

- 1) What is the definition of eigenvalue? \_\_\_\_\_ of eigenvector?
- 2) How do we solve for eigenvalues? \_\_\_\_\_ for eigenvectors?
- 3) If a matrix is triangular, are the eigenvalues on the diagonal? Why or why not?

4) What is the Maple output of the Eigenvectors command applied to  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -\frac{10}{125} & \frac{10}{12} \end{bmatrix}$ ?

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7) Do the eigenvectors of  $A$  span the entire space they are inside of ( $\mathbb{R}^2$  for this example)?

8) How can we tell?

9) Fill in the blanks if  $\vec{x}_0$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ :  $\vec{x}_1 = A\vec{x}_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\vec{x}_0$   $\vec{x}_k = A^k\vec{x}_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\vec{x}_0$

10) If the eigenvectors of  $A$  span the entire space, fill in the blanks to write any initial condition  $\vec{x}_0$  as a linear combination of the eigenvectors of  $A$

$$\vec{x}_0 = a_1 \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + a_2 \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

11) If it exists, what is the eigenvector decomposition for  $A$ ?

12) What does the trajectory look like for an initial vector in quadrant 1 that does not begin on either eigenvector? Select one:

- dies off to the origin asymptotic to one eigenvector (dominant eigenvalue  $< 1$ )
- grows asymptotic to one eigenvector (dominant eigenvalue  $> 1$ )
- comes in parallel to one eigenvector with smaller and smaller contributions until we hit the other (dominant eigenvalue = 1)

13) Say that  $A$  represents the changes from one year to the next in a system of foxes ( $x$ -value) and rabbits ( $y$ -value). For most initial conditions, what ratio do the populations tend to in the longrun?

\_\_\_\_\_ foxes to \_\_\_\_\_ rabbits which we get from the dominant eigenvector of \_\_\_\_\_

14) What is the yearly rate (growth rate, die off rate, or stability rate)? Show work.

15) Sketch a by-hand plot of the two eigenvectors. Add to the trajectory plot by selecting a starting position in the 1st quadrant that is not on either eigenvector and following the long-term behavior.