

**1. Eigenvalues and Special Matrices – Visualization**

The following parts don't require knowledge about how to find eigenvalues. Answer each part by reasoning about the matrix at hand.

- (a) Does the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  have any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ? What are the corresponding eigenvectors?

- (b) Does a diagonal matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  have any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ? What are the corresponding eigenvectors?

- (c) Does a rotation matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ?

- (d) Does a reflection matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ?

- (e) If a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ , what does this say about its null space? What does this say about the solutions of the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{M}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ?

- (f) Does the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  have any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ? What are the corresponding eigenvectors?

*Hint:* What is the rank of the matrix?

## 2. Steady State Reservoir Levels

We have 3 reservoirs:  $A, B$  and  $C$ . The pumps system between the reservoirs is depicted in Figure 1.

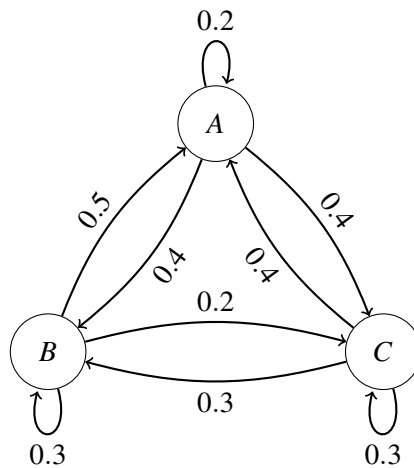


Figure 1: Reservoir pumps system.

- Write out the transition matrix representing the pumps system.
- Assuming that you start the pumps with the water levels of the reservoirs at  $A_0 = 129, B_0 = 109, C_0 = 0$  (in kiloliters), what would be the steady state water levels (in kiloliters) according to the pumps system described above?

*Hint:* If  $\vec{x}_{ss} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{ss} \\ B_{ss} \\ C_{ss} \end{bmatrix}$  is a vector describing the steady state levels of water in the reservoirs (in kiloliters), what happens if you fill the reservoirs  $A, B$  and  $C$  with  $A_{ss}, B_{ss}$  and  $C_{ss}$  kiloliters of water, respectively, and apply the pumps once?

*Hint II:* Note that the pumps system preserves the total amount of water in the reservoirs. That is, no water is lost or gained by applying the pumps.