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**Exam Session - Thursday 9th November 2017**

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**Exercise 1.**

1. Let  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Compute the following matrix product:

$$(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M})(\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^2).$$

**Correction :**

We have

$$(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M})(\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^2) = \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^2 - \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M}^2 - \mathbf{M}^3 = \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M}^3.$$

2. We consider the following matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ :

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{M}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{M}^3$ , and  $\mathbf{M}^n$  for any  $n$ .

**Correction :**

We have

$$\mathbf{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus we also obtain for any  $n > 3$ ,

$$\mathbf{M}^n = \mathbf{M}^3 \mathbf{M}^{n-3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Deduce that the matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M}$  is invertible and give its inverse.

**Correction :**

Since  $\mathbf{M}^3 = \mathbf{0}$  the first question gives,

$$(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M})(\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^2) = \mathbf{I}_n.$$

Thus the matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{M}$  is invertible and its inverse is given by the matrix:

$$\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -5 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 2.**

We consider the three following vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Prove that the family of vectors  $\mathcal{B}' = (\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3)$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Correction :**

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + \lambda_3 \mathbf{u}_3 = 0$ , that is

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = 0 \\ -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0 \end{cases} \iff \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0.$$

The three vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and so it is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

2. Write the change-of-basis matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  from the standard basis  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

**Correction :**

We have,

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3$$

thus

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Write the change-of-basis matrix  $\mathbf{P}'$  from  $\mathcal{B}'$  to the standard basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . What is the relation between  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P}'$ ?

**Correction :**

We have,

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = -\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = -\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_3, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{u}_1 + 2\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_3$$

thus

$$\mathbf{P}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover we have  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}' = \mathbf{P}'\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_3$ .

4. We consider the linear map  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by:

$$f(x, y, z) = (-y + z, x + 2y - 3z, x + y - 2z).$$

Write the matrix representation  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $f$  in the standard basis.

**Correction :**

We compute  $f(\mathbf{e}_1)$ ,  $f(\mathbf{e}_2)$  and  $f(\mathbf{e}_3)$  in function of  $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ .

We have,

$$\begin{cases} f(\mathbf{e}_1) = (0, 1, 1) = \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3, \\ f(\mathbf{e}_2) = (-1, 2, 1) = -\mathbf{e}_1 + 2\mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3, \\ f(\mathbf{e}_3) = (1, -3, -2) = \mathbf{e}_1 - 3\mathbf{e}_2 - 2\mathbf{e}_3. \end{cases}$$

Thus the matrix representation with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$  is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Write the matrix representation  $\mathbf{A}'$  of  $f$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

**Correction :**

We have,

$$\begin{cases} f(\mathbf{u}_1) = (1, -1, 0) = \mathbf{u}_1, \\ f(\mathbf{u}_2) = (0, -1, -1) = -\mathbf{u}_2, \\ f(\mathbf{u}_3) = (0, 0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Thus the matrix representation with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  is

$$\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. Give a basis for  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and  $\text{Im}(f)$ . What is their dimension?

**Correction :**

Let  $(x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(f)$  then,

$$\begin{cases} -y + z = 0 \\ x + 2y - 3z = 0 \\ x + y - 2z = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x + 2y - 3z = 0 \\ -y + z = 0 \\ y - z = 0 \end{cases} \iff x = y = z.$$

So  $\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 1$  and we have  $f(\mathbf{u}_3) = \mathbf{0}$  so  $\mathbf{u}_3 \in \text{Ker}(f)$  and it is a basis for  $\text{Ker}(f)$ .

OR

Thanks to question 5. we see that  $f(\mathbf{u}_1) = \mathbf{u}_1$ ,  $f(-\mathbf{u}_2) = \mathbf{u}_2$  and  $f(\mathbf{u}_3) = \mathbf{0}$  thus we have  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in \text{Im}(f)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_3 \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . Moreover we easily see that the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (they are not collinear), thus we get:

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \dim(\text{Im}(f)) \geq 2.$$

Furthermore, thanks to the rank nullity theorem we have:

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 3,$$

thus

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 2.$$

To conclude, the vector  $\mathbf{u}_3$  is a basis for  $\text{Ker}(f)$  and the family of vectors  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2)$  is a basis for  $\text{Im}(f)$ .

7. Do we have  $\text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f) = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Correction :**

First, we have

$$\dim(\text{Ker}(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 3.$$

Moreover, let  $\mathbf{X} = (x, y, z) \in \text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f)$  then there exists  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ -\beta + \gamma \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \implies \alpha = \beta = \gamma = -\beta + \gamma \implies \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$  that is  $\text{Ker}(f) \cap \text{Im}(f) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and so  $\text{Ker}(f) \oplus \text{Im}(f) = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

### Exercise 3.

1. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be an idempotent and symmetric matrix. Prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semi-definite.

**Correction :**

We have  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ . Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then one has

$$\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} \rangle = \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\|^2 \geq 0$$

and so  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive semi-definite.

2. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  is symmetric positive definite.

**Correction :**

First we prove that  $\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  is symmetric:

$$(\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{I}_n^T + (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T.$$

Furthermore, let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{X}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}\|^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  is positive semi-definite. Moreover, we have a sum of non-negative terms and so the sum is zero if and only if

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{X}\|^2 = 0,$$

that is  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$  and so the matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  is positive definite.

3. Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of an orthogonal matrix, then so is  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ .

**Correction :**

Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be an orthogonal matrix that is  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  an associated eigenvector, then:

$$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{X} \implies \mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{X} \implies \mathbf{X} = \lambda\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{X}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix,  $\lambda \neq 0$  thus:

$$\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{X} = \frac{1}{\lambda}\mathbf{X},$$

and  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{Q}^T$ . We conclude by noting that  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^T$  have the same eigenvalues.