

Linear Algebra (Math 2890) Review Problems for Final Exam

1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the condition on $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ such that $Ax = b$ is solvable.

(b) What is the column space of A ?

(c) Describe the subspace $\text{col}(A)^\perp$ and find an basis for $\text{col}(A)^\perp$. What's the dimension of $\text{col}(A)^\perp$?

(d) Use Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthogonal basis for the column space of A .

(e) Find an orthonormal basis for the column of the matrix A .

(f) Find the orthogonal projection of $y = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ 10 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ onto the column

space of A and write $y = \hat{y} + z$ where $\hat{y} \in \text{col}(A)$ and $z \in \text{col}(A)^\perp$. Also find the shortest distance from y to $\text{Col}(A)$.

(g) Using previous result to explain why $Ax = y$ has no solution.

(h) Use orthogonal projection to find the least square solution of $Ax = y$.

2. (a) Show that the set of vectors

$$B = \left\{ u_1 = \left(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \right), u_2 = \left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, 0 \right), u_3 = (0, 0, 1) \right\}$$

is an **orthonormal basis** of \mathbb{R}^3 .

(b) Find the coordinates of the vector $(1, -1, 2)$ with respect to the

basis in (a).

3. (a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the inverse matrix of A if possible.

(b) Find the coordinates of the vector $(1, -1, 2)$ with respect to the basis B obtained from the column vectors of A .

4. Let A be the matrix

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

(a) Prove that $\det(A - \lambda) = (1 - \lambda)^2(4 - \lambda)$.

(b) Orthogonally diagonalizes the matrix A , giving an orthogonal matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^t$

(c) Find A^{10} and e^A .

5. Classify the quadratic forms for the following quadratic forms. Make a change of variable $x = Py$, that transforms the quadratic form into one with no cross term. Also write the new quadratic form.

(a) $9x_1^2 - 8x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2$.

(b) $-5x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 2x_2^2$.

(c) $8x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2$.

6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & -6 & 9 & -1 & 8 \\ 2 & -6 & 9 & -1 & 9 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Find a basis for the column space of A
(b) Find a basis for the nullspace of A

- (c) Find the rank of the matrix A
 (d) Find the dimension of the nullspace of A .

(e) Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in the range of A ?

(e) Does $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ have any solution? Find a solution if it's solvable.

7. Determine if the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set. Justify your answer.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & -3 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. (a) What's the geometric meaning of $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$? Draw a picture

to indicate the subspace $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

- (b) What's the geometric meaning of $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$? Draw a

picture to indicate the subspace $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

9. Circle True or False:

- T F** The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable
- T F** The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonally diagonalizable
- T F** An orthogonal $n \times n$ matrix times an orthogonal $n \times n$ matrix is orthogonal
- T F** A 5×5 orthogonally diagonalizable matrix has an orthonormal set of 5 eigenvectors
- T F** A square matrix that has the zero eigenvalue is not invertible
- T F** A subspace of dimension 3 can not have a spanning set of 4 vectors
- T F** A subspace of dimension 3 can not have a linearly independent set of 4 vectors
- T F** The characteristic polynomial of a 2×2 matrix is always a polynomial of degree 2
- T F** If the characteristic polynomial of a matrix is $(\lambda - 4)^3(\lambda - 1)^2$ and the eigenspace associated to $\lambda = 4$ has dimension 3, then the matrix is diagonalizable
- T F** If the characteristic polynomial of a matrix is $(\lambda - 4)^3(\lambda - 1)\lambda - 2$ and the eigenspace associated to $\lambda = 4$ has dimension 3, then the matrix is diagonalizable
- T F** The columns of an orthogonal matrix are orthonormal vectors
- T F** $AB = BA$ for any $n \times n$ matrices A and B
- T F** $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$ for any $n \times n$ matrices A and B
- T F** Any upper triangular matrix is always diagonalizable.