MA 8463 - Homework 4

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4.1

Proposition: $||A||_2 = \sigma_1$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{mxn}$ and σ_1 is the largest singular value of A. Proof: Let $A = U\Sigma V^T$ be the singular value decomposition of A, with

$$U = [u_1, u_2, ..., u_n]$$
 for $U \in \mathbb{R}^{mxn}$, s.t. $U^T U = I$
$$\Sigma = diag(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n)$$

$$V = [v_1, v_2, ..., v_n]$$
 for $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, s.t. $V^T V = I$

Since the columns of V are the orthonormal basis vectors in \mathbb{R}^n of the orthogonal matrix V,

$$v_i^2 = 1 \quad for \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n$$
 (1.1)

Additionally, let v_i be eigenvectors of A^TA with eigenvalues $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2$ and thus by definition of an eigenvalue,

$$A^{T}Av_{i} = \lambda_{i}v_{i} = \sigma_{i}^{2}v_{i} \quad for \quad v_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$$

$$(1.2)$$

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear combination of these eigenvectors s.t. $||x||_2 = 1$ where v_i is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n . It can be expressed as

$$x = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n \quad for \quad c_i \in \mathbb{R}$$
 (1.3)

By (1.2) and (1.3), this means

$$||x||_2^2 = c_1^2 v_1^2 + c_2^2 v_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2 v_n^2 = 1$$
 (1.4)

Furthermore, considering (1.1), the equation becomes

$$||x||_2^2 = c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2 = 1 (1.5)$$

Now, considering $||Ax||^2$,

$$||Ax||_2^2 = (Ax)^T (Ax) = xA^T Ax$$
 (2.1)

From (1.2) and (1.3) again, this becomes

$$xA^{T}Ax = x(\sigma_{i}^{2}x) = \sigma_{i}^{2}||x||_{2}^{2} = c_{1}^{2}\sigma_{1}^{2} + c_{2}^{2}\sigma_{2}^{2} + \dots + c_{n}^{2}\sigma_{n}^{2}$$
(2.2)

Since σ_1 is the largest singular value of A,

$$||Ax||_2^2 = c_1^2\sigma_1^2 + c_2^2\sigma_2^2 + \ldots + c_n^2\sigma_n^2 \le \sigma_1^2(c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \ldots + c_n^2) \longrightarrow ||Ax||_2^2 \le \sigma_1^2||x||_2^2 \tag{2.3}$$

Finally, when considering (1.5), (2.2), and (2.3),

$$||Ax||_2^2 = ||A||_2^2 ||x||_2^2 \le \sigma_1^2 ||x||_2^2 \longrightarrow ||A||_2^2 \le \sigma_1^2$$
(2.4)

If we consider the case where $c_1 = 1$ and $c_i = 0 \quad \forall \quad i \neq 1$, then the inequality in (2.3) becomes equal. For such a choice of c_i (such that (1.5) remains true),

$$||A||_2^2 = \sigma_1^2 \qquad \qquad \Box$$

4.2

Proposition: For the Frobenius matrix norm $||A||_F = (\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2)^{1/2}$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{mxn}$, we may say for nonzero singular values of A, σ_j , that $||A||_F = (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2)^{1/2}$.

Proof: To begin, let $A = U\Sigma V^T$ be the singular value decomposition of A, with

$$U = [u_1, u_2, ..., u_n] \quad for \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^{mxn}, \quad s.t. \quad U^T U = I$$

$$\Sigma = diag(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_n)$$

$$V = [v_1, v_2, ..., v_n] \quad for \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^{nxn}, \quad s.t. \quad V^T V = I$$

Note that the Frobenius matrix norm definition may also be written as

$$||A||_F = (Trace(A^T A))^{1/2}$$
 (1)

where the Trace operation consists of summing up elements along the matrix argument's diagonal, which for A^TA implies a sum of squares of the diagonal elements. This is necessary to note the norm-preserving properties of orthogonal matrices such as U and V. For any orthogonal matrix U, $Trace(U) = Trace(U^T)$ since the diagonal elements will always be the same. A similar reasoning also reveals that for any orthogonal matrix U,

$$||UA||_F^2 = Trace((UA)^T(UA)) = Trace(A^TU^TUA) = Trace(A^TA) = ||A||_F^2.$$
 (2)

