

**EXAM 3 INFO:**

**Time:** Thursday, 12/1, 8:15–9:45pm

**Location:** Carver 205

**Content:** Sections 4.5–4.7, 5.1–5.5, and 6.1–6.4

**Details:**

- No calculators
- Closed book
- Closed notes

**TOPICS AND SAMPLE PROBLEMS:**

- **Topic 1:** Rank and nullity.
  1. Dimensions of vector spaces.
  2. Rank of a matrix and basis for row space.
  3. Apply the Rank Theorem (Rank-Nullity) and the Invertible Matrix Theorem.

**Sample problems:**

- 1) Find a basis for  $\text{Row } A$ ,  $\dim \text{Row } A$ , and  $\text{rank } A$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -6 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ -7 & 8 & 10 & 3 & -10 \\ 4 & -5 & -7 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 2) If a  $3 \times 8$  matrix  $A$  has rank 3, what are the dimensions of  $\text{Nul } A$  and  $\text{Row } A$ , and what is the rank of  $A^T$ ?
- 3) Is there a  $4 \times 9$  matrix for which  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 4$ ?
- 4) If  $A$  is a  $6 \times 4$  matrix, what is the smallest possible dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

- **Topic 2:** Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, diagonalization.
  1. Compute eigenvalues and eigenspaces.
  2. Diagonalize a matrix, if possible.

**Sample problem:** Diagonalize, if possible:

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

- **Topic 3:** Change of coordinates, matrices of linear transformations in different coordinates.
  1. Find the matrix of change of coordinates from different bases.
  2. Calculate the matrix of a linear transformation in a given basis.
  3. Use the change of coordinates matrix to calculate the matrix of a linear transformation in another basis.

**Sample problem:** Consider the standard basis  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where as usual,

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also consider the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$ , where

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

- 1) Compute the coordinates  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of the vector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to the bases  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , respectively.
- 2) Find the change of coordinates matrix  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}$  which transforms coordinate vectors in the basis  $\mathcal{E}$  to coordinate vectors in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . For the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  above, verify that  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ .
- 3) Consider the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  for which  $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_3$  and  $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = 0$ . Find the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$  representing  $T$  in the standard basis  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- 4) Find the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  that represents  $T$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .

- **Topic 4:** Orthogonal projections.
  1. Compute orthogonal projections onto subspaces.
  2. Find the closest vector in a subspace to a given vector.
  3. Find the distance between a vector and a subspace.

**Sample problem:** Consider the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $W$  which minimizes the distance from the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $W$ , and compute the distance from  $\mathbf{b}$  to  $W$ .

- **Topic 5:** Gram–Schmidt process

1. Given a basis of a subspace, find an orthogonal or orthonormal basis of the same subspace.

**Sample problem:** Find an orthonormal basis of the column space of the following matrix:

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

(Notice that the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent)

- **Topic 6:** Complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

1. Compute complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
2. Real and imaginary parts of complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

**Sample problem:** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 20 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the (real and/or complex) eigenvalues.

- (b) Find an invertible (real) matrix  $P$  and a (real) matrix of the form  $C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $A = PCP^{-1}$ . Alternatively, show that no such matrices exist.

# SOLUTIONS:

## • Topic 1:

1) A basis for Row  $A$  is given by the nonzero columns in any echelon form. Row reduce:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -6 & 8 \\ 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ -7 & 8 & 10 & 3 & -10 \\ 4 & -5 & -7 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -6 & 8 \\ -7 & 8 & 10 & 3 & -10 \\ 4 & -5 & -7 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \\ -7 & 8 & 10 & 3 & -10 \\ 4 & -5 & -7 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + 7R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \\ 0 & -6 & -18 & 24 & -24 \\ 4 & -5 & -7 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_4 = R_4 - 4R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \\ 0 & -6 & -18 & 24 & -24 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{R_4 = R_4 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & -12 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

One basis for Row  $A$  is

$$\{(1, -2, -4, 3, -2), (0, 3, 9, -12, 12)\}.$$

Since there are two basis vectors,  $\dim \text{Row } A = 2$ . Finally, we count pivots in  $A$  to see that  $\text{rank } A = 2$ . (If you kept row reducing all the way to reduced row echelon form, then you would have found a different basis. That is okay because a vector space has lots of different bases. You should still have gotten the same *dimension*, however.)

