

**2022-23 First Semester**  
**MATH1063 Linear Algebra II (1003)**

Assignment 3 Suggested Solutions

1. Transition matrix  $V$  corresponding to a change of basis from  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  to  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $V^{-1}$  is a transition matrix corresponding to a change of basis from  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  to  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$

$$V^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

thus, the matrix  $B$  representing  $L$  with respect to  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is

$$B = V^{-1}AV = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -4 \\ 6 & 1 & 4 \\ 8 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. (a)  $\|k\mathbf{v}\|^2 = (k\mathbf{v})^T(k\mathbf{v}) = k^2(\mathbf{v}^T\mathbf{v}) = k^2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .

Take square roots of both sides; note that  $\sqrt{k^2} = |k|$ . Thus  $\|k\mathbf{v}\| = |k|\|\mathbf{v}\|$ .

(b)  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \underbrace{\left\| \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v} \right\|}_{\text{Based on (a)}} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ , as claimed.

3.

$$\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{p} = \frac{(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y})^2}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}} - \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}} \right)^2 \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} = 0.$$

4. No. For example, let  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = 2\mathbf{e}_1$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_1 \perp \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 \perp \mathbf{x}_3$ , but  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is not orthogonal to  $\mathbf{x}_3$ .

5. By the plane equation, we know that a normal vector to the plane is  $\mathbf{n} = (6, 2, 3)^T$  and the point  $Q(1, 3, -2)$  lies in the plane. Then the distance from the point  $P(2, 1, -2)$  to the plane is the absolute value of the scalar projection of  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-1, 2, 0)^T$  onto  $\mathbf{n}$ .

$$d = \left| \frac{\overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{\sqrt{49}} \right| = \frac{2}{7}.$$

6. Let  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2)^T$ . To find the distance, we need to find the scalar projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto a normal vector to the line  $4x - 3y = 0$ , say  $\mathbf{n} = (-4, 3)^T$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = \frac{(1, 2)(-4, 3)^T}{5} = 0.4$$

7. Pick two points  $(0, 2)$  and  $(2, 6)$  on the line  $y = 2x + 2$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the vector from  $(0, 2)$  to the point  $(5, 2)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  be a vector along the line  $y = 2x + 2$ , then the vector projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  onto  $\mathbf{w}$  is

$$\vec{p} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}} \mathbf{w} = \frac{(5, 0)(2, 4)^T}{(2, 4)(2, 4)^T} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the closest point to  $(5, 2)$  on the line  $y = 2x + 2$  should be the point  $(0, 2) + \vec{p} = (1, 4)$ .

8.  $Y^\perp$  is not empty since  $\mathbf{0} \in Y^\perp$ . If  $\mathbf{x} \in Y^\perp$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then for all  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$ ,

$$(\alpha \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y} = \alpha (\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y} = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha \mathbf{x} \in Y^\perp$ . If  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  are in  $Y^\perp$ , then

$$(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}_2^T \mathbf{y} = 0 + 0 = 0,$$

for each  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \in Y^\perp$ . Hence,  $Y^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

9. (a)

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \{(1, 2)', (3, 4)'\}, \quad \text{N}(A) = \text{span} \{(2, -1, 1)'\}$$

$$\text{Col}(A^T) = \text{span} \{(1, 0, -2)', (0, 1, 1)'\}, \quad \text{N}(A^T) = \text{span} \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

Notice that  $\text{Col}(A^T) \oplus \text{N}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\text{Col}(A) \oplus \text{N}(A^T) = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (b)

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \{(1, 2, 1)', (3, 4, 4)'\}, \quad \text{N}(A) = \text{span} \{(2, -1, 1)'\}$$

$$\text{Col}(A^T) = \text{span} \{(1, 0, -2)', (0, 1, 1)'\}, \quad \text{N}(A^T) = \text{span} \{(-4, 1, 2)'\}$$

Notice that  $\text{Col}(A^T) \oplus \text{N}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\text{Col}(A) \oplus \text{N}(A^T) = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

10. Since  $V$  is the solution space of the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{i.e. } V = \text{N}(A).$$

Then  $V^\perp = [\text{N}(A)]^\perp = \text{Col}(A^T) = \text{Row}(A)$ . Since  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 2, 5, 4)$  are linearly independent, they form a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ .