

**ENG EK 103: Computational Linear Algebra: Final exam**

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Here are some important ground rules:

- The exam is open notes, open book, open computer, but not open internet
- Show all your work !! Answers with no work to support them will receive zero credit
- Be sure you write your name and BU ID # in the given spaces above
- Every page (except this one) has a space in the header to write your name. Please do so !
- There are a lot of empty pages after each problem for your work. Please start each problem on the page of that problem !

Some useful matlab commands for checking your work are:

 $rref(A)$ ,  $rref([A \ b])$ ,  $inv(A)$ ,  $det(A)$ ,  $roots()$ ,  $[V, D] = eig(A)$  $[U, SIGMA, V] = svd(A)$

**Problem 1 (25 points):** In this problem, you are to consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

and the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a) (10 points) Performing the row reduction by hand and showing the steps in your work, write down the complete solution  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{complete}}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

b) (5 points) Find the rank of  $A$ ..... then, find the dimension of each of the 4 fundamental subspaces:

- The column space of  $A$
- The null space of  $A$
- The column space of  $A^T$  (also known as the row space of  $A$ )
- The null space of  $A^T$  (also known as the left null space of  $A$ )

c) (5 points) Find basis vectors for these 3 subspaces:

- Column space of  $A$
- The null space of  $A$ , and
- The row space of  $A$

d) (5 points) Which 2 of the 3 subspaces in part (c) are orthogonal subspaces? Demonstrate the orthogonality between those 2 particular subspaces by picking 1 basis vector from each subspace and taking the dot product between them.





## Q2 (25 points)

(**TIP:** throughout this question, write the formal equations first before replacing symbolic expressions by concrete numbers. When properly done, the arithmetic is easy but a mistake in execution will make it very complicated, so for partial credit it's important we see that you understand the core approach.)

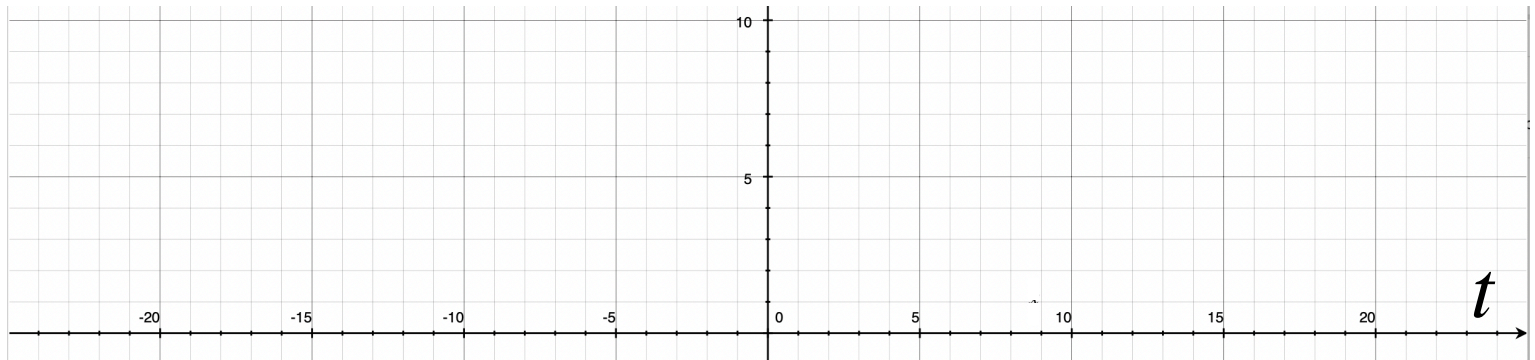
### Problem setup:

To the right is a series of height data points relative to time:

t	h
-20	5
-10	3
10	3
20	5

### (a) (3 points)

- i) Plot the above data points on the graph below.
- ii) Sketch a line which will best fit these points.



- iii) Eyeballing it, and without using any math, give a best guess as to the line's equation, in the form  $h = c_1 t + c_0$ . Write the coefficients below:

$$c_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad c_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

### (b) (5 points)

Please calculate a  $h = c_1 t + c_0$  (aka *line*) least squares fit for the data given above. Show your work, and write the coefficients below:

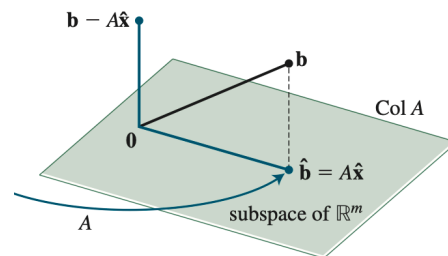
$$c_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad c_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**HINT:** Leave any denominators factored out until right at the very end. Trust us, the calculation will be much easier this way.