Doing many of the same steps for the full singular value decomposition of A shows

$$||A||_F^2 = ||U\Sigma V^T||_F^2 = Trace((U\Sigma V^T)^T(U\Sigma V^T)) = Trace(V(U\Sigma)^TU\Sigma V^T) = Trace(V\Sigma^T U^T U\Sigma V^T)$$
(3)

Since $U^TU = I$,

$$Trace(V\Sigma^T U^T U\Sigma V^T) = Trace(V\Sigma^T \Sigma V^T) = Trace((\Sigma V^T)^T (\Sigma V^T)) = ||\Sigma V^T||_F^2$$
 (4)

Since Σ is a diagonal matrix, $\Sigma V^T = V^T \Sigma$. Expanding the Frobenius norm of $V^T \Sigma$ instead gives

$$||V^T \Sigma||_F^2 = Trace((V^T \Sigma)^T (V^T \Sigma)) = Trace(\Sigma^T V V^T \Sigma) = Trace(\Sigma^T \Sigma) = ||\Sigma||_F^2$$
 (5)

since $VV^T = I$ for the orthogonal matrix V. Since equations (3)-(5) mean that $||A||_F^2 = ||\Sigma||_F^2$, it also implies that

$$||A||_F = ||\Sigma||_F = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n (\sigma_j)^2\right)^{1/2} = (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2)^{1/2}$$
(6)

Since $\sigma_j = 0 \quad \forall j > k = rank(A)$, this may be simplified further as

$$||A||_F = (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_k^2)^{1/2}$$
 (7)

4.3

Proposition: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric. Then

- (a) all the eigenvalues of A are real and
- (b) eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal

(a)

Proof: Assume that $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$Av = \lambda v \tag{1}$$

where $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is an eigenvector corresponding to λ . Since $Av = \lambda v$ consists of vectors of complex numbers that are equal element-wise, their complex conjugates are also equal element-wise. This leads to the equation

$$A\bar{v} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{v} \tag{2}$$

where elements of \bar{v} are the complex conjugates of elements in v and $\bar{\lambda}$ is the complex conjugate of λ . Left multiplying both sides of (1) by \bar{v}^T then yields

$$\bar{v}^T A v = \bar{v}^T (\lambda v) \longrightarrow \bar{v}^T A v = \lambda (\bar{v}^T v)$$
 (3)

Using a property of matrix transposes, $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, the left side of (3) may be written as

$$(A^T \bar{v})^T v = \lambda (\bar{v}^T v) \tag{4}$$

Now, noting that $A = A^T$ since A is symmetric and that the resulting form matches that of (2), we may substitute the RHS of (2) and obtain

$$(A\bar{v})^T v = \lambda(\bar{v}^T v) \longrightarrow (\bar{\lambda}\bar{v})^T v = \lambda(\bar{v}^T v) \longrightarrow (\bar{\lambda} - \lambda)(\bar{v}^T v) = 0$$
(5)

Since v (and therefore also \bar{v}) is an eigenvector in C and therefore must be nonzero, or equivalently contain a nonzero element, $\bar{v}^T v$ must be nonzero. It must also become a vector in \mathbb{R} since any complex number a+bi multiplied by its conjugate, a-bi becomes a real number a^2+b^2 . Therefore, for (5) to hold true,

$$\bar{\lambda} - \lambda = 0 \longrightarrow \bar{\lambda} = \lambda$$
 (6)

A complex number cannot be equivalent to its conjugate, so λ must be real.

