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EECS 551 Midterm 1, 2021-10-25 6-8PM

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- For all JULIA code, assume that the following code has been invoked already:

```
using LinearAlgebra, MIRTjim, FFTW, Random, Plots
```

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(Solutions)

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tf/cauchy1

1. (4 points)

For $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2$ is maximized for unit norm \mathbf{x} when $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -4/5 \\ 3/5 \end{bmatrix}$.

False. It is maximized when $\mathbf{x} = e^{i\phi} \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ -4/5 \end{bmatrix}$ for any $\phi \in \mathbb{R}$.

(q06, q13) [71%; mean 3.1/4]

tf/pinv/pinv3b

2. (4 points)

If $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 4}$ has 4 nonzero singular values, then $\mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$.

True. For $N = 4$: $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_N \mathbf{\Sigma}_N \mathbf{V}' \implies \mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}_N^{-1} \mathbf{U}_N'$ so $\mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}_N^{-1} \mathbf{U}_N' \mathbf{U}_N \mathbf{\Sigma}_N \mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{I}$.

(f17 student) [84%; mean 3.4/4]

tf/lsl

3. (4 points)

If \mathbf{A} is $M \times N$ with rank N and $M \geq N$, then $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 = 0$.

False. $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$ only if $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$.

(q11) [56%; mean 2.5/4]

tf/lsl3

4. (4 points)

If $\mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B}]$ then $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Cx} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 > \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{Az} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$, assuming dimensions match appropriately.

False. This is like in the JULIA homework problem where you found that fitting a higher order polynomial led to a “better” fit (smaller residual), so $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Cx} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{Az} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$. Also $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{R}([\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{C}])$.

For example, take $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{1}$, then $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Cx} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 = 0 < \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 = \min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{Az} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$.

(f17 student) [47% (10% ‘true’ and 6% no answer, the rest had explanation issues); mean 2.7/4]

mc/max1

5. (4 points)

When $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, a unit norm vector \mathbf{x} that maximizes $\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_2$ is:

a: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}' / \sqrt{5}$

b: $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}' / \sqrt{14}$

c: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}' / \sqrt{14}$

d: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}' / \sqrt{5}$

e: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}' / \sqrt{14}$

$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ so $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}$.

(q06, q13) [84%; mean 3.5/4]

mc/left1

6. (4 points)

A left singular vector of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, corresponding to its largest singular value is:

- a: $[0 \ 2 \ 1]'$
- b: $[0 \ 1 \ 2]'$
- c: $[0 \ 2/\sqrt{5} \ 1/\sqrt{5}]'$
- d: $[0 \ 1/\sqrt{5} \ 2/\sqrt{5}]'$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{u_1} \sqrt{70} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1'}$$

(q09) [79%; mean 3.4/4]

tf/eigsig1

7. (4 points)

If A is Hermitian symmetric, then any left or right singular vector of A is also an eigenvector of A .

False. Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / \sqrt{2}$. Here x is a right singular vector of A because $A'A x = 9x$, but clearly x is not an eigenvector of A . In fact, every $x \in \mathbb{F}^2$ having unit norm is a singular vector of this A because $A'A = 9I$. See Ch. 2 section relating SVD and eigdec.

(q06) [15% (35% 'true' 46% had explanation issues); mean 1.1/4]

mc/unitary1

8. (4 points)

Let A be a $M \times M$ unitary matrix and let B denote the last N columns of A , where $1 \leq N \leq M$. What is $\|B\|_2$?

- a: 0
- b: 1
- c: N
- d: M
- e: $\min(N, M)$

Using compact SVD: $B = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_N \end{bmatrix} = A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_N \end{bmatrix}}_{U_N} \underbrace{I_N}_{\Sigma_N} \underbrace{I_N}_V \Rightarrow \|B\|_2 = \sigma_1(B) = 1.$

Alternative explanation: $\sigma_i^2(B) = \lambda_{(i)}(B'B) = \lambda_{(i)}(I_N) = 1.$

(q10) [51% (14% wrong choice, rest had explanation issues); mean 2.5/4]

mc/gd1

9. (4 points)

Nesterov's accelerated gradient method for solving the LS problem $\arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$ will converge if $0 < \mu \leq 1/\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A})$. When $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{1}_2\mathbf{1}_8'$, where $\mathbf{1}_n = \text{ones}(n)$, the maximum value of the step size μ is:

