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**MATHEMATICS FOR SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS**

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Time allowed: 3:00 hours

**There are FIVE questions on this paper.**

**Answer THREE questions.**

Q2 —

*All questions carry equal marks*

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1. Consider the space  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  of three-by-three matrices. We define the inner product  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^T A)$ , and we define the corresponding norm  $N(A) = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}$ . Let

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Find the range and the kernel of  $S$ . [ 1 ]
- b) Compute  $N(S)$  the norm of  $S$  as defined before. [ 2 ]
- c) Compute the matrix norm of  $S$  given by  $\|S\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Sx\|$  where  $\|x\|^2 = x^T x$ . [ 3 ]
- d) A matrix  $A$  is said to be  $S$ -invariant if  $AS = SA$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of  $S$ -invariant matrices.
  - (i) Show that  $\mathcal{S}$  is a vector space. [ 2 ]
  - (ii) Determine the dimension of  $\mathcal{S}$ . [ 4 ]
  - (iii) Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are two elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  then  $AB \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $AB = BA$ . [ 3 ]
  - (iv) Show that if  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $A$  has a unique eigenvalue. [ 2 ]
  - (v) Explicitly describe all the matrices  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  for which  $A^T \in \mathcal{S}$ . [ 3 ]

2. Consider  $\mathcal{C}_0$  the space of real-valued ~~continuous~~ functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . For  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}_0$ , we define the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ .

a) Check that the above inner product is indeed an inner product and find the expression of the corresponding norm. [ 3 ]

b) Let

$$\mathcal{E} = \{f \in \mathcal{C}_0, f(-x) = f(x)\}$$

be the set of even functions and

$$\mathcal{O} = \{f \in \mathcal{C}_0, f(-x) = -f(x)\}$$

be the set of odd functions.

(i) Show that  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  are two vector spaces. [ 3 ]

(ii) Show that  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  are orthogonal, i.e., for any  $f \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{O}$ , we have  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$ . [ 4 ]

(iii) For  $f \in \mathcal{C}_0$ , and let  $g(x) = f(x) + f(-x)$  and  $h(x) = f(x) - f(-x)$ . Show that  $g \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{O}$ . [ 3 ]

(iv) Show that any  $f \in \mathcal{C}_0$  can be decomposed in a **unique** way as  $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$  where  $g \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $h \in \mathcal{O}$ . [ 3 ]

(v) Determine the orthogonal projections on  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$ . [ 4 ]

3. Let  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  be a set of orthonormal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e., pairwise orthogonal

$$u_i^T u_j = 0, \text{ for } i \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad u_i^T u_i = 1, \text{ for all } i.$$

We denote by  $\|x\|^2 = x^T x$ .

- a) Let  $U = [u_1, \dots, u_n]$  be a matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

- (i) Show that  $U^T U = U U^T = I$ ,  $I$  being the identity matrix. [ 2 ]
- (ii) Prove that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i^T x) u_i$  for  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . [ 3 ]
- (iii) Show that  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . [ 3 ]
- (iv) Show that  $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$ . [ 3 ]

- b) Let  $V_1 = \text{Span}(u_1, \dots, u_k)$  and  $V_2 = \text{Span}(u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n)$ .

- (i) Show that  $\mathbb{R}^n = V_1 \oplus V_2$ , i.e.  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are complementary. [ 3 ]
- (ii) Let  $p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k (u_i^T x) u_i$ ; show that  $p$  is a projection. [ 3 ]
- (iii) Let  $s(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k (u_i^T x) u_i - \sum_{i=k+1}^n (u_i^T x) u_i$ ; show that  $s$  is a reflexion.

[ 3 ]

4. Let  $A$  be a matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $m \geq n$ .

- a) Show that if  $A$  has a left inverse, i.e. there exists a  $C$  such that  $CA = I$  ( $I$  the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ), then  $A$  has zero-null space. [ 3 ]
- b) Assume that  $A$  is zero-null space.
  - (i) Show that  $A^T A$  is a positive definite matrix. [ 3 ]
  - (ii) Find a left inverse for  $A$ . [ 3 ]
  - (iii) Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Find a condition on  $y$  so that the equation  $Ax = y$  admits a solution. [ 2 ]
- c) For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$ . We consider the inner product  $x^T y$  and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .
  - (i) Show that, for any vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A(x - \hat{x})$  is orthogonal to  $A\hat{x} - y$ . [ 3 ]
  - (ii) Show that  $\|Ax - y\| \geq \|A\hat{x} - y\|$ . [ 3 ]
  - (iii) Suppose that  $y \notin \text{Range}(A)$ . Relate the above to the linear least-square problem. [ 3 ]

