ . Let

$$S_1 = \{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_3\}, \quad S_2 = \{\mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_3\}, \quad \text{and} \quad S_3 = \{\mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{s}_3, \mathbf{s}_1\}.$$

Then

$$A = S_1^{-1} D_1 S_1 = S_2^{-1} D_2 S_2 = S_3^{-1} D_3 S_3,$$

so  $A$  is similar to  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ , and  $D_3$ .

16. (i) Let the columns of  $Q$  be denoted by the vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ , which are also the rows of  $Q^t$ . Because  $Q$  is orthogonal,  $(\mathbf{q}_i)^t \cdot \mathbf{q}_j$  is zero when  $i \neq j$  and 1 when  $i = j$ . But the  $ij$ -entry of  $Q^t Q$  is  $(\mathbf{q}_i)^t \cdot \mathbf{q}_j$  for each  $i$  and  $j$  so  $Q^t Q = I$ . Hence  $Q^t = Q^{-1}$ .

(ii) From part (i) we have  $Q^t Q = I$ , so

$$(Q\mathbf{x})^t(Q\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{x}^t Q^t)(Q\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^t(Q^t Q)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^t(I)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^t \mathbf{y}.$$

(iii) This follows from part (ii) with  $\mathbf{x}$  replacing  $\mathbf{y}$ , since then

$$\|Q\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = (Q\mathbf{x})^t(Q\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^t \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2.$$

17. The matrix  $A$  has an eigenvalue of multiplicity 1 at  $\lambda_1 = 3$ , and an eigenvalue of multiplicity 2 at  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . However,  $\lambda_2 = 2$  has only one linearly independent unit eigenvector, so by Theorem 9.13,  $A$  is not similar to a diagonal matrix.

18. Let the columns of  $Q$  be denoted by the vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ , which are also the rows of  $Q^t = Q^{-1}$ . Then  $Q^t Q = I$  is equivalent to having  $(\mathbf{q}_i)^t \cdot \mathbf{q}_j = 0$  when  $i \neq j$  and  $(\mathbf{q}_i)^t \cdot \mathbf{q}_i = 1$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . But this is precisely what is required for the columns of  $Q$  to form an orthonormal set. Hence  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix.
19. The proof of Theorem 9.13 follows by considering the form the diagonal matrix must assume. The matrix  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix  $D$  if and only if an invertible matrix  $S$  exists with  $D = S^{-1}AS$ , which is equivalent to  $AS = SD$ , with  $S$  invertible. Suppose that we have  $AS = SD$  with the columns of  $S$  denoted  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n$  and the diagonal elements of  $D$  denoted  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ . Then  $As_i = d_i \mathbf{s}_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence each  $d_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{s}_i$ . The matrix  $S$  is invertible, and consequently  $A$  is similar to  $D$ , if and only if there are  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors that can be placed in the columns of  $S$ .