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**SC1004 Take Home Assignment 2 (50 marks)**

Please write out all workings in detail, writing down all the necessary steps.

Partial working will get little marks.

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**Question 1: (15 marks)** Let

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

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  - (b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ . (6M).
  - (c) Hence find a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ . (4M)
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**Question 2a: (14 marks)**

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and use the result to find  $A^5$ .

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(Hint: Reduce (P|I) to RREF to compute 3x3 inverse. Check online.

**Question 2b: (4 marks)** Find the eigenvector(s) of the Reflection transformation matrix about the **line**  $y = x$  in the 2 dimensional real x-y plane.

**Question 3: (10 marks)**

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Find the least squares solution for this system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  by solving

- (i) normal equation (5 marks)
  - (ii) approximate vector solution. (5 marks)
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**Question 4: (4 marks)**

Show that if  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $A^2 = I_2$ , and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - A\mathbf{x}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ . Find their corresponding eigenvalues.

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**Question 5: (3 marks)**

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a)  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 4 = 0 //$$

b)  $-\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 4 = (-1)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 1)^2$

$\therefore \lambda = 4, \lambda = 1 //$

c) for  $\lambda = 4$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2-4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$x_1 - x_3 = 0, x_3 = x_1$   
 $x_2 - x_3 = 0, x_3 = x_1$   
 $\therefore V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

for  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $\therefore V_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$V_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore \text{Eigenspace} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} //$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P, \text{ Eigenspace} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & P|I &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A &= PDP^{-1} & & = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 AP &= PD & \therefore P^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 P^{-1}AP &= P^{-1}PD \\
 P^{-1}AP &= D \\
 \therefore D &= P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A^5 &= (PDP^{-1})^5 = PD^5P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1^5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 31 & -31 \\ 33 & 32 & -33 \\ 33 & 31 & -32 \end{bmatrix} //
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2b: (4 marks)** Find the eigenvector(s) of the Reflection transformation matrix about the line  $y = x$  in the 2 dimensional real x-y plane.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Matrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \text{Eigen value} &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\
 \lambda &= 1, \lambda = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 1, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{eigenvector} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

$$\lambda = -1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{eigenvector} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

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(ii) approximate vector solution. (5 marks)

i) Normal :  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$   $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A^T A | I] = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1.5 & -2.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2.5 & 4.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & -2.5 \\ -2.5 & 4.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

ii) Approx theorem :  $\hat{x} = \text{Proj}_A b$

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$$v_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{5/3}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/9 \\ 4/9 \\ -1/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{b \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 + \frac{b \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2 \\ &= \frac{4/3}{1} v_1 + \frac{-2/9}{2/9} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8/9 \\ 4/9 \\ 8/9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1/9 \\ 4/9 \\ -1/9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 1 \\ x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

**EXAMPLE 4** The distance from a point  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a subspace  $W$  is defined as the distance from  $y$  to the nearest point in  $W$ . Find the distance from  $y$  to  $W = \text{Span}\{u_1, u_2\}$ , where

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION** By the Best Approximation Theorem, the distance from  $y$  to  $W$  is  $\|y - \hat{y}\|$ , where  $\hat{y} = \text{proj}_W y$ . Since  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$ ,

$$\hat{y} = \frac{15}{30} u_1 + \frac{-21}{6} u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{7}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y - \hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|y - \hat{y}\|^2 = 3^2 + 6^2 = 45$$

The distance from  $y$  to  $W$  is  $\sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$ .

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$$A = P D P^{-1}, \quad A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P D^2 P^{-1}$$

$$A\mathbf{y} = A(\mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + (A^2)\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x} + I\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \quad \text{for any eigenvector } \mathbf{x}$$

$$A^2 = I$$

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$$A\mathbf{y} = 1\mathbf{y}, \quad A\mathbf{z} = -1\mathbf{z}$$

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for single eigenvalue for 3 eigenvector  
multiplicity of 3  
requires something like

$$a\lambda^4 + b\lambda^3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3(a\lambda + b) = 0$$

$$\lambda^3(\lambda + b) = 0$$

Can  $a = 1$ ?

Perhaps try  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda^3(\lambda - 4) = 0$   
 $\lambda = 0, \lambda = 4$

for  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

$A$  works!