- 2) (a) Since there are  $n = 8$  columns, the Rank Theorem (Rank-Nullity) says that  $\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n = 8$ . Subtract to find  $\dim \text{Nul } A = n - \text{rank } A = 5$ .
  - (b) The dimension of Row  $A$  always equals  $\text{rank } A$ , which in this case is 3.
  - (c) The rank of  $A^\top$  always equals  $\text{rank } A$ , which in this case is 3.
- 3) Since  $A$  has  $n = 9$  columns, the Rank Theorem (Rank-Nullity) says that  $\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n = 9$ . If  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 4$ , then  $\text{rank } A = 5$ . This is impossible since  $A$  only has 4 rows:  $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A \leq 4$  since  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- 4) In most problems like this, you should think about the Rank Theorem (Rank-Nullity). For this specific problem, it does not impose any constraints, and we can easily produce an example

where  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$ . For instance,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This matrix has  $n = 4$  linearly independent columns, so  $\dim \text{Nul } A = n - \text{rank } A = 4 - 4 = 0$ .

• **Topic 2:**

Our goal is to find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $A$ .

The first step is to find the eigenvalues. Compute the characteristic polynomial and set it equal to zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 - \lambda \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda) \left[ (2 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - 2(-1) \right] - \left[ 2(-1 - \lambda) - 2(-1) \right] + \left[ 2(-1) - (2 - \lambda)(-1) \right] \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - \lambda) - (-2\lambda) + (-\lambda) \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 \\ &= -\lambda^2(\lambda - 2). \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 0$  (with algebraic multiplicity 2) and  $\lambda = 2$  (with algebraic multiplicity 1).

The next step is to find bases for each of the eigenspaces. We start with the 0-eigenspace,  $\text{Nul}(A - 0I) = \text{Nul}(A)$ . It consists of solutions to the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , so we row reduce an augmented matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} A & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

Reinterpret as equations, and solve for basic variables in terms of free variables:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0, \quad x_1 = -x_2 - x_3.$$

Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a vector in parametric vector form, using the free variables as parameters:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A basis for the 0-eigenspace is given by:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Repeat to find a basis for the 2-eigenspace,  $\text{Nul}(A-2I)$ . It consists of solutions to the homogeneous equation  $(A-2I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , so we row reduce an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} A-2I & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=\widetilde{R}_2+2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{R_3=\widetilde{R}_3-R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=\widetilde{R}_3+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=\frac{1}{2}\widetilde{R}_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{R_1=\widetilde{R}_1-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1=\widetilde{R}_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Reinterpret as equations, and solve for basic variables in terms of free variables:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \end{cases}$$

Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a vector in parametric vector form, using the free variables as parameters:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A basis for the 2-eigenspace is given by

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Finally, put all the eigenspace bases together and see if we have as many vectors as the size of  $A$ . In this case,  $2 + 1 = 3$ , and we have a basis of eigenvectors. To write  $A = PDP^{-1}$  with  $P$  invertible and  $D$  diagonal, use the basis of eigenvectors for the columns of  $P$ , and put their corresponding eigenvalues on the diagonal of  $D$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• **Topic 3:**

- 1) (a) Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors in  $\mathcal{E}$ . This one is easy since we can see that  $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{e}_1 - 2\mathbf{e}_2 + 2\mathbf{e}_3$ . The coefficients give the coordinates:

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors in  $\mathcal{B}$ . This time, we can see that  $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{b}_3 = 0\mathbf{b}_1 + 0\mathbf{b}_2 + 2\mathbf{b}_3$ . (You could also solve the vector equation  $c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + c_3\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{x}$ .) The coefficients give the coordinates:

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 2) (a) The change of coordinates matrix is

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [\mathbf{e}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} & [\mathbf{e}_3]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have to find all the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates for the standard basis vectors. It amounts to solving three vector equations  $c_{1j}\mathbf{b}_1 + c_{2j}\mathbf{b}_2 + c_{3j}\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{e}_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . Make an augmented matrix with three augmented columns, and row reduce:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 & \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \end{array} \right] &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2 = \widetilde{R}_2 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 = \widetilde{R}_1 - R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_1 = \widetilde{R}_1 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{R}_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The columns of the matrix on the right give the solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_1 + 0\mathbf{b}_2 + 0\mathbf{b}_3 &= \mathbf{e}_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2 + 0\mathbf{b}_3 &= \mathbf{e}_2 \\ -\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3 &= \mathbf{e}_3. \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients give coordinates, so

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [\mathbf{e}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} & [\mathbf{e}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} & [\mathbf{e}_3]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Notice it is the same as the matrix on the right when we finished row reducing.)

(b) To verify that  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ , just multiply our answers for  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}$  and  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

That is the same as our answer for  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . It checks out.

