Homework 18: Determinants, Eigenvectors, and Eigenvalues

Assignments should be ***stapled*** *and written clearly and legibly. Problem 5 is optional.*

1. §2.1, #22, 28, 30.

2. §2.3, #8.

3. §5.1, #3, 4, 5(a), 33. For Problem 5(a), you need only find the characteristic equation and eigenvalues. For Problem 33, you should not use any determinants in your proof.

4. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation given by reflecting across the plane $x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$. The goal of this problem is to find the standard matrix for T.

   (a) Find an orthogonal basis $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ for $\mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ span the plane. There are several ways to do this. Here is one:

      1. Find a vector $\mathbf{v}_3$ which is orthogonal to all vectors on the plane. (This is covered in MATH 223. No calculations are required.)
      2. Find two vectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$ which span the plane.
      3. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to replace $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$ by two orthogonal vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ which span the plane.

   (b) Find $[T]_B$.

   (c) Use the change of basis formula to find $[T]_{B'}$, where B' is the standard basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$.

   (d) Find the reflection of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ across the plane.

5. (Challenge) §5.1, #28, 32. For Problem 28, use the definition of trace given on page 36 of the textbook.

Answer to 4(c): $[T]_{B'} = \dfrac{1}{9}\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \\ -4 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$