Linear Algebra

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***Abstract*—This book provides solved examples on Linear Algebra.**

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1.1. Consider the vector space $\mathbb{P}_n$ of real polynomials in x of degree $\leq n$. Define

$$T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3 \tag{1.1.1}$$

by

$$(T f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t)\, dt + f'(x). \tag{1.1.2}$$

Then find the matrix representation of T with respect to the bases

$$\left\{1, x, x^2\right\} \text{ and } \left\{1, x, x^2, x^3\right\} \tag{1.1.3}$$

1.2. Let $P_A(x)$ denote the characteristic polynomial of a matrix A. Then for which of the following matrices is

$$P_A(x) - P_{A^{-1}}(x) \tag{1.2.1}$$

a constant?

a) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
b) $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
c) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
d) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

1.3. Which of the following matrices is not diagonalizable over $\mathbb{R}$?

a) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
c) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
d) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

1.4. What is the rank of the following matrix?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.4.1}$$

1.5. Let V denote the vector space of real valued continuous functions on the close interval $[0, 1]$. Let W be the subspace of V spanned by $\{\sin x, \cos x, \tan x\}$. Find the dimension of W over $\mathbb{R}$.

1.6. Let V be the vector space of polynomials in the variable t of degree at most 2 over $\mathbb{R}$. An

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inner product on V is defined by

$$f^T g = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)\,dt, \quad f,g \in V. \tag{1.6.1}$$

Let

$$W = span\left\{1 - t^2, 1 + t^2\right\} \tag{1.6.2}$$

and $W^{\perp}$ be the orthogonal complement of W in V. Which of the following conditions is satisfied for all $h \in W^{\perp}$?

a) h is an even function
b) h is an odd function
c) $h(t) = 0$ has a real solution
d) $h(0) = 0$

1.7. Consider solving the following system by Jacobi iteration scheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2m & -2m \\ n & 1 & n \\ 2m & 2m & 1 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.7.1}$$

where $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. With any initial vector, the scheme converges provided m, n satisfy

a) $m + n = 3$
b) $m > n$
c) $m < n$
d) $m = n$

1.8. Consider a Markov Chain with state space $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and transition matrix

$$P = \begin{array}{c} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array}\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \tag{1.8.1}$$

Then find

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} p_{23}^{(n)} \tag{1.8.2}$$

1.9. Let $L(\mathbb{R})^n$ be the space of $\mathbb{R}-$linear maps from $\mathbb{R}^n$ to $\mathbb{R}^n$. If $Ker(T)$ denotes the kernel of T then which of the following are true?

a) There exists $T \in L\left(\mathbb{R}^5\right)$ $\{0\}$ such that $Range(T) = Ker(T)$
b) There does not exist $T \in L\left(\mathbb{R}^5\right)$ $\{0\}$ such that $Range(T) = Ker(T)$
c) There exists $T \in L\left(\mathbb{R}^6\right)$ $\{0\}$ such that $Range(T) = Ker(T)$
d) There does not exist $T \in L\left(\mathbb{R}^6\right)$ $\{0\}$ such that $Range(T) = Ker(T)$

1.10. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ and $T : V \to V$ be a linear map. Can you always write $T = T_2 \circ T_1$ for some linear maps

$$T_1 : V \to W, T : W \to V, \tag{1.10.1}$$

where W is some finite dimensional vector space such that

a) both T_1 and T_2 are onto
b) both T_1 and T_2 are one to one
c) T_1 is onto, T_2 is one to one
d) T_1 is one to one, T_2 is onto

1.11. Let $A = \left[a_{ij}\right]$ be a 3×3 complex matrix. Identify the correct statements

a) $det\left[(-1)^{i+j} a_{ij}\right] = det(A)$
b) $det\left[(-1)^{i+j} a_{ij}\right] = -det(A)$
c) $det\left[\left(\sqrt{-1}\right)^{i+j} a_{ij}\right] = det(A)$
d) $det\left[\left(\sqrt{-1}\right)^{i+j} a_{ij}\right] = -det(A)$

1.12. Let

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n \tag{1.12.1}$$

be a non-constant polynomial of degree $n \geq 1$. Consider the polynomial

$$q(x) = \int_0^x p(t)\,dt, r(x) = \frac{d}{dx}p(x) \tag{1.12.2}$$

Let V denote the real vector space of all polynomials in x. Then which of the following are true?

a) q and r are linearly independent in V
b) q and r are linearly dependent in V
c) x^n belongs to the linear span of q and r
d) x^{n+1} belongs to the linear span of q and r.

