

## MC 2020 : LINEAR ALGEBRA

1. (a) Let  $A$  be the transformation that rotates the plane by 60 degrees around the origin.  
(Hint: The general form of a rotation by  $k$  about the origin is  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos(k) & -\sin(k) \\ \sin(k) & \cos(k) \end{pmatrix}$ ).

- i. Write down the matrix that represents  $A$ .
- ii. Compute the matrix  $A^3 = AAA$  and verify that it rotates the plane through 180 degrees.
- iii. By considering the geometry, describe the transformation that would be represented by the matrix  $A^{60}$ .

2. (a) A railway has 600 wagons carrying goods from point A to point B. At the end of each week it finds that 30% of wagons that started the week at A are at B and 20% of wagons that have started at B are now at A.
- i. How many wagons are at A and B at the end of two weeks if 300 wagons started at A and 300 started at B?
  - ii. If there are 400 at A and 200 wagons at B at the end of a week, how many wagons were there at A and at B at the start of the week?
  - iii. How many wagons would need to be at A and at B at the start of the week if there were to be the same numbers at the end of the week?

3. (a) For the following case prove or disprove whether  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$V$  is an inner product space and  $S = \{u \in V \text{ and } \langle u, u_0 \rangle = 0\}$ , where  $u_0 \in V$ .

b) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be non-zero vectors in  $V$ . Prove or disprove the following claim.

$(u+v)$  and  $(u-v)$  are linearly dependent if  $u$  and  $v$  are linearly dependent.

c) Show that vector  $V = [1 \ 8 \ 11]^T$  is a linear combination of  $V_1 = [1 \ 2 \ 1]^T$  and  $V_2 = [-1 \ 1 \ 4]^T$ .

d) Use the Wronskian to show that  $f_1 = x$  and  $f_2 = \sin x$  are linearly independent.

e) Consider  $f(t) = 3t - 5$  and  $g(t) = t^2$  in the polynomial space  $\mathbf{P}(t)$  with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt.$$

Find

i.  $\|f\|$

ii.  $\|g\|$

4. (a) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

i. Compute the three upper-left determinants (principal minors) of  $A$ .

ii. Compute the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

iii. Determine whether  $A$  is positive definite, positive semidefinite, negative definite, negative semidefinite, or indefinite.

(b) Use the quadratic form and eigen value/eigen vector analysis to plot the ellipse:  
 $5x^2 - 4xy + 2y^2 = 1$

5. (a) i. Find all of the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 & -6 \\ 8 & 1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$
- ii. Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\text{inv}(A)$  and compare with those of  $A$ .
- iii. Find the eigenvectors of  $\text{inv}(A)$  and compare with those of  $A$ .

- (b) Consider a matrix  $P$  defining the coordinates of the letters NZ expressed in the standard xy coordinates:  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1.9 & 1.9 & 2.1 & 3 & 2.1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The plot of these points is shown below. Calculate the coordinates of the same points in the uv coordinate system shown (Hint: Find (a) unit vectors  $u, v$ , (b)  $S = [u \ v]$ , (c)  $S^{-1}$ , (d)  $S^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ ).

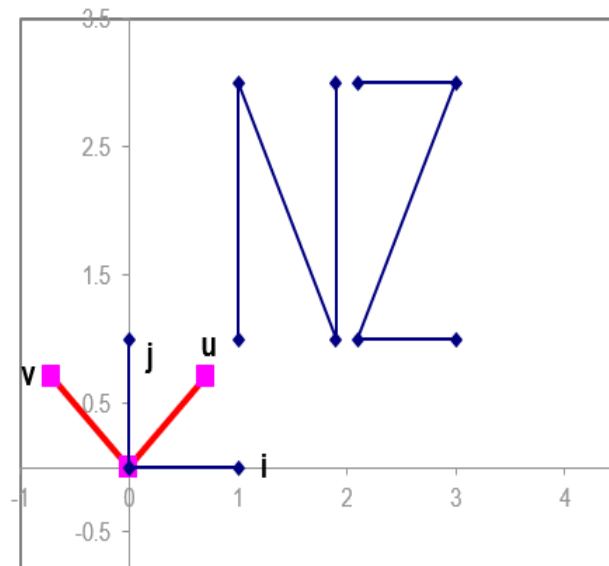


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