

AY2020/2021 Semester I
MA1101R Take-home assignment declaration form

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I have read and will abide by the NUS Code of Student Conduct (in particular, (A) Academic, Professional and Personal Integrity), B and C when attempting this assessment.

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Homework Assignment 1

- (a) Use A4 size paper and pen (blue or black ink) to write your answers.
(Students may also type out the answers or write the answers electronically using their devices.)
- (b) Write down your student number and full name clearly on the top left of every page of the answer scripts.
- (c) Write the page number on the top right corner of each page of answer scripts.
- (d) This assignment consists of 5 pages and 10 questions. Each question is 10 marks.
- (e) To submit your answer scripts, do the following:
 - (i) Scan or take pictures of your work (make sure the images can be read clearly).
 - (ii) Merge the declaration form and all your answers into one pdf file. Arrange them in order of the page with the declaration form as the first page.
 - (iii) Name the pdf file by **StudentNo HW1** (e.g. **A123456R HW1**).
 - (iv) Upload your pdf into the LumiNUS folder Homework 1 submission.
- (f) Deadline for submission is 2 October, 2020 by 11.59pm. **Late submission will not be accepted.**

1. The following augmented matrix belongs to some linear system:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} a^2 - a & 0 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & 1 - a^2 & a^2 & -a \\ 0 & a^2 - 1 & a & a \\ a^2 - a & 0 & a & 2a \end{array} \right)$$

where a is some real number.

Determine the values of a for the system to have

- (i) no solution;
 - (ii) a unique solution;
 - (iii) infinitely many solutions with one parameter;
 - (iv) infinitely many solutions with two parameters.
2. The following augmented matrix is in row echelon form and belongs to some non-homogeneous linear system:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} a & b & c & d \\ 0 & e & f & g \\ 0 & 0 & h & i \end{array} \right)$$

Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Explain carefully how you derive your answers.

(Note: The entries a, e, h need not be leading entries of the row echelon form.)

- (i) If the third column of the augmented matrix is a pivot column, then the system has a unique solution.
- (ii) If the third row of the augmented matrix is a zero row, then the system has infinitely many solutions.
- (iii) If e and f are both zero, then the system is inconsistent.
- (iv) If the general solution of the linear system has two parameters, then $d \neq 0$.

- (v) If $i \neq 0$, then $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & h \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$.

3. A square matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be similar to a square matrix \mathbf{B} of the same order if there is an invertible matrix \mathbf{P} such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P}^{-1}.$$

Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) If \mathbf{A} is similar to \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{B} is similar to \mathbf{C} , then \mathbf{A} is similar to \mathbf{C} .
- (ii) The only matrix that is similar to a scalar matrix is itself.
i.e. If \mathbf{S} is a scalar matrix, and $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$, then $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{S}$.
- (iii) If \mathbf{A} is similar to \mathbf{B} , then \mathbf{A}^k is similar to \mathbf{B}^k for any positive integer k .

4. (a) Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where a, b, c, d are some real numbers.

Find $\det(\mathbf{A})$, $\text{adj}(\mathbf{A})$ and \mathbf{A}^{-1} if \mathbf{A} is invertible.

- (b) Suppose $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})$ is an $n \times n$ square matrix with integers entries, i.e. $b_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$ are integers, and $\det(\mathbf{B}) = 1$. Show that \mathbf{B}^{-1} also has integer entries. (Hint: Use theorem 2.5.25.)

5. (a) Let \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{N} be $n \times n$ ($n \geq 2$) square matrices such that $\mathbf{M} = (m_{ij})$ has entries

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

and $\mathbf{N} = (n_{ij})$ has entries $n_{ij} = 1$ for all i, j .

- (i) Show that $\mathbf{N}^2 = n\mathbf{N}$.
- (ii) Express \mathbf{M} in terms of \mathbf{N} and the identity matrix \mathbf{I} .
- (iii) Use (ii) to show that \mathbf{M} is invertible when $a \neq 0$ and find \mathbf{M}^{-1} .
(Hint: Find \mathbf{M}^{-1} in terms of \mathbf{N} and \mathbf{I} .)
- (b) A square matrix is said to be nilpotent if there exists a positive integer m such that $\mathbf{A}^m = \mathbf{0}$ (see Exercise 2.13).
Prove that if \mathbf{A} is nilpotent and \mathbf{B} is an invertible matrix of order n such that $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$, then $(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A})$ is invertible.
(Hint: Consider the expression $\mathbf{B}^m - \mathbf{A}^m$ and make use of Theorem 2.4.14.)

6. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (i) Perform Gauss Jordan elimination to find the reduced row echelon forms \mathbf{R}_A and \mathbf{R}_B of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} respectively. (Follow the steps in algorithm 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 strictly and indicate your e.r.o.)
- (ii) Find a product of elementary matrices $\mathbf{E}_i, \mathbf{F}_j$ such that

$$\mathbf{E}_k \cdots \mathbf{E}_2 \mathbf{E}_1 \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}_A \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F}_h \cdots \mathbf{F}_2 \mathbf{F}_1 \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{R}_B.$$

- (iii) Are \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} row equivalent to each other? Why?
- (iv) Find a matrix \mathbf{C} such that $\mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{B}$.
- (v) If an additional row $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^5$ is appended to both \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} to form 4×5 matrices \mathbf{A}' and \mathbf{B}' respectively, i.e. $\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix}$. Find a matrix \mathbf{D} such that $\mathbf{DA}' = \mathbf{B}'$.

7. Let $S_1 = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ with $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix};$

$S_2 = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ with $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix};$

$S_3 = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_4\}$ with $\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

Answer the following questions, showing some working how the answers are derived. (You may use MATLAB to help with some computations.)

- (i) Is $\text{span}(S_1) = \text{span}(S_2)$?
- (ii) Is $\text{span}(S_2) = \text{span}(S_3)$?
- (iii) Is $\text{span}(S_3) = \mathbb{R}^4$?
- (iv) Which of the vectors in S_3 belongs to $\text{span}(S_1)$?
- (v) What is the intersection of $\text{span}(S_1)$ and $\text{span}(S_3)$?

8. Which of the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 ? Justify your answers.

- (i) $A = \{(a, b, 2a - 3b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\};$
- (ii) $B = \{(u, v, w) \mid vw = 0\};$
- (iii) $C = \{(d^2, e^2, f^2) \mid d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}\};$
- (iv) $D = \{(p, q, r) \mid \begin{pmatrix} p & q & r \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not invertible}\};$
- (v) $E = \{(x, y, z) \mid \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}\}.$

9. Given $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$ is a linearly independent set in \mathbb{R}^n , and \mathbf{A} is an $n \times n$ matrix. Answer the following questions with justifications.

- (i) Is $\{\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, -\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, -\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\}$ linearly independent?
- (ii) If $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x}\} \neq \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$, is $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}\}$ linearly independent?
- (iii) Suppose $\{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}\}$ is linearly independent, must \mathbf{A} be an invertible matrix?
- (iv) Let $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{w})$ be the $n \times 3$ matrix with $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ as its three columns. Does any row echelon form of \mathbf{B} have a non-pivot column?

10. Consider the following two subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$U = \{ (x, y, z) \mid 2x - y + z = 0 \text{ and } x + y - z = 0 \},$$

$$V = \{ (x, y, z) \mid x + 2z = 0 \text{ and } x - 2y + z = 0 \}.$$

- (i) Write U and V in explicit set notation.
- (ii) Find a basis for each of U and V .
- (iii) Find the smallest subspace that contains both U and V . Express your answer in the following three forms:
 - (a) linear span; (b) explicit set notation; (c) implicit set notation.