
Linear Algebra - Exam #2 - A. Terras, May 25, 2007

The exam is closed book, no calculators, no computers, no notes, no headphones Each problem is worth the same number of points.

1) Define the following and give an example.

- eigenvalue of a matrix
- orthogonal matrix

2) a) Compute the determinant of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$.

b) Find the area of the triangle with vertices at points (1,1), (2,3), (-1,5).

3) a) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find 2 orthonormal vectors forming a basis for the

column space of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

b) Suppose vectors $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ form an orthogonal basis of vector space V. If

$$\vec{y} \in V, \text{ then } \vec{y} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_n, \text{ with } c_j = \frac{\vec{y}^T \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\vec{u}_j^T \cdot \vec{u}_j}.$$

Hint. Take the inner product of vector \vec{u}_j with $\vec{y} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_n$.

4) True-False. Tell whether the following statements are true or false. If true, give a brief explanation and if false, give a counterexample.

- Every matrix A is diagonalizable (i.e., A is of the form $A = PDP^{-1}$ with D diagonal).
- $\text{Det}(AB) = \text{Det}(BA)$
- Use elementary row operations (Gaussian elimination) to put a matrix A in row echelon form U. The eigenvalues of A are the same as the eigenvalues of U.

5) a) Show that an nxn matrix A with n linearly independent eigenvectors is diagonalizable (i.e., $A = PDP^{-1}$ with D diagonal).

b) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then find the corresponding eigenvectors. Write $A = PDP^{-1}$ with D diagonal. Compute A^9 .

Exam #2 Solutions

① a) $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an eigenvalue of A if $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ for some vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$.

Example

2 is an eigenvalue of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

b) An nxn real matrix A is orthogonal if $AA^T = I = \text{identity}$

Example. $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

② a) $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = -6 \cdot 8 \cdot 2 - 9 \cdot 3 \cdot (-5) = -3\{32 - 45\} = 3 \cdot 13 = 39$

b) area of Δ is: $\frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |-4 - 4| = \frac{8}{2} = 4$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

③ $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{8}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{4}{9} \\ 1 - \frac{4}{9} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{54}} \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3b) If $\vec{y} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_n$, then

$$\vec{u}_j^T \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{u}_j^T (c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_n)$$

$$= c_1 \vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_j \vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_j + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_n$$

(All terms = 0 but j^{th} , since $\vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_i = 0$ $i \neq j$)

$$\text{So } \vec{u}_j^T \vec{y} = c_j \vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_j$$

Divide by $\vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_j$ (a non-0 scalar since $\vec{u}_j \neq \vec{0}$)

$$\text{Then } c_j = \frac{\vec{u}_j^T \vec{y}}{\vec{u}_j^T \vec{u}_j} = \frac{\vec{y}^T \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\vec{u}_j^T \cdot \vec{u}_j} \quad \text{(by symmetry of inner product)}$$

4a) False $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ not diagonalizable

b) True $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(B) \det(A) = \det(BA)$
assuming A & B square

c) False $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
↑ eigenvalues are 3, -1 ↑ eigenvalues 1, 1

5a) $A\vec{v}_i = \lambda_i \vec{v}_i$, $i=1, \dots, n$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$
 \vec{v}_i linearly independent in \mathbb{C}^n , $i=1, \dots, n$

$$P = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n] \quad n \times n \text{ matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AP &= [A\vec{v}_1 \ A\vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ A\vec{v}_n] \\ &= [\lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 \ \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n \vec{v}_n] \\ &= [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Set } \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } AP = P\Lambda$$

P non-singular as columns are basis \mathbb{C}^n

So P^{-1} exists.

$$\text{So } A = APP^{-1} = P\Lambda P^{-1}$$

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

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\lambda = 3, -1$$

$\text{Nul}(A - 3I)$ has basis $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\text{Nul}(A + I)$ " " $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$A^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3^9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$