(b)

Proof: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{nxn}$ be symmetric such that $A = A^T$ and let v_1 and v_2 be eigenvectors of A with corresponding eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 such that $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$. Note that for any orthogonal vectors a and b, the inner product is $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$. Also note that for any inner product of vectors of the form $B \in \mathbb{R}^{nxn}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\langle Bx, y \rangle = y^T Bx \tag{7}$$

For the given eigenvectors and eigenvalues, we have

$$Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 \tag{8}$$

$$Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \tag{9}$$

If the eigenvectors $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 0$, it must also be true that $\langle Av_1, v_2 \rangle = 0$. Equivalently, $v_2^T Av_1 = 0$ To test this equality, consider that A being symmetric implies

$$v_2^T A v_1 = v_2^T A^T v_1 = (A v_2)^T v_1 (10)$$

From (9), we then know that

$$(Av_2)^T v_1 = (\lambda_2 v_2)^T v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2^T v_1$$
 (11)

Also, using (8) in $v_2^T A v_1$ will give

$$v_2^T(Av_1) = v_2^T(\lambda_1 v_1) = \lambda_1 v_2^T v_1 \tag{12}$$

Therefore, combining (11) and (12) produces the equality

$$v_2^T A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_2^T v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2^T v_1 \longrightarrow \lambda_1 v_2^T v_1 - \lambda_2 v_2^T v_1 = 0 \longrightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) v_2^T v_1 = 0$$
(13)

Since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, this logically means that $v_2^T v_1 = 0$, or $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 0$. Thus $v_1 \perp v_2$

4.4

Use Matlab to generate a random matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{8x6}$ with rank 4. For example,

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A = randn(8,4);
A(:,5:6) = A(:,1:2)+A(:,3:4);
[Q,R] = qr(randn(6));
A = A*Q;
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Figure 1: Code

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import numpy as np
A = np.random.rand(8,6)
A[:,4:] = A[:,:2] + A[:,2:4]
Q, R = np.linalg.qr(A) "linalg": Unknown word.
print("Question 7.5.a:")
print(A)
print("\nIt is difficult to tell numerically that the rank is 4. It is easy to see that the rank is at most 5 since \n" \
      "the 5th and 6th columns are the same. It's often difficult to judge linear dependence by inspection otherwise. \n" ackslash
     "However, because of the way A was created, we know that the 5th column is a linear combination of the 1st and 3rd \n" \
"columns and that the 6th column is a linear combination of the 2nd and 4th columns. If we know this in advance, \n" \
     "we can tell rank(A)=4 by inspection.")
U, Sigma, V = np.linalg.svd(A) "linalg": Unknown word.
# reformats all entries of sigma to scientific notation with 4 decimal places; there's almost surely a better way for this
Sigma = np.array([np.format_float_scientific(np.float32(Sigma[i]), precision=4) for i in range(len(Sigma))])
print("\nQuestion 7.5.b:")
print(Sigma)
print("The array is ordered from greatest to least singular value. While the first 4 are relatively close together, n"
      "the last 2 are much smaller, tending toward 0.")
print("\nQuestion 7.5.c:")
print("\nQuestion 7.5.d:")
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Figure 2: Output

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Question 7.5.a:
[[0.8029841 \ 0.83172185 \ 0.10844819 \ 0.57429394 \ 0.91143229 \ 1.40601579]
 [0.0358844   0.80861633   0.11015467   0.76526911   0.14603907   1.57388544]
 [0.03568921 0.32465081 0.64791333 0.49878134 0.68360254 0.82343215]
 [0.50785401 0.6963632 0.22349837 0.9625856 0.73135238 1.6589488 ]
 [0.39351254 0.06548446 0.80574161 0.00825468 1.19925415 0.07373914]
 [0.71334131 0.97466807 0.54184883 0.96410575 1.25519014 1.93877382]
 [0.8616648 0.73506915 0.39951364 0.71655264 1.26117844 1.45162179]
 [0.08893386 0.60492047 0.37155024 0.71895236 0.46048409 1.32387283]]
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However, because of the way A was created, we know that the 5th column is a linear combination of the 1st and 3rd
columns and that the 6th column is a linear combination of the 2nd and 4th columns. If we know this in advance,
we can tell rank(A)=4 by inspection.
Question 7.5.b:
['5.5436e+00' '1.6184e+00' '8.1803e-01' '2.4405e-01' '1.9761e-16'
The array is ordered from greatest to least singular value. While the first 4 are relatively close together,
the last 2 are much smaller, tending toward 0.
Question 7.5.c:
rank(A) = 4
Question 7.5.d:
Using TOL = machine precision,
rank(A) = 6
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4.5

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2x^2}$ with singular values $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 > 0$. Show the set $\{Ax \mid ||x||_2 = 1\}$ (the image of the unit circle) is an ellipse in R^2 whose major and minor semiaxes have lengths σ_1 and σ_2 respectively.

