## Week 5: Kernel, range, rank-nullity theorem, matrix inverse

1.

Find the inverse of 
$$A=\begin{bmatrix}0&\frac{1}{2}&-\frac{1}{2}\\1&0&1\\2&\frac{1}{2}&1\end{bmatrix}$$
.

(a) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (100%)  
(b)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$   
(c)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(b) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 2\\ 4 & 4 & 2\\ 2 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented matrix: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{reorder\ rows} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2-2R1\rightarrow R2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R3-R2\to R3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2R2\to R2\\ 2R3\to R3\\ 2R3\to R3}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R1-R3\to R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.

Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3.5 & -1 & 0.5 \\ 10 & -3 & 2 \\ 2.5 & -1 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
(b)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$   
(c)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(b) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) the inverse does not exist (100%)

Note that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.5 & -1 & 0.5 \\ 10 & -3 & 2 \\ 2.5 & -1 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Meaning that  $\dim(\ker(A)) > 0 \Rightarrow A$  is singular and doesn't have an inverse

3.

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$$\text{Find the inverse of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (100%)  
(b)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
(c)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
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Augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2+R3\to R3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R3\to R2 \\ 0.5R2\to R2} \xrightarrow{0.5R2\to R2} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5R3\to R3 \\ 0.5R3\to R3 \\ R2+R1\to R1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R2-R3\to R2]{R1-2R3\to R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.

Find the kernel of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) 
$$\ker(A) = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
 (100%)  
(b)  $\ker(A) = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ 

(c) 
$$\ker(A) = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\-1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
  
(d)  $\ker(A) = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ 

Write out the augmented matrix corresponding to Ax = 0:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5.

An  $n \times k$  matrix A has the following kernel:

$$\ker(A) = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

What is the dimension of its image  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(A))$ ?

- (a)  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = k 1$
- (b)  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = k 2 (100\%)$
- (c)  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = n 3$
- (d)  $\dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = n$

Using the rank-nullity theorem  $(\dim(\ker(A)) + \dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = \dim(\operatorname{Dom}(A)) = k)$ :

$$\dim(\ker(A)) = 2 \Rightarrow \dim(\operatorname{im}(A)) = k - 2$$

6.

Given the matrix  $A = B \cdot C \cdot D$  find its inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

(a) 
$$A^{-1} = D^{-1}C^{-1}B^{-1}$$
 (100%)  
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(d) 
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Using 
$$(B \cdot C)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}$$
:  
 $(BCD)^{-1} = D^{-1} \cdot (BC)^{-1} = D^{-1}C^{-1}B^{-1}$ 

7.

A linear map  $D: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  is given by the following matrix in the standard basis:  $D_{\text{st}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . How is the map represented in the following basis:  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?

(a) 
$$D_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (100%)

(b) 
$$D_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$D_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$D_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
(d)  $D_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

To act on an element given by the coordinates in the new basis one can:

- (a) convert coordinates to the standard ones
- (b) act with the map, represented in the standard basis
- (c) convert back to the new basis

Converting the above mentioned map composition to the matrix multiplication language:

$$D_{new} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{-1}}_{(c)} \cdot \underbrace{D_{st}}_{(b)} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)}_{(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

8.

Consider the standard basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\{e_x, e_y, e_z\}$ .

Which of the following matrices represents a counterclockwise rotation around the z-axis?

(a) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(100%)  
(b) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & 0 & \sin \varphi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & 0 & \cos \varphi \end{bmatrix}$$
  
(c) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \varphi \\ \cos \varphi & 1 & \cos \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
(d) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin\varphi \\ \cos\varphi & 1 & \cos\varphi \\ \sin\varphi & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) 
$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rotation matrix should act as follows on the basis vectors:

$$\mathcal{R}e_x = \cos\varphi \, e_x + \sin\varphi \, e_y; \quad \mathcal{R}e_y = -\sin\varphi \, e_x + \cos\varphi \, e_y; \quad \mathcal{R}e_z = e_z$$

Given that 
$$e_x \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $e_y \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e_z \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

9.

Consider the space of  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian Matrices  $H_2(\mathbb{C})$  (the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices A with complex entries such that  $A^{\dagger} := \overline{A}^T = A$ ).

Which of the following is true?

- (a)  $H_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space over the field of real numbers, but not over the complex numbers. (100%)
- (b)  $H_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space over the field of real numbers and over the complex numbers.
- (c)  $H_2(\mathbb{C})$  is not a vector space over the field of real numbers or complex numbers.
- (d)  $H_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space over the field of complex numbers, but not over the real numbers.

Consider two matrices  $A, B \in H_2(\mathbb{C})$ . We can see that  $(A+B)^{\dagger} = A^{\dagger} + B^{\dagger} = A+B$ , so the space is closed under addition. Now consider  $(cA)^{\dagger} = \overline{c}A^{\dagger} = \overline{c}A$ , with  $\overline{c}$  being the complex conjugate of c. If  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\overline{c} = c$ , and thus the space is closed under scalar multiplication. However, if  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $(cA)^{\dagger} = \bar{c}A \neq cA$ , and thus the space is not closed under scalar multiplication.

10.

Consider the vector space  $P_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{p(x) \mid p(x) \text{ is a quadratic polynomial}\}.$ 

Is the derivative operator  $\mathcal{D}: p(x) \mapsto p'(x) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} p(x)$  a linear operator? If it is, how is it represented in the standard basis  $\mathfrak{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$ 

Hint: You can express a polynomial  $ax^2 + bx + c$  as  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ 

- (a)  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear operator with  $[\mathcal{D}]_{\mathfrak{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (100%) (b)  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear operator with  $[\mathcal{D}]_{\mathfrak{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- (c)  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear operator with  $[\mathcal{D}]_{\mathfrak{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- (d)  $\mathcal{D}$  is not a linear operator

The derivative is a linear operator since 
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(\alpha p(x) + \beta q(x)) = \alpha \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}p(x) + \beta \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}q(x)$$

We know:  $\mathcal{D}(p(x)) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}(ax^2 + bx + c) = 2ax + b \equiv \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Therefore,  $[\mathcal{D}]_{\mathfrak{B}} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . This is only satisfied by  $[\mathcal{D}]_{\mathfrak{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Total of marks: 10