5. a) Show that if  $A$  is a positive definite matrix then if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  then  $\lambda > 0$ . [ 3 ]

- b) Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix with  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as its eigenvalues and eigenvectors respectively, i.e.,  $Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that if for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\lambda_i > 0$  then  $A$  is positive definite. [ 4 ]

*Hint: Use the fact that if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric then  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is an orthonormal basis, i.e.,  $x_i^T x_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $x_i^T x_i = 1$ .*

c) Let  $A = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 & 26 \\ 4 & -8 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Show that  $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 30 \end{pmatrix}$ . [ 2 ]

- d) We now want to solve the linear least-square problem with  $A$  above and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- (i) Show that is equivalent to solving the linear problem

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 30 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/5 \\ -13/5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[ 2 ]

- (ii) Using the Cholesky decomposition, show that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 30 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[ 5 ]

- (iii) Show that the solution is  $\hat{x} = \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 41 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . [ 4 ]

*Hint: Cholesky Decomposition: Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that*

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & A_{21}^T \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

*where  $a_{11}$  is a scalar,  $A_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times 1}$ , and  $A_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$  symmetric.*

- Calculate the first column of  $L$ :  $l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$  and  $L_{21} = \frac{1}{l_{11}} A_{21}$ .
- Compute the Cholesky factor  $L_{22}$  of the matrix  $A_{22} - \frac{1}{a_{11}} A_{21} A_{21}^T$ .
- The Cholesky factor  $L$  of a positive definite matrix  $A$  is given by

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0 \dots 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

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(1)

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(Q1.)

a) Range (S) = Span { vector columns of S }.

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

not Kernel (S).

$$S \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Kernel (S)} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

b)  $S^T S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N(S) = \sqrt{\lambda(S^T S)} = \sqrt{2}.$$

c)  $Sx = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \|Sx\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$

$$x \neq 0 \quad \frac{\|Sx\|}{\|x\|} \leq 1$$

$$\text{and } S \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \|S\| = 1.$$

(Q1)

(2)

d) (i) We will show that  $\mathcal{J}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ .

\*  $\mathbf{I} \in \mathcal{J}$  ;  $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\mathbf{I}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S}$ .

\*  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{J}$  ;  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\lambda \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(\lambda \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}(\lambda \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \Rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{J}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{J}$  is a vector space.

(ii)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} & 0 \\ a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 \\ a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  ;  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & \alpha & 0 \\ \gamma & \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} ; \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore  $\dim(\mathcal{J}) = 3$ .

(iii) If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_1 & \alpha_1 & 0 \\ \gamma_1 & \beta_1 & \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \gamma_2 & \beta_2 & \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$

then ;  $\mathcal{J} \ni \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_1 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1 \beta_2 & \alpha_1 \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \gamma_1 \alpha_2 + \beta_1 \beta_2 + \alpha_1 \gamma_2 & \beta_1 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1 \beta_2 & \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$

(iv) from description in (ii)  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{J}$

has a unique eigenvalue  $\alpha$ .

(v)  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{S}$  ;  $\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow \beta = \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \alpha \mathbf{I}$ .



Q2

a) 1)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$

2)  $\langle \lambda f + g, h \rangle = \lambda \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle$

3)  $\langle f, f \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) f(x) dx \geq 0$

4)  $\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx}$$

b)

(i)  $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{O}$  subspaces of  $\mathcal{C}_0$ .

$$(x \mapsto 0) \in \mathcal{E} \quad ; \quad (x \mapsto 0) \in \mathcal{O}$$

$$\lambda f + g(-x) = \lambda f(-x) + g(-x) = \begin{cases} \lambda f(x) + g(x) & ; f, g \in \mathcal{E} \\ -\lambda f(x) - g(x) & ; f, g \in \mathcal{O} \end{cases}$$

(ii)  $f \in \mathcal{E}, g \in \mathcal{O}$  then  $f(-x)g(x) = -f(x)g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) g(x) dx + \int_{-1}^0 f(x) g(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 f(x) g(x) dx - \int_0^1 f(x) g(x) dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $g(-x) = g(x) \quad ; \quad h(-x) = -h(x)$ .

Q2

b).  
(iv)

$$g(u) = \frac{f(u) + f(-u)}{2}$$

$$h(u) = \frac{f(u) - f(-u)}{2}$$

(if  $f = g_1 + h_1$  then  $g_1 = g$  &  $h_1 = h$ ).

