

**Intro Linear Algebra 3A: final**  
Monday June 12 2017, 10:30–12:30 pm

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There are 6 exercises, worth a total of  $100 = 12 + 20 + 20 + 12 + 16 + 20$  points.  
Non-graphical calculators allowed. No books or notes allowed.  
Provide computations and or explanations, unless stated otherwise.

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**Exercise 1** (11 pts)

Find the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  of the least-squares line that best fits the data points  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(5, 1)$  and  $(6, 0)$ .

**Solution**

$$y = 4.3 - 0.7x.$$

**Exercise 2** ( $20 = 6 + 6 + 4 + 4$  pts)

For  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  consider the matrix

$$A_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Compute the characteristic polynomial of  $A_x$  and show that 1 and 2 are the only eigenvalues.
- Compute a basis for each eigenspace of  $A_x$  when  $x = -1$ .
- Show that  $A_x$  is diagonalizable when  $x = -1$ , and find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A_{-1} = PDP^{-1}$ .
- For which values of  $x$  is  $A_x$  diagonalizable?

**Solution**

- $(1 - \lambda)^3(2 - \lambda)$ .
- $E_1$  has basis  $\{[1, 0, 0, 0]^T, [0, 1, 1, 0]^T, [0, 1, 0, 1]^T\}$ .  $E_2$  has basis  $\{[-1.0, -1, 2]^T\}$ .
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$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Dimension of  $E_1$  is 2 except when  $x = -1$ . Hence only diagonalizable when  $x = -1$ .

**Exercise 3** ( $20 = 3 + 1 + 5 + 2 + 4 + 2 + 3$  pts)

Let

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the subspace  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^5$ . Let  $\mathbf{v} = [1, 3, 2, 2, 2]^T$ .

- Show that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is a basis of  $H$ .
- What is the dimension of  $H$ ?
- Compute an orthogonal basis for  $H$ .
- Compute an orthonormal basis for  $H$ .
- Compute the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $H$ .
- Find the distance between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $H$ .
- Find a basis of  $H^\perp$ .

**Solution**

- Easy check (follows also from c)
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- $\{[1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T, [0, 0, 1, -1, 0]^T, [-2, -2, -1, -1, 6]^T\}$ .
- $\{1/\sqrt{5}[1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T, 1/\sqrt{2}[0, 0, 1, -1, 0]^T, 1/\sqrt{46}[-2, -2, -1, -1, 6]^T\}$ .
- $2[1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T$

- (f) the distance vector is  $[-1, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T$ , and the distance is  $\sqrt{2}$ .  
 (g)  $\{[-1, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T, [7, 0, -4, -4, 1]^T\}$ .

**Exercise 4** ( $12 = 3 + 3 + 1 + 3 + 2$  pts)

For  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  consider the matrix

$$A_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & x & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Compute a basis of the null space of  $A_x$  when  $x = 2$ .  
 (b) For each  $x$ , compute the rank of  $A_x$ .  
 (c) For which  $x$  is  $A_x$  invertible?  
 (d) Is  $\{[1, 0, 0, 0]^T, [1, 1, 0, 0]^T, [1, 1, 1, 0]^T\}$  a basis for the column space of  $A_x$  when  $x = 3$ ?  
 (e) Find a nonzero square matrix  $B$  with  $B^2 = 0$ .

**Solution**

- (a)  $\{[-2, 1, 0, 0, 0]^T, [3, 0, -2, 0, 1, 0]^T, [-1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 1]^T\}$   
 (b)  $x \neq 0$ , dimension is 3, for  $x = 0$ , the dimension is 2.  
 (c) Not square, never invertible.  
 (d) Yes, their column space is equal to  $\{[x, y, z, 0]^T : x, y, z \in \mathbf{R}\}$ , and so is the span of the vectors.  
 (e)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 5** ( $16 = 6 + 6 + 4$  pts)

- (a) Use row operations to compute the inverse of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Use Cramer's rule (determinants) to compute the inverse of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Assume that 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A^T + I_n$ . Show that  $A$  is not invertible.

**Solution:**

- (a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) Let  $\mathbf{x}$  nonzero with  $(A^T + I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1x}$ . Then  $A^T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . So  $A^T$  is not invertible. So  $A$  is not invertible.

**Exercise 6** (20 pts)

True or false? No explanation required. Each question is worth 2 points.

- (1) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and let  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{R}^m$ . Then the equation  $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  is always consistent.
- (2) Let  $H \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$  be a subspace. Then the orthogonal projection onto  $H$  is a linear map from  $\mathbf{R}^n$  to  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .
- (3) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  nonzero. Then there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with  $\mathbf{x}$  as eigenvector.
- (4) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix which is not diagonalizable. Let  $P$  be an invertible matrix. Then  $PAP^{-1}$  is not diagonalizable.
- (5) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with orthogonal columns. Then  $A^T A = I_n$ .
- (6) The parallelogram determined by the points  $(-1, 1), (0, 1), (2, 3), (3, 3)$  has area 3.
- (7) The set  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : xy = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .
- (8) Let  $H \subseteq \mathbf{R}^7$  be a subspace. Let  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_7\}$  with  $\text{Span}(S) = H$ . Then  $S$  is a basis of  $H$ .
- (9) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Assume that  $A$  is invertible. Then  $(A^2)^T(A+B)B^2$  is invertible.
- (10) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices with the same reduced row echelon form. Then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial.

**Solution:**

- (1) True.
- (2) True.
- (3) True.
- (4) True.
- (5) False.
- (6) False.
- (7) False.
- (8) False.
- (9) False.
- (10) False.