Define the singular values by the eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 from the characteristic polynomial $det(A^TA - \lambda I) = 0$. Let v_1

and v_2 be orthonormal eigenvectors of $A^T A$ such that $||v_1|| = 1$ and $||v_2|| = 1$. If Ax is the image of the unit circle, then x may be the parameterized form of the unit circle, $x = V^T w$, where $w = \begin{bmatrix} cos(t) \\ sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$ and $V = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$. The proper order of elements in w depends on the direction of the major axis, so for this example, we assume the major axis is the x-axis. If y happened to be the semi-major axis and x the semi-minor axis instead, the only thing that changes within the problem is the order of elements in w. So,

$$x = V^T w = \cos(t)v_1 + \sin(t)v_2 \to Ax = \cos(t)Av_1 + \sin(t)Av_2 \tag{1}$$

We can then expand $||Ax||^2$ as

$$||Ax||^{2} = (Ax)^{T}(Ax) = (\cos(t)Av_{1} + \sin(t)Av_{2})^{T}(\cos(t)Av_{1} + \sin(t)Av_{2}) = (\cos(t)(Av_{1})^{T} + \sin(t)(Av_{2})^{T})(\cos(t)Av_{1} + \sin(t)Av_{2})$$

$$= (\cos(t)v_{1}^{T}A^{T} + \sin(t)v_{2}^{T}A^{T})(\cos(t)Av_{1} + \sin(t)Av_{2})$$

$$= \cos^{2}(t)(v_{1}^{T}A^{T}Av_{1}) + \cos(t)\sin(t)(v_{1}^{T}A^{T}Av_{2}) + \sin(t)\cos(t)(v_{2}^{T}A^{T}Av_{1}) + \sin^{2}(t)(v_{2}^{T}A^{T}Av_{2})$$

Using the eigenvalue problems $A^T A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$ and $A^T A v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$, we may rewrite this as

$$cos^{2}(t)(v_{1}^{T}\lambda_{1}v_{1}) + cos(t)sin(t)(v_{1}^{T}\lambda_{2}v_{2}) + sin(t)cos(t)(v_{2}^{T}\lambda_{1}v_{1}) + sin^{2}(t)(v_{2}^{T}\lambda_{2}v_{2})$$

Since $v_1 \perp v_2$, $v_1^T v_2 = v_2^T v_1 = 0$, and because v_1 and v_2 are both unit vectors, it simplifies further as

$$\lambda_1 cos^2(t)(v_1^T v_1) + \lambda_2 sin^2(t)(v_2^T v_2) = \lambda_1 cos^2(t)(||v_1||^2) + \lambda_2 sin^2(t)(||v_2||^2) = \lambda_1 cos^2(t) + \lambda_2 sin^2(t)$$

Using the notation $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$, we know that

$$||Ax||^2 = \lambda_1 \cos^2(t) + \lambda_2 \sin^2(t) = ||\Sigma w||^2$$
(2)

implying that $Ax = \Sigma w = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 cos(t) \\ \sigma_2 sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$, which represents an ellipse in R^2 since the locus of an ellipse is given by where a is the length of the radius of the semi-major axis x, while b is the length of the radius of the semi-minor axis y. In this case, the length of the semi-major axis is the largest singular value of A, σ_1 , and the length of the semi-minor axis is the smallest singular value of A, σ_2 .

