

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

Assignment 3

Due Date: **17/Mar/2023 (Friday), 09:00 in tutorial class.**

- Write down your **CHN name** and **student number**. Write neatly on **A4-sized** paper (*staple if necessary*) and **show your steps**.
  - **Late submissions or answers without steps won't be graded.**
  - For questions marked '*Easy!*', you may skip them if they are really easy for you.
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1. Let  $L$  be the linear operator mapping  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $L(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , where

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

and let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the transition matrix  $V$  corresponding to a change of basis from  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  to  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ , and use it to determine the matrix  $B$  representing  $L$  with respect to  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ .

2. (a) Consider a vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and a scalar  $k$ . Show that

$$\|k\vec{v}\| = |k|\|\vec{v}\|.$$

- (b) Show that if  $\vec{v}$  is a nonzero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|}\vec{v}$  is a unit vector.

3. Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and define

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}.$$

Show that  $\mathbf{p} \perp \mathbf{z}$ .

4. Let  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $\mathbf{x}_1 \perp \mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 \perp \mathbf{x}_3$ , is it necessarily true that  $\mathbf{x}_1 \perp \mathbf{x}_3$ ? Prove your answer.
5. Find the distance from the point  $P(2, 1, -2)$  to the plane  $6(x-1) + 2(y-3) + 3(z+2) = 0$ .
6. Find the distance from the point  $(1, 2)$  to the line  $4x - 3y = 0$ .

7. (*Optional!*) Find the point on the line  $y = 2x + 2$  that is closest to the point  $(5, 2)$ .
8. If  $Y$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , show that  $Y^\perp$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
9. (*Easy!*) For each of the following matrices, determine a basis for each of the subspaces  $\text{Col}(A^T)$ ,  $N(A)$ ,  $\text{Col}(A)$ , and  $N(A^T)$ :

(a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

10. Let  $V$  be the solution space of the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Find a basis of  $V^\perp$ .