- a: 1
- b: 1/2
- c: 1/4
- d: 1/8
- e: 1/16

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 $\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}) = \sqrt{2 \cdot 8} = 4 \implies \sigma_1(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A}) = 4^2$ so $\mu \leq 1/4^2$.
(h06, q10) [70% (27% wrong choice); mean 2.8/4]

mc/ls2

10. (4 points)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = ?$$

- a: 0
- b: 1
- c: 2
- d: 3
- e: 4

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 $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \|\mathbf{r}\|_2^2 = 4.$
(q11) [70% (20% forgot square?); mean 3.2/4]

mc/norm2

11. (4 points)

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, the value of $\|A\|_2$ is:

- a: 0
- b: 1
- c: 5
- d: 10
- e: 20

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 $A = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}'$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}'$, where $\|B\|_2 = \sqrt{5 \cdot 5} = 5$, $\|C\|_2 = \sqrt{5 \cdot 20} = 10$.
So $\|A\|_2 = \max(\|B\|_2, \|C\|_2) = 10$.

Alternative: $A = XX'$, $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|X\|_2 = \|XX'\|_2 = \|X'X\|_2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 = 10$.

Alternative: examine $\det\{zI - A\}$ because A is Hermitian so $\sigma_k = |\lambda_{(k)}|$. In fact A is PSD so $\sigma_k = \lambda_{(k)}$.

Alternative: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}' = \dots$

(f17 student) [51% (35% wrong choice); mean 2.2/4]

mc/rank1

12. (4 points)

If B is a 200×400 matrix of rank 100, then:

- a: $\dim(\mathcal{R}(B)) = 100$
- b: $\dim(\mathcal{R}^\perp(B)) = 100$
- c: $\dim(\mathcal{N}(B)) = 100$
- d: $\dim(\mathcal{N}^\perp(B)) = 100$
- e: The number of distinct singular values is at least 2.

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All of the statements are true except $\dim(\mathcal{N}(B)) = 300 \neq 100$.

The rank is the number of nonzero singular values and the rank is 100 so there is at least one nonzero singular value (possibly repeated 100 times). But $\min(M, N) = 200$ so there are at least 100 singular values equal to zero. So there is at least one zero and one nonzero σ .

(q08) [30% fully correct; 30% had 3/4 correct selected; mean 2.6/4]

mc/plp2

13. (4 points)

Let A be a tall matrix having rank $r > 0$ with SVD given by $A = U \Sigma V' = \begin{bmatrix} U_r & U_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V'$.

Define $P_r^\perp \triangleq I - U_r U_r'$ and $P_0^\perp \triangleq I - U_0 U_0'$ and $B \triangleq P_0^\perp P_r^\perp$. Then:

- a: B is a unitary matrix
- b: B is not a unitary matrix
- c: Need more information to assess

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 $U_0' U_r = 0 \implies B = P_0^\perp P_r^\perp = (I - U_0 U_0')(I - U_r U_r') = (U_r U_r')(U_0 U_0') = U_r (U_r' U_0) U_0' = 0 \implies$ not unitary.
(q09) [51% (28% wrong choice); mean 2.3/4]

code/basis1

14. (10 points)

The vectors $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ form an orthonormal basis for a subspace \mathcal{S} of \mathbb{R}^N , for $N \geq 5$. Complete the following JULIA function so that, given input vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$, it returns the nearest vector in \mathcal{S} . For full credit, your code must use as few floating-point calculations as possible. Explain briefly.

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```
function nearest(x, b1, b2, b3)
    B = [b1 b2 b3]
    return B * (B' * x)
end
```

The projection onto the subspace is $BB'x$. The parentheses ensure minimum computation.

(HW 4.3) [54% correct and efficient; mean 7.0/10;

18% used expensive `rank(A)` or `rank(diag(s))` ; 13% formed $N \times N$ projection matrix]

code/nullbasis1 _____

15. (8 points)

Complete the following JULIA function so that it returns an orthonormal basis (as a matrix) for the null space of a matrix argument. Assume $\dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) > 0$.

