

Mathematical Foundations of Data Science  
(COMS4055A)  
Class Test 2

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**Instructions**

- Answer all questions in pen. **Do not write in pencil.**
- This test consists of 3 pages. Ensure that you are not missing any pages.
- This is a **closed-book** test: you may not consult any written material or notes.
- You are allocated 2 hours to complete this test.
- There are 2 questions and 60 marks available.
- Ensure your cellphone is switched off. [REDACTED]
- You may use a calculator during the test.
- Round off to 2 decimal places and simplify your answers fully.

## Question 1

## Linear Algebra

[30 Marks]

1. Compute the determinant of  $A$  where.

[6]

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Let  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  with a singular value decomposition of  $B = U\tilde{B}V^T$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be a coordinate vector in terms of the canonical basis. Specifically:

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{-2}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{-1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}$$

- (a) Determine the matrix  $B$ . [6]  
 (b) Compute  $\hat{x}$  where  $\hat{x} = Bx$ . [3]  
 (c) Project  $x$  onto the basis defined by the right singular vectors ( $V$ ). [4]  
 Call this new vector  $\tilde{x}$ .  
 (d) Compute  $\hat{\tilde{x}} = \tilde{B}\tilde{x}$ . Note  $\hat{\tilde{x}}$  is a vector in terms of the basis defined by the left singular vectors. [3]  
 (e) Project  $\hat{\tilde{x}}$  onto the canonical basis **from** the basis defined by the left singular vectors ( $U$ ). **Hint:** use your answer from question 2(d) [3]

SVD

3. Determine the ~~eigen-decomposition~~ of  $A$  where:

[5]

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

**Question 2****Vector Calculus****[30 Marks]**

1. Compute the derivative  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x)$  shown below (note  $\log$  refers to the natural log). [8]

$$f(x) = \log(x^4) \sin(x^3)$$

2. Compute the third order Taylor polynomial  $T_3$  of  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$  at  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (you don't have to foil out all the powers of  $x - x_0$ ). [7]

Remember that the Taylor polynomial of degree  $n$  of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at  $x_0$  is defined as

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k$$

where  $f^{(k)}(x_0)$  is the  $k$ th derivative of  $f$  at  $x_0$  (which we assume exists) and  $\frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!}$  are the coefficients of the polynomial, according to **Definition 5.3** of the textbook.

3. What will be the dimensionality of the Jacobian for the following functions differentiated with respect to  $x$  ( $x$  is a column vector,  $x^T$  is a row vector and standard matrix multiplication is used):

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 + y$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . [1]

(b)  $f(x) = x^T A x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . [2]

(c)  $F(x) = x x^T$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . [3]

4. Consider the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{(x^3 + \cos(x^3))} - (x^3 + \cos(x^3))^2 + \cos(x^3)$ . [9]  
Depict  $f(x)$  as a data flow graph. Make sure to define all intermediate variables.