3) The answer is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [T(\mathbf{e}_1)]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(\mathbf{e}_2)]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(\mathbf{e}_3)]_{\mathcal{E}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The columns say what  $T$  does to the basis vectors. Our answer means that, for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{E}} = [T]_{\mathcal{E}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

4) The matrix is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(\mathbf{b}_3)]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}$  and  $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$  to find the columns:

$$[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{E}} = P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}[T]_{\mathcal{E}}[(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{E}},$$

i.e.,

$$[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Repeat to find  $[T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $[T(\mathbf{b}_3)]_{\mathcal{B}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ [T(\mathbf{b}_3)]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$



The answer is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• **Topic 4:**

- (a) The closest vector to  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $W$  is given by its orthogonal projection  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ . In order to find that, we first need an orthogonal basis for  $W$ . We can see that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly independent, so they form a basis for  $W$ . Use the Gram–Schmidt algorithm. Start by setting

$$\mathbf{u}_1 := \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{p}_2$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}_2$  onto  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1\}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{2}{2} \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then define

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  form an orthogonal basis for  $W$ , and we can use them to find our projection:

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2}{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2} \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{-2}{2} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{2}{1} \mathbf{u}_2 = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is the closest approximation to  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $W$ .

- (b) The distance from  $\mathbf{b}$  to  $W$  is  $\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\|$ . We have

$$\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

so the distance is

$$\|\mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

• **Topic 5:**

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  be the columns of  $A$ :

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

We want an orthonormal basis for  $W := \text{Col } A$ , and a regular (not even orthogonal) basis is given by  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ . Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to find an orthogonal basis. In every step, we find an orthogonal projection and then rip it out.

First set

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{p}_2$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}_2$  onto  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1\}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then define

$$\mathbf{u}_2 := \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  form an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . We can get a nicer basis by rescaling  $\mathbf{u}_2$  to clear the fractions:

$$\mathbf{u}'_2 := 3\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}'_2$  also form an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ .

Go again. Let  $\mathbf{p}_3$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{v}_3$  onto  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{u}'_2}{\mathbf{u}'_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}'_2} \mathbf{u}'_2 = \frac{0}{3} \mathbf{u}_1 + \frac{3}{15} \mathbf{u}'_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then define

$$\mathbf{u}_3 := \mathbf{v}_3 - \mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now  $\mathbf{u}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{u}'_2$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_3$  form an orthogonal basis for  $W = \text{Col } A$ . We can get a nicer-looking orthogonal basis by rescaling  $\mathbf{u}_3$  to clear the fractions:

$$\mathbf{u}'_3 := \frac{5}{2} \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finally, normalize the orthogonal basis to get an orthonormal basis  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|} \mathbf{u}_1, \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}'_2\|} \mathbf{u}'_2, \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}'_3\|} \mathbf{u}'_3 \right\}$ . We have

$$\|\mathbf{u}_1\| = \sqrt{3}, \quad \|\mathbf{u}'_2\| = \sqrt{15}, \quad \|\mathbf{u}'_3\| = \sqrt{15},$$

so our answer is

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

### • Topic 6:

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial and set it equal to zero:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 20 \\ -1 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-\lambda)(4 - \lambda) - (20)(-1) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 20.$$

Use the quadratic equation to find the zeros:

$$\lambda = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(20)}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-64}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 8i}{2} = 2 \pm 4i.$$

(b) The matrices  $P$  and  $C$  exist since  $A$  has a complex eigenvalue  $\lambda = a - bi$ . It doesn't matter which one we use, but let's just pick  $\lambda = 2 - 4i$ . Then  $a = 2$  and  $b = 4$ , so that

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find  $P$ , we just need to get a complex eigenvector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^2$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2 - 4i$ , and then we set  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Re } \mathbf{v} & \text{Im } \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}$ . We want to solve  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , so we row reduce the augmented matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} A - \lambda I & & & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 + 4i & 20 & 0 & \\ -1 & 2 + 4i & 0 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 + 4i & 0 & \\ -2 + 4i & 20 & 0 & \end{array} \right].$$

This matrix is guaranteed to have a nontrivial null space since  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue, so the rows cannot be linearly independent: there has to be some constant  $c$  such that  $R_2 = cR_1$ . (In fact,  $c = 2 - 4i$ , but the exact value isn't important.) Replace  $R_2$  with  $R_2 - cR_1$  to get

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2+4i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2-4i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It says that  $v_1 - (2 + 4i)v_2 = 0$ , or  $v_1 = (2 + 4i)v_2$ . Then

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 + 4i)v_2 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 4i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can set the free variable to  $v_2 = 1$  to get

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 4i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 4i \\ 1 + 0i \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{v} & \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$