```
function nullbasis(A)
    (_, s, V) = svd(A, full=true)
    r = rank(Diagonal(s)) # avoids redundant SVD call
    return V[:, (r+1):end] # V0
end
```

The columns of the matrix \mathbf{V}_0 , i.e., the last $N - r$ columns of the right singular vectors \mathbf{V} , form an orthonormal basis for the null space of \mathbf{A} . (See anatomy of SVD notes.) Because $\dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) > 0$, we have $r < N$ so the returned matrix always has at least one column. The code above works fine even when $r = 0$.

If $r = N$, then the null space is just $\mathbf{0}$, which has no orthonormal basis.

The JULIA code for `nullspace` is similar to this.

(f17 student) [51% correct; mean 6.3/8; 37% used inefficient `rank(A)` ; 14% had `r:end`]

code/lsv4

16. (10 points)

Let U and V denote unitary $N \times N$ matrices. Complete the following JULIA function so that, given input vector $y \in \mathbb{C}^N$, it returns a linear least-squares solution $\arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{C}^{2N}} \|y - [2U \ 3V] x\|_2$, computed as efficiently as possible.

Here $A = [2U \ 3V]$ has linearly independent rows, so a (minimum norm) LS solution is:

$$\hat{x} = A^+ y = A'(AA')^{-1}y = \begin{bmatrix} 2U' \\ 3V' \end{bmatrix} \left([2U \ 3V] \begin{bmatrix} 2U' \\ 3V' \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} y = \begin{bmatrix} 2U' \\ 3V' \end{bmatrix} (13I_N)^{-1} y = \begin{bmatrix} (2/13)(U'y) \\ (3/13)(V'y) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{13}(A'y).$$

Because A is wide, of course there are infinitely many other (non-minimum norm) solutions, such as these (more compute efficient) options:

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} (1/2)U'y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ (1/3)V'y \end{bmatrix}.$$

A compact SVD of A is not required to solve this problem, but some students tried to find it so here it is for reference:

$$A = [2U \ 3V] = I_N(\sqrt{13}I_N) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}U' \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}V' \end{bmatrix}'.$$

```
function lsv(y, U, V)
    return [(2/13) * (U'y); (3/13) * (V'y)]
end
```

Using code that has $A = [2U \ 3V]$ is less efficient than the solution above because it requires multiplying scalars with matrices, rather than just with vectors.

(clicker 4#16, HW 6.2 ?)

[19 % correct and efficient; 14% used `pinv`, `rank`, `svd`; 26% used `backslash` (yet wide!?!); mean 4.3/10]

norm/frobl

17. (10 points)

A $M \times N$ matrix having rank 2 has Frobenius norm = 5 and spectral norm = 4.

Determine all of the singular values of this matrix.

$\sigma_1 = 4$ and $\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} = 5$ so $\sigma_2 = 3$. If $M > 2$ and $N > 2$, then $\sigma_3 = \dots = \sigma_{\min(M,N)} = 0$.

(HW 2.6) [30% (43% miss the zero singular values); mean 6.5/10. Several answers said “only 2 singular values.”]

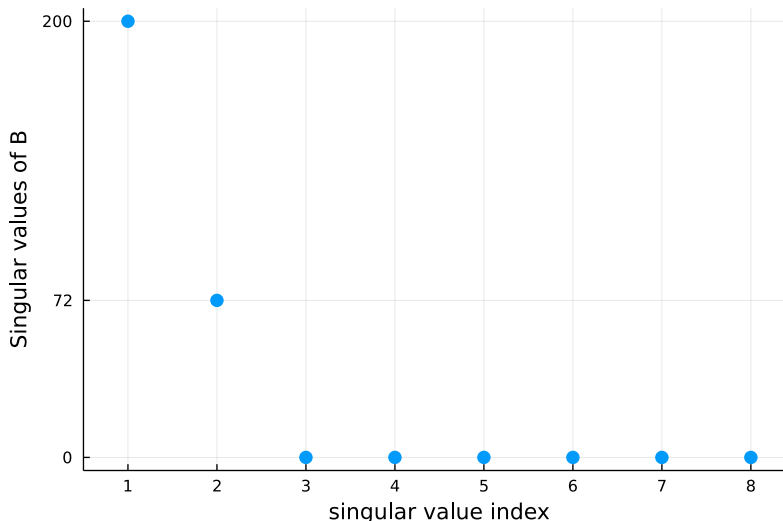
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18. (10 points)

The following JULIA code produces a scatter plot. Sketch by hand that plot, with labeled values. Add appropriate axis labels relevant to this plot. As always, explain your answer.

```
x = (-1).^ (1:8) # vector of alternating 1, -1 entries
y = ones(8)
A = [3x 5y]; B = A * A'
scatter(svdvals(B), label=" ")
```

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 $B = AA' = 3^2xx' + 5^2yy'$ where $x \perp y$ and $\|x\|_2^2 = \|y\|_2^2 = 8$ so $\sigma_1(B) = 8 \cdot 5^2 = 200$ and $\sigma_2(B) = 8 \cdot 3^2 = 72$, and the remaining $8 - 2 = 6$ singular values are zero.



(HW 3.7, clicker 3.25) [17% correct; mean 4.2/10; 44% missed the zeros; 44% did not correctly calculate σ_1 or σ_2 .]

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