

1. (15 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector, and which is not? Explain, and give the corresponding eigenvalues, where appropriate.

2. (20 points) A population consists of individuals in four stages of development: newborns ( $N_t$ ), juveniles ( $J_t$ ), reproductive adults ( $R_t$ ), and post-reproductive adults (“grandmothers”  $G_t$ ). Newborns have a mortality rate of 70%; those that survive become juveniles. Juveniles have a total survival rate of 60% in two categories: 20% remain in the juvenile phase and 40% advance to the reproductive adult phase. Also juveniles rarely reproduce: on average each contributes 1 newborn to the next generation. Reproductive adults have a survival rate of 80% as reproductive adults, and 10% become post-reproductive adults. Meanwhile each contributes 5 newborns to the next generation. Post-reproductive adults produce no offspring, but have a survival rate of 70%.
  - a. Set up the population transition matrix  $A$  to express the information above, so that  $\mathbf{P}_{t+1} = A\mathbf{P}_t$ .

b. The initial population vector is  $\mathbf{P}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\mathbf{P}_1$ .

c. At  $t = 10$  we have  $\mathbf{P}_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 883 \\ 238 \\ 185 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}$  (approximately). Determine the total population and the distribution vector  $\mathbf{D}_{10}$ . Carry three significant figure accuracy after the “leading” 0’s (like 0.0273).

d. The dominant eigenvalue is  $\lambda = 1.3147$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.661 \\ 0.178 \\ 0.138 \\ 0.0225 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Has the population reached its stable age/stage distribution at  $t = 10$ ? How can you tell? Use  $\lambda$  to predict the total population at  $t = 11$  and the value of  $N_{11}$ , that is, the number of newborns at  $t = 11$ ; show your work.