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# Math 54 Study Guide

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### I. Linear Algebra

#### A. Basic Definitions and Properties

**Definition.** Give a definition for each of the following: Linear Transformation, Linearly Independence/ Dependence, Injective, Surjective, Bijective, Invertible.

#### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
  - Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. If the columns of  $B$  are linearly dependent then so are the columns of  $AB$ .
  - Let  $S : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be one-to-one, linear transformations. Then the composition of  $T$  and  $S$ ,  $T(S(\vec{x}))$ , sometimes written  $(T \circ S)$ , is also one-to-one.
2. Compute the inverse of the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If the linear transformation defined by  $A$  is injective, what can we say about the sizes of  $n$  and  $m$ ? What if  $A$  is instead surjective? Bijective? Justify your answers using a pivot argument (Rank theorem argument in section I,C).

### B. Determinants

#### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
  - If two rows of a square matrix  $A$  are identical, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .
  - If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $\det(A^T) = (-1)^n \det(A)$ .
2. A matrix  $Q \in M_{n \times n}$  is called orthogonal if  $QQ^T = I_n$ , where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. If  $Q$  is orthogonal, what are the possible values of  $\det(Q)$ ? [Hint: take the determinate of both sides of the equality]
3. Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}$ . Show that  $\det(kA) = k^n \det(A)$ .
4. List as many conditions as you can think of that show a square matrix is invertible (Ex: "its columns are linearly independent").

5. What is the volume of the parallel-piped determined by the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

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## C. Vector Spaces and Subspaces

**Definition.** Give a definition for each of the following: vector space, subspace, span, basis, null-space/kernel, image/range, rank/nullity. State the Rank-Nullity Theorem.

### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
  - Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing all vectors whose entries sum to zero.  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - Let  $\mathbb{P}^n$  be the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients of degree less than or equal to  $n$ . Let  $U$  be the set of all functions  $f$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  such that the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $f$  is non-zero. That is,  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n$  is in  $U$  if and only if  $c_n \neq 0$ . Then  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .
2. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If the linear transformation defined by  $A$  is injective, what can we say about the sizes of  $n$  and  $m$ ? What if  $A$  is instead surjective? Bijective? Justify your answers by appealing to the Rank Theorem.
3. Let  $M_{n \times n}$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices, and define  $T : M_{n \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times n}$  by  $T(A) = A + A^T$ .
  - Part a. Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
  - Part b. Let  $B$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix, so that  $B = B^T$ . Find an  $A \in M_{n \times n}$  such that  $T(A) = B$ .
  - Part c. Find the dimension of the kernel of  $T$ .
  - Part d. Show that the range of  $T$  is the set of symmetric matrices, that is all  $B$  in  $M_{n \times n}$  with the property that  $B = B^T$ .
4. Let  $\mathbb{P}^n$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  be defined by  $T(f) = (x + x^2)\frac{df}{dx}$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$ .

## II. Linear Algebra Continued

### A. Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

**Definition.** Give a definition for each of the following: eigenvector, eigenvalue, eigenspace, characteristic equation, similar, diagonalizable.

### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
  - Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  be eigenvectors of a matrix  $A$  such that  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  correspond to the distinct (different) eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , respectively. Then  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  are linearly independent.
  - If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  diagonalizable matrix, then  $A$  is invertible.
  - If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- If  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , then the linear transformation defined by the matrix  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not injective.
- If  $\lambda_0$  is a eigenvalue of a matrix  $A$ , then the multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  as the root of the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is the equal to the dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_0$ .

2. Compute  $A^{10}\vec{x}$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## B. Inner Product Spaces

**Definition.** Give a definition for each of the following: inner-product space (and list the axioms), orthogonal, orthogonal projection, least squares solution.

### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.
  - Let  $\cdot$  denote the dot-product. Then for  $A$  an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot A\vec{y}$ .
  - Let  $\mathbb{P}^2$  be the vectors space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2. Then the formula  $\langle f, g \rangle = f(1)g(1)$ , is an inner-product on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .
  - Suppose  $\vec{y}$  is orthogonal to the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . Then  $\vec{y}$  is also orthogonal to every vector in  $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$ .
  - Let  $W$  be a subspace of the inner product space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the mapping,  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $T(\vec{y}) = \text{proj}_W(\vec{y})$  is a linear transformation.
2. Let  $W = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 | x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 0\}$ . Find a basis for  $W^\perp$ .
3. Let  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - Part a. Find an **orthonormal** basis  $\beta = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2\}$  for the plane spanned by  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .
  - Part b. Let  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using whichever method you prefer, find the least square solution(s) to the inconsistent system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ , where  $A$  is the matrix with columns  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ .
  - Part c. Finally, find a third vector  $\vec{b}_3$  such that the matrix  $B$  with columns  $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$  is orthogonal.

## C. Symmetric Matrices, Quadratic forms, and SVD

**Definition.** Give a definition for each of the following: symmetric matrix, quadratic form, singular value.

### Exercises

1. Label each of the following true or false. If true, prove it. If false, prove why or provide a counter-example.

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- Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonally diagonalizable matrix. If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^{-1} = A^T$ .
  - If a matrix is symmetric, then it is orthogonally diagonalizable.
  - The quadratic form on  $R^2$  given by  $Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2018x_2^2$  is positive definite.
2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- *Part a.* Find the singular values of  $A$ .
  - *Part b.* Hence, what is the maximum value of the quadratic form  $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x}$  subject to the constraint that  $\vec{x}$  is a unit vector?
  - *Part c.* By which vector(s) is this maximum achieved?
  - *Part d.* Find the SVD of  $A$ .

### III. Differential Equations

#### A. Second Order ODE's

##### Exercises

1. Find solutions to the following homogeneous differential equations satisfying the given conditions.
  - $y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$ , with initial conditions  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 6$ .
  - $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$ , with boundary values  $y(0) = 2, y(\pi/2) = 0$ .
2. Find general solutions to following inhomogeneous differential equations. You may use the method of variation of parameters or the method of undetermined coefficients as you deem appropriate.
  - $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t/t$
  - $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^t \sin(t)$
  - $y'' + 2y' + 5y = t + \cos(2t)$

#### B. Systems of First Order ODE's

##### Exercises

1. Find general solutions to the following homogeneous systems of first order equations.
  - $x'(\vec{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x(\vec{t})$ .
  - $x'(\vec{t}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x(\vec{t})$ .
2. Consider the differential equation:  $y''' + 2y'' - y' - 2y = 0$ . Find a general solution by setting  $x_1 = y, x_2 = y', x_3 = y''$  and solving the associated system of first order differential equations.
3. Find a general solution of  $x'(\vec{t}) = Ax(\vec{t}) + t\vec{g}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{g} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## C. Fourier Series

### Exercises

1. State sufficient conditions on a function  $f$  defined on a symmetric interval so that the Fourier series of  $f$  converges to  $f$  at “almost” every point. At which point(s) might the Fourier series not converge to  $f(x)$ ? What does the series converge to in these cases?
2. Let  $f(x) = |x|$  for  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ . Compute the Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .
3. Let  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  where  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Show that

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)$$

where  $a_n = 0$  when  $n$  is odd and  $a_n = \frac{-4}{\pi(n^2-1)}$  when  $n$  is even. *Hint: It will be helpful to recall that  $\cos(A)\sin(B) = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)]$ .*

## D. The Heat Equation

### Exercises

1. Consider the heat equation problem:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$  and initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = -5\sin(2x) + \sin(3x)$ . Solve for  $u(x, t)$ .

2. Consider the heat equation problem:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\pi, t) = 0$  and initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = x^2$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ . Solve for  $u(x, t)$ .