1.13. Let $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the ring of $n \times n$ matrices over $\mathbb{R}$. Which of the following are true for every $n \geq 2$?

a) there exist matrices $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that $AB - BA = I_n$, where I_n denotes the identity matrix.
b) If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and $AB = BA$, then A is diagonalisable over $\mathbb{R}$ if and only if B is diagonalisable over $\mathbb{R}$.
c) If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then AB and BA have the same minimal polynomial.
d) If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then AB and BA have the

same eigenvalues in $\mathbb{R}$.

1.14. Consider a matrix

$$A = \left[a_{ij}\right], 1 \le i, j \le 5 \tag{1.14.1}$$

such that

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{n_i + n_j + 1}, \quad n_i, n_j \in \mathbb{N} \tag{1.14.2}$$

Then in which of the following cases A is a positive definite matrix?

a) $n_i = 1 \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$
b) $n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_5.$
c) $n_1 = n_2 = \cdots = n_5.$
d) $n_1 > n_2 > \cdots > n_5.$

1.15. For a nonzero $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$, define

$$T_w : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n \tag{1.15.1}$$

by

$$T_w = v - \frac{2v^T w}{w^T w} w, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^n \tag{1.15.2}$$

Which of the following are true?

a) $det\left(T_w\right) = 1$
b) $T_w(v_1)_w^T(v_2) = v_1^T v_2 \forall v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
c) $T_w = T_w^{-1}$
d) $T_{2w} = 2T_w$

1.16. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.16.1}$$

over the field $\mathbb{Q}$ of rationals. Which of the following matrices are of the form $P^T A P$ for suitable 2×2 invertible matrix P over $\mathbb{Q}$?

a) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$
b) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
c) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
d) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

1.17. Consider a Markov Chain with state space $\{0, 1, 2\}$ and transition matrix

$$P = \begin{array}{c c} & \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \tag{1.17.1}$$

Then which of the following are true?

a) $\lim_{n\to\infty} p_{12}^{(n)} = 0$
b) $\lim_{n\to\infty} p_{12}^{(n)} = \lim_{n\to\infty} p_{21}^{(n)}$
c) $\lim_{n\to\infty} p_{22}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{8}$
d) $\lim_{n\to\infty} p_{21}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{3}$

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2.1. Consider the subspaces W_1 and W_2 of $\mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$W_1 = \left\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0\right\} \tag{2.1.1}$$

$$W_2 = \left\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 0\right\}. \tag{2.1.2}$$

If $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$, such that

a) $W \cap W_2 = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
b) $\{W \cap W_1\} \perp \{W \cap W_2\}$,

then

a) $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
b) $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
c) $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$
d) $W = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$

2.2. Let

$$C = \left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \tag{2.2.1}$$

be a basis of $\mathbb{R}^2$ and

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + y \\ x - 2y \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.2.2}$$

If $T[C]$ represents the matrix of T with respect to the basis C then which among the following is true?

a) $T[C] = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
b) $T[C] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
c) $T[C] = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
d) $T[C] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

2.3. Let $W_1 = \left\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 :\right\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 1 & 0\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.3.1}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix}0 & 2 & 0 & 1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.3.2}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix}2 & 0 & 2 & -1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.3.3}$$

and $W_2 = \left\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 :\right\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 0 & 1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.3.4}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0 & 1 & -2\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0 \tag{2.3.5}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix}0 & 1 & 0 & -1\end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x} = 0. \tag{2.3.6}$$

Then which among the following is true?

a) $\dim(W_1) = 1$
b) $\dim(W_2) = 2$
c) $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 1$
d) $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = 3$

2.4. Let A be an $n\times n$ complex matrix. Assume that A is self-adjoint and let B denote the inverse of $A+\jmath I$. Then all eigenvalues of $(A-\jmath I)B$ are

a) purely imaginary
b) of modulus one
c) real
d) of modulus less than one

2.5. Let $\{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $\mathbb{C}^n$ as column vectors.Let

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \ldots & \mathbf{u}_k\end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.5.1}$$
$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}_{k+1} & \mathbf{u}_{k+2} & \ldots & \mathbf{u}_n\end{pmatrix} \tag{2.5.2}$$

and $\mathbf{P}$ be the diagonal $k\times k$ matrix with diagonal entries $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then which of the following is true?

a) rank($\mathbf{MPM}^*$) $=$ k whenever $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq k$.
b) tr($\mathbf{MPM}^*$) $= \sum_{i=1}^{k} \alpha_i$
c) rank($\mathbf{M}^*\mathbf{N}$) $= \min(k, n-k)$
d) rank($\mathbf{MM}^* + \mathbf{NN}^*$) $< n$.

2.6. Let $B : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the function

$$B(a, b) = ab \tag{2.6.1}$$

Which of the following is true?

a) B is a linear transformation
b) B is a positive definite bilinear form
c) B is symmetric but not positive definite
d) B is neither linear nor bilinear