(v) orthogonal projection of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{E}$  is given  
by  $u \mapsto \frac{f(u) + f(-u)}{2}$ .

orthogonal projection of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  is given by  
 $u \mapsto \frac{f(u) - f(-u)}{2}$ .

(5)

(Q3.) Similar to problem solved during lectures.

a)

$$(i) \quad U^T U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1^T \\ \vdots \\ u_n^T \end{pmatrix} (u_1 \dots u_n) = \begin{pmatrix} u_i^T u_j \end{pmatrix}_{i,j=1 \dots n} = I$$

$$U^{-1} = U^T \Rightarrow U^T U = U U^T = I.$$

$$(ii) \quad x = I x = U U^T x$$

$$= U \begin{pmatrix} u_1^T \\ \vdots \\ u_n^T \end{pmatrix} x$$

$$= U \begin{pmatrix} u_1^T x \\ \vdots \\ u_n^T x \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^T x u_i$$

(iii)  $u_1 \dots u_n$  linearly independent

since if  $\lambda_1 u_1 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n = 0$  then

$$u_i^T (\lambda_1 u_1 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n) = \lambda_i \Rightarrow \lambda_i = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

& by (ii)  $\text{Span} \{ u_1 \dots u_n \} = \mathbb{R}^n$

$\Rightarrow (u_1 \dots u_n)$  is a basis of orthonormal vectors thus an orthonormal basis.

Q3

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a)  
(iv)

$$\|Ux\|^2 \quad (U_2)^T Ux = x^T \underbrace{U^T U}_I x$$
$$\therefore x^T x = \|x\|^2$$

b).

(i)

$$x \in V_1 \cap V_2$$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^h \lambda_i u_i$$
$$= \sum_{j=k+1}^n \lambda_j u_j$$

$$x^T x = 0$$

since  $u_i$ 's are orthogonal  
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$ .

ans!

~~$V_1 \oplus V_2$~~   $V_1 + V_2 = \mathbb{R}^n$  by a) (ii)

$\Rightarrow$

$$V_1 \oplus V_2 = \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(ii)

$$p^2(x) = p(x) \Rightarrow p \text{ projection}$$

(iii)

$$s^2(x) = x \Rightarrow s \text{ reflexion}$$

Q4

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a)  $\exists C \quad CA = I$

then  $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x: CAx = C0 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$

Kernel  $\{A\} = \{0\}.$

b)

$$x^T (A^T A) x = (Ax)^T Ax \geq 0$$

if  $x^T (A^T A) x = 0 \Rightarrow Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$\therefore A$  has zero null-space

(ii)  $\left[ (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \right] A = I$

(iii)  $Ax = y$  has a solution if  $y \in \text{Range}(A)$

c) (i)  $\left[ A(x - \hat{x}) \right]^T (A\hat{x} - y) = (x - \hat{x})^T A^T (A\hat{x} - y).$   
 $= (x - \hat{x})^T (A^T A \hat{x} - A^T y)$   
 $= (x - \hat{x})^T (A^T y - A^T y) = 0$

(ii)  $\|Ax - y\|^2 = \| (Ax - A\hat{x}) \|^2 + \| (A\hat{x} - y) \|^2$   
 $\geq \| A\hat{x} - y \|^2$

(24)

(iii)

 $y \notin \text{Range}(A)$  then $\hat{x}$  is the least square solution(the one that minimizes  $\|Ax - y\|$ ).for the linear problem  $Ax = y$ ;

Q5

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a)  $Ax = \lambda x \quad (x \neq 0) \quad x^T Ax = \lambda x^T x$

$$\lambda = \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x} > 0 \quad \text{since } x^T Ax > 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0$$

b)

$x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a basis.

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad x = \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n.$

$$Ax = \alpha_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n x_n.$$

$$x^T Ax = \alpha_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + \alpha_n^2 \lambda_n > 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0.$$

c)

~~first~~  $ATA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  by direct matrix multiplication

d) (i) we want to find  $\hat{u} = (ATA)^{-1} ATy$

that is to say solve

$$ATA \hat{u} = ATy$$

i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} u = ATy = \begin{pmatrix} 7/5 \\ -13/5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) Immediate application of Cholesky.

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(iii) First solve.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/5 \\ -13/5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/5 \\ 1/5 \\ 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and then solve.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/5 \\ 1/5 \\ 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 41/25 \\ 4/25 \\ 1/25 \end{pmatrix}$$