

NAME: SOLUTIONS

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MATH 430 (Fall 2005) Exam 1, October 6th

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 100 points.

(1) [30 pts]

(a) State what it means for a set of vectors to be *linearly independent*.

~~Let~~  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are linearly independent if  
whenever  $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$

it follows that  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$

(b) Define the term *minimal spanning set*.

A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  in a vector space  $V$  is a minimal spanning set for  $V$  if

①  $V = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$

and ② If  $k < n$  and  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k$  are elements of  $V$  then  
~~we~~  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k$  do not span  $V$

(c) Suppose a  $5 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has rank 2. Let  $\vec{x}_1 = (1, 0, 5)^T$  and  $\vec{x}_2 = (0, 2, 3)^T$ . Can  $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{x}_2 = \vec{0}$ ? Explain.

$$A: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$$

So by Rank + Nullity Theorem

$$\dim N(A) = 3 - \text{Rk}(A) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

Now if  $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{x}_2 = \vec{0}$  Then  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \in N(A)$

But  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$  are L.I since

$$\alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0 \text{ and } \alpha_2 = 0$$

- (d) What does it mean for a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  to be a least squares solution of a linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ ?

A vector  $\vec{x}$  is a least squares sol<sup>n</sup> of  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  if  $\vec{x}$  minimizes the function

$$Q(\vec{x}) = (\mathbf{A}\vec{x} - \vec{b})^T (\mathbf{A}\vec{x} - \vec{b}).$$

- (e) Suppose an  $n \times n$  system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all vectors  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . What can you say about  $N(\mathbf{A})$ , and why?

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b} \text{ consistent} \Leftrightarrow \vec{b} \in R(\mathbf{A}).$$

$$\text{So } R(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{So by Rank + Nullity Thm, } \dim N(\mathbf{A}) = 0$$

$$\text{So } N(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

- (f) The first column of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is a linear combination of all the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . What are the coefficients in this combination if

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{In general } (\mathbf{AB})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^K A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

$$\text{So } (\mathbf{AB})_{*1} = \sum_{k=1}^K A_{*k} B_{k1} = \sum_{k=1}^K B_{k1} A_{*k}$$

i.e. Col 1 of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is a linear comb<sup>n</sup> of cols of  $\mathbf{A}$

In our case then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{AB})_{*1} &= B_{11} A_{*1} + B_{21} A_{*2} + B_{31} A_{*3} \\ &= 1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(2) [15 pts] Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$A$  is  $m \times n$   
 $3 \times 4$

When Gaussian elimination is used to find a row echelon form  $U$  for  $A$ , the matrix  $(A|I)$  is reduced to  $(U|P)$ , where

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using this information, find bases for the four fundamental subspaces of  $A$ .

Basis for  $R(A)$  = Basic columns in  $A$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{So } r = \text{Rk}(A) = 2$$

Basis for  $R(A^T)$  = Non zero rows of  $U$

$$= \left\{ (1, 1, 2, 1), (0, 1, 3, -2) \right\}$$

Basis for  $N(A^T)$  = Last  $m - r = 3 - 2 = 1$  row of  $P$

$$= \left\{ (-3, 1, 1) \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for } N(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Since General Solution of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_3 - 3x_4 \\ -3x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = -3x_3 + 2x_4$$

$$x_1 = -x_2 - 2x_3 - x_4 = 3x_3 - 2x_4 - 2x_3 - x_4 = x_3 - 3x_4$$

(3) [15 pts] Find the least squares solutions to the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y &= 1 \\ 3x - y &= 0 \\ -x + 2y &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$\boxed{3 \times 2}$

Normal equations  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 11 & -3 \\ -3 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{99-9} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{90} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 82 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{15} \\ \frac{41}{45} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (4) [10 pts] Let  $I_n$  be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Show that for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $X$  that

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ I_n & -X \end{pmatrix}.$$

Does it follow that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ I_n & -X \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ I_n & -X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X & I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  ~~$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ I_n & -X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X & I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix}$~~

No  $m=1, n=2$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & + & + \\ \hline + & + & + \\ + & + & + \end{array} \right) \neq I_3$$

NOTE

It is not enough to observe that  $I_n, I_m$  are not conformable.

EG  $\begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix} = I_{n+m}$

So  $\begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_m \end{pmatrix}$

although we cannot use block multiplication to establish this fact since  $I_n, I_m$  are not conformable.

• (5) [12 pts]

(a) Let  $A$  be the  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns are the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ . Prove that if  $N(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent.

$$A = (\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \vec{v}_n)$$

Suppose  $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$

$$\text{So } \vec{0} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = (\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2 | \dots | \vec{v}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ 1 \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ 1 \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ 1 \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \in N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha_1 = 0, \dots, \alpha_n = 0.$$

$$\text{So } \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \text{ are LI}$$

• (b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent vectors.

Prove that if  $\mathbf{w} \notin \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent.

Suppose  $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n + \beta \vec{w} = \vec{0}$ .

If  $\beta \neq 0$  then  $\vec{w} = -\frac{1}{\beta} (\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n) \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$

So  $\beta = 0$  is forced.

But then  $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$

$$\text{So } \alpha_1 = 0, \dots, \alpha_n = 0 \text{ as } \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \text{ are LI}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = \beta = 0$$

$$\text{So } \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n, \vec{w} \text{ are LI}$$

(6) [8 pts] Prove that  $N(B) \subseteq N(AB)$ . Is  $N(B) = N(AB)$ ?

$$\text{Let } \vec{x} \in N(B)$$

$$\text{So } B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{So } AB\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x} \in N(AB)$$

No

Let

$$B = I_3,$$

$$N(B) =$$

$$A = O_3$$

$$N(A) =$$

$$AB = O_3$$

$$N(AB) =$$

(7) [10 pts]

(a) Prove that the set of symmetric matrices is a vector subspace of the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices.

Let  $A_1, A_2$  be Symmetric and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

Then  $(\alpha A_1 + A_2)^T = \alpha A_1^T + A_2^T = \alpha A_1 + A_2$

as  $A_1^T = A_1$  and  $A_2^T = A_2$ .

So  $\alpha A_1 + A_2$  is Symmetric.

So the set of symmetric matrices is a subspace.

(b) Find a basis for the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices.

Let  $A$  be a symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{(*)}{=} a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So let  $S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $S_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We have just shown these 3 matrices span the subspace of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

Suppose  $\alpha_1 S_1 + \alpha_2 S_2 + \alpha_3 S_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

by  $\oplus$   
 $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$

Pledge: I have neither given nor received aid on this exam

So they are LI too.

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