

Midterm Review

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Problem 0.1

Let $A, B \in^{n \times n}$. For each the following subset of n below, say whether it is a subspace of n and justify your answer:

- ① $E_1 = \{x \in^n \mid Ax = 0\}$.
- ② $E_2 = \{x \in^n \mid Ax = Bx\}$.
- ③ $E_3 = \{x \in^n \mid Ax = e_1\}$.
- ④ $E_4 = \{x \in^n \mid Ax \in (e_1)\}$.

Problem 0.1

Problem 0.2

True or False: There exists matrices $M \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ such that $\dim(\text{col}(M)) = 1$ and $\text{rank}(M) = 2$.

Problem 0.2

Problem 0.3

Let $n > m$ and $A \in^{n \times m}$. Assume that A has “full rank”, meaning that $\text{rank}(A) = \min(n, m) = m$.

- 1 Does $Ax = b$ has a solution for all $b \in^n$? (Prove or give a counter example)
- 2 Can there exists two vectors $x \neq x'$ such that $Ax = Ax'$? (Prove or give a counter example).

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Problem 0.4

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Problem 0.5

True or False: There exists a family of k non-zero orthogonal vectors of \mathbb{R}^n , for some $k > n$.

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Problem 0.6

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$.

- 1 Prove that (A) and $\mathfrak{S}(A)$ are orthogonal to each other, i.e. that for all $x \in (A)$ and $y \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$ we have $x \perp y$.
- 2 Show that $(A) = \mathfrak{S}(A)^\perp$.

Problem 0.6

Problem 0.7

True or False: The matrix of an orthogonal projection is symmetric.

Problem 0.7

Problem 0.8

True or False: The matrix of an orthogonal projection is orthogonal.

Problem 0.8

Problem 0.9

Let S be a subspace of n and let P_S be the orthogonal projection onto S . Show that $\dim(S) = \text{rank}(P_S)$.

Problem 0.9

Problem 0.10

True or False: Let $A, B \in n \times n$. Assume that $v \in n$ is an eigenvector of A and B .

- 1 Is v an eigenvector of $A + B$?
- 2 Is v an eigenvector of AB ?

Problem 0.10

Problem 0.11

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and let $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be two eigenvectors of A , associated with the same eigenvalue λ .

Show that any non-zero eigenvector in (v_1, v_2) is an eigenvector of A , associated with λ .

Problem 0.11

Problem 0.12

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix. Let (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) be an orthonormal family of eigenvectors of A , associated to the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Give an orthonormal basis of (A) and $\mathfrak{S}(A)$ in terms of the v_i 's.

Problem 0.12

Problem 0.13

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a symmetric matrix, that satisfies $A^2 = A$. Show that the matrix

$$M = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$$

is the matrix of an orthogonal projection.

Problem 0.13

Problem 0.14

Let $\rho \in (0, 1)$. Let $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\|v_i\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \rho \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

Show that $k \leq n$.

Problem 0.14