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1. On any given day, a mouse is either healthy or ill. Of the mice who are healthy today, 85% will be healthy tomorrow. Of the mice who are ill today, 40% will be ill tomorrow. Let the number of mice who are healthy  $n$  days after May 1 be  $x_n$  and let the number of mice who are ill  $n$  days after May 1 be  $y_n$ . On May 1, there are 10 healthy mice and 90 ill mice.
  - 4 (a) If  $X_n = \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$ , find a matrix  $A$  such that  $X_{n+1} = AX_n$ .
  - 4 (b) How many mice will be ill on May 3?
  - 4 (c) Find the eigenvalues and a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ .
  - 4 (d) Use your work in part (c) to find how many mice will be healthy in the long term (when the number of infected mice approaches a steady state, or doesn't change from one week to the next)? That is, what is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ ? *Hint*: One way to find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is to solve  $X_{n+1} = X_n = AX_n$ . Your work in part (c) will be very helpful to answer this question.
  - 4 (e) Diagonalize the matrix  $A$ . This means, write  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $P$  is a matrix whose columns are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues corresponding to these eigenvectors of  $A$ . Use this to find  $A^{100}$ .
2. Assume  $y_n$  is the number of people who own homes  $n$  years after Jan. 1, 2009 and  $z_n$  is the number of people who rent apartments  $n$  years after Jan. 1, 2009, and
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{n+1} \\ z_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}.$$
  - 5 (a) Write a word problem that would result in this matrix equation.
  - 5 (b) Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and a matrix  $S$  such that  $S^{-1}AS = D$ .
  - 4 (c) Find the matrix  $A^k$ . (This means find all four entries of the  $k$ th power of  $A$ ).
  - 3 (d) Find  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ z_k \end{bmatrix}$  if  $\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 900 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix}$ . [*Hint*:  $\begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ z_k \end{bmatrix} = A^k \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$ .]

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3. The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 1 and 4.
- 9 (a) Find three linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- 9 (b) Let  $P$  be a matrix whose columns are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  and let  $D$  be a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues corresponding to these eigenvectors of  $A$ . Compute (i)  $AP$  and (ii)  $PD$ . Explain why these two matrix products should always be equal.
- 3 (c) For the matrix  $P$  in part (b), what is  $P^{-1}AP$ ?
- 6 (d) Use  $A = PDP^{-1}$  to find expressions for (i)  $A^2$ , (ii)  $A^3$  and (iii)  $A^n$  involving  $P$  and  $D$ .
- 8 (e) Use your answer in part (d) to find a matrix  $S$  such that  $S^2 = A$ . ( $S$  may be defined to be a square root of  $A$ ).
- 9 (f) Let  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  be the basis of  $R^3$  consisting of the three linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$  you found in part (a). Find the coordinate vectors for each column of  $A$  in the basis  $B$ . Write a matrix product which could be used to find these coordinate vectors.
- 3 (g) What are the coordinate vectors for  $Ab_1$ ,  $Ab_2$  and  $Ab_3$  in the basis  $B$ ? (Use the same basis you used in part (f) from now on in this problem).
- 4 (h) Let  $T$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(x) = Ax$ . Find the matrix for  $T$  relative to the basis  $B$ ,  $[T]_B$ . Show that  $[T]_B = P^{-1}AP$ .
- 8 (i) Let  $C = A + 7I$ . Without calculating  $C$  explicitly, prove that the eigenvectors of  $A$  are also eigenvectors of  $C$  and write down the eigenvalues of  $C$ . Also, prove that the eigenvectors of  $A$  are also eigenvectors of  $C^2$  and write down the eigenvalues of  $C^2$ .
4. Assume that in a town with 800 homes, the number of homes accessing the Internet via DSL, cable and dial-up on January 1, 2010 are 50, 250 and 500 respectively. Statistics show that, of the homes that access the Internet via DSL one year, 80% still use DSL the following year, 10% use cable and 10% use dial-up. Of the homes that access the Internet via cable one year, 80% still use cable the following year, 10% use DSL and 10% use dial-up. Of the homes that access the Internet via dial-up one year, 30% still use dial-up the following year, 40% use DSL and 30% use cable.
- 3 (a) What is the stochastic (or transition) matrix for this situation?
- 6 (b) Find the eigenvalues of the stochastic matrix you found in (a).
- 5 (c) How many homes would you expect to subscribe to DSL when a steady-state situation has been reached? (This means the number of homes subscribing to DSL no longer changes from year to year).