**TIP:** You are strongly encouraged to use the coefficients you find here to refine your “guesstimated” answer to part **(a)(iii)** of this question.

**(c) (5 points)**

Having written the above curve fitting in  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  form, now find  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ , the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  (see image at right). (NOTE: In some EK103 sections,  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  is called  $\mathbf{p}$ .)



**FIGURE 2** The least-squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**(d) (5 points)**

i) Find the error vector, defined as  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \hat{\mathbf{b}}$

ii) Find the squared error, defined as  $\|\mathbf{e}\|^2$

**(e) (5 points)**

Set up an equation to find a  $h = c_2 t^2 + c_1 t + c_0$  (aka *quadratic*) least-squares fit for the data given above. DO NOT SOLVE, all we require is your answer in the matrix form  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

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**(f) (2 points)**

*(This question is independent of the previous parts of this section.)*

Using the following basis vectors:

$$\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and letting  $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \mathbf{u}_3 \quad \mathbf{u}_4]$

i) Find  $(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U})^{-1}$

ii) Find the *projection matrix*,  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U})^{-1} \mathbf{U}^T$









**Problem 3** (25 points): Singular Value Decomposition.

**If you get square roots or fractions, you can leave them as-is, no need to rationalize denominators.**

**Hint:** MATLAB may be less useful for checking your answers than you think. The algorithm inside the `svd()` command can choose a different set of vectors for  $U$  and  $V$  from us when writing by hand. You *must* show your work.

Remember that a singular value decomposition is  $A = U\Sigma V^\top$

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Given the following  $A$  matrix:

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

I have calculated the following for you. These will help you save time, but you may or may not need all of them.

$$AA^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^\top A = \begin{bmatrix} 4.5 & 0 & 0 & -4.5 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4.5 & 0 & 0 & 4.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Four linearly independent, orthogonal, eigenvectors for  $A^\top A$ , arranged from largest eigenvalue to smallest eigenvalue:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Questions:**

- (a) (5 points) What are the eigenvalues of  $AA^\top$  and  $A^\top A$ ? Explain.

**HINT: No calculations are required for this part of the question.**

- (b) (5 points) Find the matrix  $\Sigma$ . Show all your steps.

- (c) (5 points) Find the matrix  $V$ . Show all your steps.

- (d) (10 points) Find the matrix  $U$ . Show all your steps. Write the final SVD as  $U\Sigma V^\top$ .







**Problem 4:** Eigenvalues and eigenvectors (25 points)

This problem has two independent parts (PART ONE and PART TWO), i.e., you can do each part without needing any information from the other part.

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**PART ONE:**

Throughout this part you should assume that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , a symmetric matrix.

**(1a)** (3 points) Determine whether or not the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of the matrix  $A$ . Show your work.

**(1b)** (5 points) Determine the numerical values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  so that the following equation holds:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + c_1\lambda + c_2$$

Show your work.

**(1c)** (5 points) Determine a  $2 \times 2$  *orthonormal* matrix whose columns are eigenvectors of  $A$ . Show your work.

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**PART TWO:**

Throughout this part, you should assume that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $A$  is a symmetric matrix and  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are scalars. Furthermore, we are given two facts about the matrix  $A$ :

FACT 1: The vector  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the *nullspace* of the matrix  $B = A - I$ , where  $I$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix.

FACT 2: There exist *non-zero* vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  such that  $A\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{u}$ .

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**(2a)** (5 points) On the basis of *FACT 1*, one can claim that the vector  $\mathbf{w}_1$  is in fact an *eigenvector* of matrix  $A$ . What is the corresponding *eigenvalue*? Show your reasoning.

**(2b)** (5 points) Calculate a vector  $\mathbf{w}_2$  that is *orthogonal* to the vector  $\mathbf{w}_1$ . Show your work.

**(2c)** (2 points) Give an example of a vector  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$  that satisfies *FACT 2*. In your answer, you should specify a specific numerical value for  $u_1$  and a specific numerical value for  $u_2$ . Show your reasoning.







