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MATH 223: Linear Algebra

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Special Instructions: No Aids. No calculators or cellphones.  
You must show your work and explain your answers.

3 hours

1. [16 marks] Consider the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

There is an invertible matrix  $B$  so that

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) [1 mark] What is  $\text{rank}(B)$ ?  
b) [2 marks] What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?  
c) [4 marks] Give the vector parametric form for the set of solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
d) [6 marks] Give a basis for the row space of  $A$ . Give a basis for the column space of  $A$ . Give a basis for the null space of  $A$ .  
e) [3 marks] How many linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{b}'$  can you find so that the system of equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}'$  is consistent?
2. [15 marks] Let

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

Determine an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors and hence an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that  $A = QDQ^T$ . You may find it useful to know that 5 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

3. [9 marks]  
a) [3 marks] What is the distance of the point  $(1, 1, 1)^T$  from the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 1$ ? Note that the plane does not go through the origin.

- b) [3 marks] We are given that  $A$  is a symmetric invertible matrix. Show that  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.
- c) [3 marks] Let  $P, Q$  be orthogonal matrices. Show that  $Q^2P^T$  is an orthogonal matrix.

4. [15 marks] Let

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

You may find it useful to note that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) [1 marks] Explain why  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
- b) [5 marks] Consider the linear transformation  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  satisfying

$$T(\mathbf{u}_1) = \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3, \quad T(\mathbf{u}_2) = \mathbf{u}_2 + 2\mathbf{u}_3, \quad T(\mathbf{u}_3) = 3\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3.$$

Give the matrix  $A$  representing  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$  (both input vector and output vector).

- c) [5 marks] Give the matrix  $B$  representing  $T$  where the input vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is written with respect to the basis  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$  (i.e. written in  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ -coordinates) and the output vector  $A\mathbf{x}$  is written with respect to the standard basis  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$  (i.e. written in  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ -coordinates).
- d) [4 marks] What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ? Explain why  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$ , even for a different choice of  $T$ ?
5. [6 marks] Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues 2, 4, 6. What are the eigenvalues of  $A + 2I$ ?
6. [7 marks] Determine the matrix  $A$  corresponding to the orthogonal projection into the plane  $x - 2y + 2z = 0$ .

7. [10 points] Consider the system of differential equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_1(t) = 2x_1(t) + x_2(t).$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_2(t) = -2x_1(t)$$

You will find it useful to be given that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 0 \\ 0 & 1-i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2}i \\ -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i & -\frac{1}{2}i \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i & \frac{1}{2}i \\ -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i & -\frac{1}{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the solution to the system of differential equations that satisfies  $x_1(0) = x_2(0) = 1$ . For full marks you must simplify your answer so no complex numbers appear.

8. [12 marks]
- [4 marks] Given two vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 2, 0)^T$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (0, 3, 6, 0)^T$ , find two vectors  $\mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4$  so that  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^4$ .
  - [4 marks] Given the two vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$  as in a), apply Gram-Schmidt to obtain an orthonormal basis for the vector space  $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ .
  - [4 marks] Use the orthonormal basis for  $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  from b) to express  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 1, 1)^T$  as a sum  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  where  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in V^\perp$ . You should not need to compute a complete orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{R}^4$ .
9. [10 marks] Let  $A$  be a symmetric  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)^3$ . Assume that  $(1, 1, 1, 1)^T$  is an eigenvector of eigenvalue 2. Show that  $(1, -1, 0, 0)^T$  is an eigenvector of eigenvalue -1.

100 Total marks