

**Question 1** (10 points). Determine the values of  $h$  for which the following vectors are linearly independent.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ h \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & h & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 23 & h-3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h-26 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$h \neq 26$$

Question 2 (12 points). Let

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

a. Reduce  $A$  to an Echelon form.

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. Compute  $\det(A)$ . Is  $A$  invertible? **Hint:** Use Echelon form of  $A$  to compute  $\det(A)$ .

$$\det A = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$A$  is not invertible.

c. Let  $T$  be the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Is  $T$  onto? Justify your answer.

$T$  is not onto because  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has no solution (the bottom row in the echelon form consists of zeros).

d. Find a basis for null space  $\text{Nul}A$ .

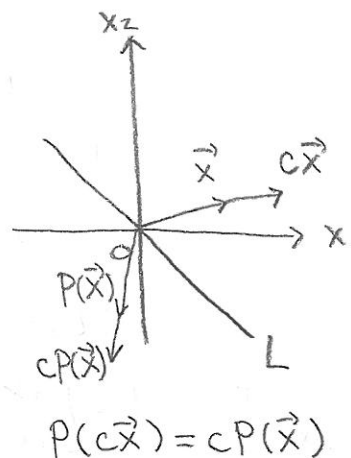
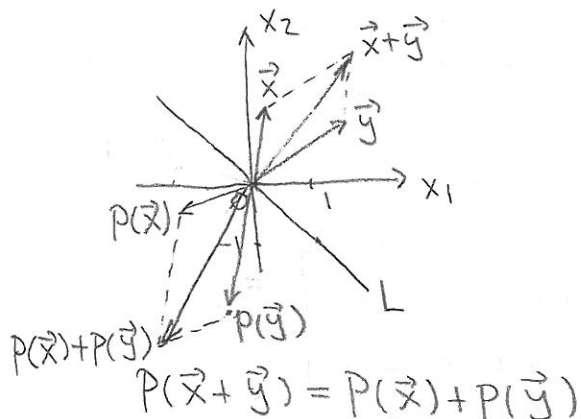
$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3** (10 points). Let  $L = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  be a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the reflection about the line  $L$ ,

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^\perp$$

where  $\mathbf{x}^\perp = \mathbf{x} - \text{proj}_L \mathbf{x}$

a. Show that  $P$  is a linear transformation.



b. Find the standard matrix for  $P$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} P[1] & P[0] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the matrix in part b.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\underline{\lambda = 1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = -1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 4** (10 points). Suppose for the matrix  $A$  we know  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^3(3 - \lambda)(4 + \lambda)(7 + \lambda)(18 - \lambda)$

a. Find all possible values of rank  $A$ .

Since the characteristic polynomial is of degree 7,  $A$  is  $7 \times 7$ .

Since the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda = 3, -4, -7, 18$  is 1 each, these eigenvalues have 1-dimensional eigenspaces.

The algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda = 0$  equals 3, and thus the corresponding eigenspace can be of dimension 1, 2 or 3.

dim=1  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has 1 free variable, rank  $A = 7 - 1 = 6$

dim=2  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has 2 free variables, rank  $A = 7 - 2 = 5$

dim=3  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has 3 free variables, rank  $A = 7 - 3 = 4$

b. Answer the same question as in part a. under the further assumption that  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

examples

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $A$  is not diagonalizable, it must be

either of the first two cases above

(geometric multiplicity  $<$  algebraic multiplicity)

rank  $A = 6$  or  $5$

Question 5 (10 points). Let

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

a. Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2-\lambda \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3) - (1-\lambda) + (\lambda-1) \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda-1)(\lambda-3) + 2(\lambda-1) \\ &= (\lambda-1)(-\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 4) = -(\lambda-1)^2(\lambda-4) \Rightarrow \lambda=1 \text{ or } \lambda=4 \end{aligned}$$

b. Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

$$\underline{\lambda=1} \quad A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -s-t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\lambda=4} \quad A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is diagonalizable,  $AP=PD$  with  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

c. Compute  $P^{-1}$  in part b.

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Question 6 (10 points). Find an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col } A$ , where

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

$\vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{a}_2 \quad \vec{a}_3$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{a}_2 - \frac{\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{4}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{a}_3 - \frac{\vec{a}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 - \frac{\vec{a}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2}{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} \vec{v}_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{12}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

Thus an orthogonal basis for  $\text{Col } A$  is  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

and the corresponding orthonormal basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Question 7 (10 points). Given vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$ .

Note that  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are not orthogonal.

Find an orthogonal basis for  $\text{Span}\{\vec{b}, \vec{c}\}$  by taking

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{c} - \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the orthogonal projection of  $\vec{a}$  can be computed as

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}_1}{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} \vec{v}_1 + \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}_2}{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} \vec{v}_2$$

$$= \frac{4}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 8** (10 points). Suppose that a data set consists of points  $(-2, 6)$ ,  $(-1, 3)$ ,  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$  and  $(2, 1)$  on the  $xy$ -plane. Determine the parabola

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

that best models the relation between the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of these sample values. Hint: Compute a least-squares solution for  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Set up the normal equations

$$A^T(\vec{b} - A\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 34 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 \\ -13 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 34 & 0 & 10 & 31 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & -13 \\ 10 & 0 & 5 & 10 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & -3 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(2 - \frac{3}{7}) \\ -\frac{13}{10} \\ \frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{14} \\ -\frac{13}{10} \\ \frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the parabola is  $y = \frac{11}{14}x^2 - \frac{13}{10}x + \frac{3}{7}$ .



Question 9 (18 points). True or false? Justify your answer

a. A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is never onto.

True,  $T\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  can span a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of dimension at most 2.

b. If  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are two eigenvectors for the matrix  $A$  then  $2\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w}$  must also be an eigenvector for  $A$ .

False, if  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  belong to different eigenvalues.

Even better, let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

c. Every real  $2 \times 2$  matrix with complex eigenvalues with non-zero imaginary part is similar to a matrix of rotation around the origin by some angle  $\theta$ .

False, in general it is similar to the product of such a matrix and a diagonal matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$  (dilation).

d. If  $A^3$  is not invertible, neither is  $A$ .

True. Suppose  $A$  is invertible, with inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

Then  $(A^{-1})^3$  would be the inverse of  $A^3$ .

e. A  $4 \times 4$  real matrix always has at least one real eigenvalue.

False. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

f. If two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomials then they are similar.

False. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .