

**List 9**

*Linear independence, rank, eigenvalues and eigenvectors*

A collection of vectors is **linearly dependent** if one vector in the collection is a linear combination of the others (that is, a sum of scalar multiples of those vectors); otherwise it is **linearly independent**. A collection of one non-zero vector is always linearly independent.

120. (a) Is the collection  $\{-1, 8, 8\}$  linearly independent?  
 (b) Is the collection  $\{-1, 8, 8, [5, 0, 0]\}$  linearly independent?  
 (c) Is the collection  $\{-1, 8, 8, [5, 0, 0], [3, 1, 3]\}$  linearly independent?  
 (d) Is the collection  $\{-1, 8, 8, [5, 0, 0], [3, 1, 3], [3, -4, 4]\}$  linearly independent?
121. (a) Is the collection  $\{[0, 2, 5]\}$  linearly independent?  
 (b) Is the collection  $\{[0, 2, 5], [1, 1, -4]\}$  linearly independent?  
 (c) Is the collection  $\{[0, 2, 5], [1, 1, -4], [2, 4, -3]\}$  linearly independent?  
 (d) Is the collection  $\{[0, 2, 5], [1, 1, -4], [2, 4, -3], [2, 8, 7]\}$  linearly independent?

The **rank** of a matrix is the maximum number of linearly independent rows in the matrix. This is also the maximum number of linearly independent columns.

122. Give the rank of the following matrices:

(a)  $[-1 \ 8 \ 8]$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

123. Give the rank of the following matrices:

(a)  $[0 \ 2 \ 5]$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

124. Calculate  $\text{rank}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

125. For which values of  $p$  does the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 & p \end{bmatrix}$  have rank 2? For which values does it have rank 3? Rank 1?

126. Find  $\text{rank}(A)$  and  $\det(A)$  for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 1 \\ 7 & 14 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  without a calculator.

127. The rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is 2 and the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  is 3.

How many solutions does the system  $\begin{cases} 4x + y + 5z = 1 \\ 2x + \quad 2z = 2 \\ x - y \quad = 7 \end{cases}$  have?

128. The rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is 2 and the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is also 2.

How many solutions does the system  $\begin{cases} 4x + y + 5z = 6 \\ 2x + \quad \quad 2z = 4 \\ x - y \quad \quad = 4 \end{cases}$  have?

129. The rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is 3 and the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 9 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is also 3.

How many solutions does the system  $\begin{cases} 7x + 2y + 5z = -1 \\ 9x + \quad \quad 3z = 0 \\ 3x - y \quad \quad = 5 \end{cases}$  have?

130. If the numbers  $a, b, c, d$  are such that  $(x, y) = (9, 1)$  is a solution to  $\begin{cases} ax + by = 2 \\ cx + dy = 3 \end{cases}$  but the system  $\begin{cases} ax + by = 4 \\ cx + dy = 9 \end{cases}$  has no solutions, what is the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Let  $M$  be a square matrix. If  $M\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$  with  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  then the vector  $\vec{v}$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $M$  and the number  $s$  is called an **eigenvalue** of  $M$ .

- The eigenvalues of  $M$  are exactly the numbers  $\lambda$  for which  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .
- The determinant of  $M$  is exactly equal to the product of all its eigenvalues.

131. Find the eigenvalues of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

132. Find the eigenvalues of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the eigenvector for each eigenvalue.

133. Find the complex eigenvalues of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

134. Give the determinant and rank of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose eigenvalues are

- (a) 6, -2, and 1.                      (b) 4, 3, and 0.                      (c)  $1 - 4i$ ,  $1 + 4i$ , and 2.

135. If a  $4 \times 4$  matrix of real numbers has  $1 - 2i$  and  $3 + i$  as two of its eigenvalues, find its determinant.

136. If the matrix  $M$  satisfies

$$M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

find the eigenvalues of  $M$ .

137. If a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  of real numbers satisfies

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 + 2i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 + 10i \\ 10i \end{bmatrix},$$

find the (complex) eigenvalues of the matrix and find its determinant.