4.6

Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a)

Find the SVD of A. You may use the condensed form given in (4.28). To find the singular value decomposition of, we begin by finding AA^T and A^TA . Namely, finding the eigenvalues of AA^T is the first step.

$$AA^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 & 15 \\ 10 & 20 & 30 \\ 15 & 30 & 45 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{T}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 28 \\ 28 & 56 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

Finding the eigenvalues of this with the characteristic equation gives

$$det(AA^{T} - \lambda I) = 0 \to det\begin{pmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 10 & 15\\ 10 & 20 - \lambda & 30\\ 15 & 30 & 45 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}) = 0 \to -\lambda^{3} + 70\lambda^{2} = 0$$

Thus the eigenvalues of this system, in descending order, are $\lambda_1 = 70$, $\lambda_2 = 0$, and $\lambda_3 = 0$. From this, we know the singular values (and by extension Σ) since $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$. We may then use these eigenvalues with $A^T A$ to find the columns of V, v_i , using the fact that $v_i \in Null(A^T A - \lambda I)$.

$$rref(\begin{bmatrix} 14-\lambda_1 & 28 & & 0\\ 28 & 56-\lambda_1 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}) = rref(\begin{bmatrix} -56 & 28 & & 0\\ 28 & -14 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & & 0\\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

After normalization, this gives eigenvector $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix}$. Likewise,

$$rref(\begin{bmatrix} 14-\lambda_2 & 28 & & 0\\ 28 & 56-\lambda_2 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}) = rref(\begin{bmatrix} 14 & 28 & & 0\\ 28 & 56 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & & 0\\ 0 & 0 & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

After normalization, this gives eigenvector $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix}$. So far, the SVD decomposition has the form

$$A = U\Sigma V^T \to A = U \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{70} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix}^T$$
 (2)

Since V is an orthogonal matrix such that $V^TV = I$,

$$A = U\Sigma V^T \to AV = U\Sigma \to Av_i = \sigma_i u_i \to u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} Av_i$$
(3)

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{70}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since A is rank deficient, i.e., r = rank(A) = 1 < n, the number of columns of A,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{bmatrix} = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T$$

$$\tag{4}$$

Since $\Sigma_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{rxr}$ and U_1, V_1 have r columns, the second eigenvector u_2 is unneeded. So we can instead say

$$A = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T = \sqrt{70} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

(b)

Calculate the pseudoinverse of A, A^+ .

$$A^{+} = V\Sigma^{-1}U^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{70}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} & 0 \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{70} & \frac{1}{35} & \frac{3}{70} \\ \frac{1}{35} & \frac{2}{35} & \frac{3}{35} \end{bmatrix}$$

For a rank deficient matrix, the pseudo inverse can be simplified to

$$A^{+} = V_{1} \Sigma_{1}^{-1} U_{1}^{T} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{70}}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{70} & \frac{1}{35} & \frac{3}{70} \\ \frac{1}{35} & \frac{2}{35} & \frac{3}{35} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (5)

(c)

Calculate the minimum-norm solution of the least-squares problem for the overdetermined system Ax = b. Using (5), the minimum-norm solution of the LS problem is

$$x = V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^T b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{70} & \frac{1}{35} & \frac{3}{70} \\ \frac{1}{35} & \frac{2}{35} & \frac{3}{35} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{35}\\ \frac{6}{35} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (6)

(d)

Find a basis for Null(A).

To find Null(A), we perform Gauss-Jordan Elimination on the concatenated matrix

$$[A|0] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So we find the vector $\begin{bmatrix} -2\\1 \end{bmatrix} \in Null(A)$ making up the basis.

(e)

Find all solutions of the least-squares problem.

All solutions of the LS problem $||Ax - b||_2$ can be written as $x = V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^T b + V_2 z$ for arbitrary vector z. This equates to the minimum norm solution given in (6) plus another vector $V_2 z$. Since r = rank(A) = 1 and V_{r+1} is the first column in the orthonormal basis of Null(A). Thus any linear combination of vectors in the basis of Null(A) may be added to the vector in (6) to give a solution to the LS problem. Formally, all solutions x^* follow

$$x^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{35} \\ \frac{6}{35} \end{bmatrix} + z_k \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad for \quad z_k \in R$$
 (7)