

Linear Algebra

Seminar 2: Matrix Algebra

(make sure you can write on the board)

Problem 1. (4 pts.) For the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the LU factorization $A = LU$
- (b) Solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}$ by solving first $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{1}$ and then $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$
- (c) Solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}$ using Gauss-Jordan elimination

Problem 2. (4 pts.) Invert the coefficient matrix to solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{lll} a) \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 5 \\ x_1 + x_2 &= 3; \end{aligned} & b) \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 4 \\ 6x_1 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 &= 20 \\ -4x_1 + 3x_2 + 9x_3 &= 3; \end{aligned} & c) \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 4x_2 &= 2 \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\ -6x_1 - 10x_2 &= -6. \end{aligned} \end{array}$$

Problem 3. (2 pts.) For what numbers c is this matrix not invertible, and why not?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & c & c \\ c & c & c \\ 8 & 7 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 4. (2 pts.) Find all numbers c such that the system of vectors is linearly independent:

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ c \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 5. (4 pts.) Let $\mathbf{0}$ denote the zero matrix of size n (say, $n=2021$).

1. Is there an $n \times n$ matrix A such that and $A \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $A^2 = \mathbf{0}$? Justify your answer.
2. Is there an $n \times n$ matrix A such that and $A \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $A^2 = A$? Justify your answer.
3. Is there an $n \times n$ matrix A such that and $A \neq I_n$ and $A^2 = I_n$? Justify your answer.
4. Are there $n \times n$ matrices A and B such that $A \neq \mathbf{0}$, $B \neq \mathbf{0}$ but $AB = \mathbf{0}$?

Problem 6. (4 pts.) Choose a 3×3 matrix B so that for every 3×3 matrix A

- (a) $BA = 4A$
- (b) $BA = 4B$
- (c) BA has rows 1 and 3 of A reversed and row 2 unchanged
- (d) All rows of BA are the same as row 1 of A

Extra problems

(to be discussed if time permits)

Problem 7. The solution set of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is spanned by the vector $\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 1)^\top$, and the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 1, 0)^\top$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 2, 1)^\top$ belong to the column space of A .

- (a) Determine the size of A and the number of pivot and free columns. What is the rank of A ?
- (b) Find the reduced row echelon form R of A .
- (c) Find an invertible matrix B such that the first two columns of BR are \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 . Explain why this BR can be taken to be A .
- (d) Find conditions on b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 for $A\mathbf{x} = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4)^\top$ to have a solution.
- (e) If those conditions are satisfied by b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 , what are all the solutions \mathbf{x} (the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$)?

Problem 8. Show that if a square matrix A satisfies $A^2 - 3A + I = \mathbf{0}$, then $A^{-1} = 3I - A$.

Problem 9. Explain why the matrix

$$A(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

rotates all vectors on angle θ counterclockwise. Show that $A(\theta_1)A(\theta_2) = A(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$. What is the inverse of $A(\theta)$?

Problem 10. The $n \times 1$ column vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are such that $\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{u} \neq 1$. Prove that the matrix $I_n - \mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^\top$ is invertible and find its inverse.

