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n = 16;
t = linspace(-1, 1, n)'; % column vector with n+1 points in [-1,1]
y = 1 . / (1 + 25*t.^2); % column vector with values of f(ti)
x = fliplr(vander(t)) \ y; % coefficients of the polynomial
%
% plot f(t) and the interpolating polynomial
% generate 200 points in [-1,1]
t2 = linspace(-1, 1, 200)';
% evaluate f at the points t2
yf = 1 ./ (1 + 25*t2.^2);
% evaluate the interpolating polynomial
ypol = x(1)*ones(200,1);
for i=1:n-1
   ypol = ypol + x(i+1)*t2.^i;
end;
% plot function and interpolating polynomial
plot(t2, ypol, '-', t2, yf, '--', t, y, 'o');
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Solution. We first derive expressions for  $f(t_1)$ ,  $f(t_2)$ ,  $f'(t_1)$ ,  $f'(t_2)$ :

$$f(t_1) = c_1,$$
  $f(t_2) = c_1 + c_2 h + c_3 h^2,$   $f'(t_1) = c_2,$   $f'(t_2) = c_2 + 2c_3 h + c_4 h^2$ 

where  $h = t_2 - t_1$ . In matrix notation, the four interpolation conditions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & h & h^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2h & h^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If we exchange the second and third rows, we can solve this by forward substitution. The solution is

$$c_{1} = y_{1},$$

$$c_{2} = s_{1},$$

$$c_{3} = \frac{y_{2} - c_{1} - hc_{2}}{h^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{(y_{2} - y_{1})/h - s_{1}}{h},$$

$$c_{4} = \frac{s_{2} - c_{2} - 2hc_{3}}{h^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{s_{2} - s_{1} - 2((y_{2} - y_{1})/h - s_{1})}{h^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{s_{2} + s_{1} - 2(y_{2} - y_{1})/h}{h^{2}}.$$

Solution. We can write  $f(u_1, u_2)$  as

$$f(u_1, u_2) = u_1^2 p_{11} + 2u_1 u_2 p_{12} + u_2^2 p_{22} + u_1 q_1 + u_2 q_2 + r.$$

For given  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , this is a linear function of the unknowns  $p_{11}$ ,  $p_{12}$ ,  $p_{22}$ ,  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ , r. For example, f(0,1) = 6 means

$$p_{22} + q_2 + r = 6.$$

We therefore obtain the following set of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \\ p_{22} \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can check the answer as follows.

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>> P = [x(1), x(2); x(2), x(3)];
\Rightarrow q = [x(4); x(5)];
>> r = x(6);
>> u = [0;1]; u'*P*u + q'*u + r
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>> u = [1;0]; u'*P*u + q'*u + r
ans =
    6.0000
>> u = [1;1]; u'*P*u + q'*u + r
    3.0000
>> u = [-1;-1]; u*P*u + q*u + r
    7.0000
\Rightarrow u = [1;2]; u'*P*u + q'*u + r
ans =
>> u = [2;1]; u'*P*u + q'*u + r
ans =
     6
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Solution. Squaring the norms gives four nonlinear equations

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^2 - 2a^T x + \|a\|^2 &= r_a^2 \\ \|x\|^2 - 2b^T x + \|b\|^2 &= r_b^2 \\ \|x\|^2 - 2c^T x + \|c\|^2 &= r_c^2 \\ \|x\|^2 - 2d^T x + \|d\|^2 &= r_a^2. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting the first equation from the three others gives

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 2(a-b)^Tx & = & r_b^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|b\|^2 \\ 2(a-c)^Tx & = & r_c^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|c\|^2 \\ 2(a-d)^Tx & = & r_d^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|d\|^2. \end{array}$$

In matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 - b_1 & a_2 - b_2 & a_3 - b_3 \\ a_1 - c_1 & a_2 - c_2 & a_3 - c_3 \\ a_1 - d_1 & a_2 - d_2 & a_3 - d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} r_b^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|b\|^2 \\ r_c^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|c\|^2 \\ r_d^2 - r_a^2 + \|a\|^2 - \|d\|^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix is nonsingular because its rows are linearly independent.

The solution for the parameters in the problem is x = (0.6, 0.4, -0.5).

## 4.1 (a,b,c,f)

(a) the two columns of A are linearly independent. Suppose Ax = 0:

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$
,  $3x_1 - 6x_2 = 0$ ,  $2x_1 - x_2 = 0$ .

The first and second equations are satisfied if  $x_1 = 2x_2$ . The third equation is satisfied if  $2x_1 = x_2$ . This is only possible if  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are both zero. Therefore Ax = 0 implies x = 0.

- (b) This is a wide matrix, so the columns are not linearly independent.
- (c) The columns are not linearly independent: Ax = 0 for x = (0, 1, 0) because the second column of A is zero.
- (f) This matrix has linearly independent columns. We show that Ax = 0 only if x = 0. Suppose  $Ax = (I ab^T)x = x a(b^Tx) = 0$ . Hence  $x = a(b^Tx)$ . Taking norms of both sides of the equality gives  $||x|| = ||a|| ||b^Tx|$ . From the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$||x|| = ||a|||b^T x| \le ||a|| ||b|| ||x||.$$

If  $x \neq 0$ , we can divide by ||x|| and obtain  $1 \leq ||a|| ||b||$ . This contradicts the fact ||a|| ||b|| < 1. We conclude that Ax = 0 is only possible if x = 0.

Solution.

(a) True.

$$ABx = 0 \implies Bx = 0 \implies x = 0.$$

The first step follows because A has linearly independent columns. The second step because B has linearly independent columns.

(b) True.

$$(AB)^{T}(AB) = B^{T}(A^{T}A)B = B^{T}B = I.$$

(c) True. Left invertibility is the same as the property of having linearly independent columns. YX is a left inverse because

$$(YX)(AB) = Y(XA)B = YB = I.$$

(d) False. A counterexample is

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array} \right], \qquad B = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right], \qquad C = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right].$$

The pseudo-inverses are

$$A^\dagger = A^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{array} \right], \qquad B^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \qquad C^\dagger = \frac{1}{5} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \end{array} \right],$$

but

$$B^{\dagger}A^{\dagger} = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1/2 & 1/4 \end{array}\right] \neq C^{\dagger}.$$

## 4.4

Solution. We verify that

$$(A + uv^{T})(A^{-1} - \frac{1}{1 + v^{T}A^{-1}u}A^{-1}uv^{T}A^{-1}) = I.$$

This will show that the expression for the inverse is correct. By showing that the matrix is invertible, we also show that it is nonsingular.

$$\begin{split} &(A+uv^T)(A^{-1}-\frac{1}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}A^{-1}uv^TA^{-1})\\ &=\ I+uv^TA^{-1}-\frac{1}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}uv^TA^{-1}-\frac{1}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}uv^TA^{-1}\\ &=\ I+uv^TA^{-1}-\frac{1}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}uv^TA^{-1}-\frac{v^TA^{-1}u}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}uv^TA^{-1}\\ &=\ I+(1-\frac{1}{1+v^TA^{-1}u}-\frac{v^TA^{-1}u}{1+v^TA^{-1}u})uv^TA^{-1}\\ &=\ I \end{split}$$

The key observation to go from line 2 to line 3 is that  $v^T A^{-1}u$  is a scalar. Therefore, we have

$$u(v^T A^{-1}u) = (v^T A^{-1}u)u$$

(i.e., the matrix-matrix product of an  $n \times 1$  matrix u with the  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $v^T A^{-1} u$  is equal to the scalar multiplication of u with the scalar  $v^T A^{-1} u$ ).