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CEMSE151 - LINEAR ALGEBRA

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PROBLEM SET 2

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The first 11 problems are taken from the book of Strang, Gilbert. Introduction to Linear Algebra. 4th ed. Wellesley, MA: Wellesley-Cambridge Press, February 2009. ISBN: 9780980232714.

1. Start with the vector  $\mathbf{u}_0 = (1, 0)$ . Multiply again and again by the same ?Markov matrix?  $A = \begin{bmatrix} .8 & .3 \\ .2 & .7 \end{bmatrix}$ . What are the next three vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$ ? What property do you notice for all four vectors  $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$ ?
2. For which 3 values of  $k$  does elimination break down? Which can be fixed by a row exchange? In each case, is the number of solutions 0 or 1 or  $\infty$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 3 \\ 3 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Three planes can fail to have an intersection point, even if no planes are parallel. The system is singular if row 3 of  $A$  is a linear combination of the first two rows. Find a third equation that cannot be solved together with  $x + y + z = 0$  and  $x - 2y - z = 1$ .
4. Which three matrices  $E_{21}$ ,  $E_{31}$  and  $E_{32}$  put  $A$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = U.$$

Multiply the  $E$ 's to get the one matrix  $M$  that does elimination  $MA = U$ .

5. The entries of  $A$  and  $x$  are  $a_{ij}$  and  $x_j$ . So the first component of  $Ax$  is  $\sum a_{1j}x_j = a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$ . If  $E_{21}$  subtracts row 1 from row 2, write a formula for
- the 3rd component of  $Ax$ ;
  - the  $(2, 1)$  entry of  $E_{21}A$ ;
  - the  $(2, 1)$  entry of  $E_{21}(E_{21}A)$ ;
  - the 1st component of  $E_{21}Ax$ .
6. What rows or columns or matrices do you multiply to find
- the 3rd column of  $AB$ ?
  - the first row of  $AB$ ?
  - the entry in row 3, column 4 of  $AB$ ?
  - the entry in row 1, column 1 of  $CDE$ ?
7. Suppose you solve  $Ax = b$  for three special right  $b$ :

$$Ax_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Ax_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Ax_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If the 3 solutions  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  are the columns of a matrix  $X$ , what is  $AX$ ?

8. If  $A$  has row 1+row 2=row 3, show that  $A$  is not invertible:
- Explain why  $Ax = (1, 0, 0)$  cannot have a solution.
  - Which right sides  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  might allow a solution to  $Ax = b$ ?
  - What happens to row 3 in elimination?
9. from section 2.5: problems 24 and 31 (in the 5th edition, these are problems 24 and 30 (only the part with matrix  $A$ ));
10. from section 2.6: problems 13, 18 and 23 (in the 5th edition, these are problems 13, 18 and 23 as well);
11. from section 2.7: problems 13 and 36 (in the 5th edition, these are problems 13 and 35).

**12.** Consider

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and explain what happens to a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  when multiplied on the left and on the right by  $E_{21}$ .

- 13.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  such that all the components of  $A$  are 1 and all the components of  $B$  are 2, find the values of all the components of  $AB$ .

14. Solve the following systems of equations using Gauss elimination on the augmented matrix and backwards substitution:

a)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y + 4z &= 2 \\ 6x + y &= -10 \\ -x + 2y - 10z &= -4 \end{cases}$$

b)

$$\begin{cases} y + z &= 3 \\ x + 2y - z &= 1 \\ x + y + z &= 4 \end{cases}$$

c)

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z + 4w &= 0 \\ 5z + 6w &= 0 \\ az + 6w &= 0 \\ y + 7z + 8w &= 1 \end{cases}$$

for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

15. Problem 14a) asked to solve a system of linear equations using Gauss elimination. Suppose  $A$  is the matrix of the system:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Write this Gauss elimination in terms of the product of elementary matrices.
- b) Write the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$  and explain how you determined  $L$ .
- c) Use the row approach to multiplication to write  $A$  as a product of  $L$ , a diagonal matrix  $D$  whose elements in the diagonal are the pivots of Gauss elimination and an upper triangular matrix  $U^*$  with 1 in the diagonal:

$$A = LDU^*.$$

16. Let  $A = LU$  with

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve  $Ax = b$ ,  $b = [1 \ 2 \ 4]^T$ , using two systems of linear equations with triangular matrices.

17. Consider again

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Explain how to reduce  $A$  to a diagonal matrix  $D$  using only products of elementary matrices. Show those elementary matrices.
- b) What are the diagonal components of  $D$ ?
- c) Explain how to determine  $A^{-1}$  using elementary and diagonal matrices.

18. Consider the following 2 matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For each of these matrices  $A$ ,

- a) determine, if possible, its  $LU$  decomposition; if  $A = LU$  is not possible, find a permutation matrix  $P$  such that  $PA = LU$ ;
- b) determine conditions on the components of  $b$  such that  $Ax = b$  has a solution (look for the rows of zeros in  $U$ ).