# DSC 210 Numerical Linear Algebra, Fall 2025

Homework Problems for Topic 2: *Systems of Linear Equations*

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Write your solutions to the following problems by typing them in LaTeX. Unless otherwise noted by the problem's instructions, show your work and provide justification for your answer. Homework is due via Gradescope at **6th November 2025, 11:59 PM**.

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(b) Regarding debugging programming questions: We ask you to do some debugging on your own first, including printing out intermediate values in your algorithms, trying a simpler version of the problem, etc.

(c) We will not be pre-grading the homework, i.e. we won't confirm if the answer you have is correct.

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## Question 1: Gauss elimination (20 points)

Use Gauss elimination to solve the following equations for $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix}^\top$:

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 = -11$$
$$-8x_1 + 10x_2 + 3x_3 = -15$$
$$9x_1 + 10x_2 + x_3 = 25$$

**Solution:**

Starting with Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ -8 & 10 & 3 \\ 9 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ -15 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 & -11 \\ -8 & 10 & 3 & -15 \\ 9 & 10 & 1 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7/2 & -11/2 \\ -8 & 10 & 3 & -15 \\ 9 & 10 & 1 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & 34 & 31 & -59 \\ 9 & 10 & 1 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & 34 & 31 & -59 \\ 0 & -17 & -61/2 & 149/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & 34 & 31 & -59 \\ 0 & 0 & -15 & 45 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7/2 & -11/2 \\ 0 & 34 & 31 & -59 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Continuing with backward substitution:

If $x_3 = -3$

$\therefore 0x_1 + 34x_2 + 31(-3) = -59 \Rightarrow x_2 = 1$

$\therefore 1x_1 + 3(1) + \frac{7}{2} = -\frac{11}{2} \Rightarrow x_1 = 2$

$\therefore \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\square$

**Question 2: LU decomposition (20 points)**

Perform LU decomposition for the matrix corresponding to the equations in **Question 1**. Using the matrices $L$ and $U$, do forward and backward substitution to solve for **x**. Match your solution with that of **Question 1**.

**Solution:**

**Question 3: QR decomposition (20 points)**

Perform QR decomposition for the matrix corresponding to the equations in **Question 1** using the Gram-Schmidt algorithm. Using the decomposition, solve for **x**. Match your solution with that of **Question 1** and **Question 2**.

**Solution:**

**Question 4: Gram-Schmidt process (20 points)**

Show that the residual vector $\mathbf{a}_i^{\perp}$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_{i-1}$ in the Gram-Schmidt process.

**Solution:**

By definition of a projection $\text{proj}_{q_k}(\mathbf{a}_i)$:

$$\text{proj}_{q_k}(\mathbf{a}_i) = \frac{\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i}{\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{q}_k} \mathbf{q}_k$$

Let the residual vector $\mathbf{a}_i^{\perp}$ be:

$$\mathbf{a}_i^{\perp} = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \text{proj}_{q_k}(\mathbf{a}_i)$$

By definition of orthogonality, $a \cdot b = 0$, To prove this, we can replace $a$ and $b$ with the definitions of $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_{i-1}$ and the residual vector, respectively:

$$\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i^{\perp}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \text{proj}_{q_k}(\mathbf{a}_i)$$

By substituting in the definition of the projection into this equation, it is shown that

$$\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{a}_i}{\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}_j} \mathbf{q}_j$$

Rearranging gives:

$$\mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{a}_i}{\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}_j} \mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}_k$$

Now, since orthogonality means the dot product of $\mathbf{q}_j$ and $\mathbf{q}_k$ must be equal to 0 $\forall \mathbf{j}$. This implies that:

$$\mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{q}_k \forall \text{j, k}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i^{\perp} = \mathbf{a}_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_i}{\mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{q}_k} \mathbf{q}_k \cdot \mathbf{q}_k$$

This is true for all values of j, now denoted as j such that $j = k = 1, 2, \ldots, i-1$, therefore the residual vector $\mathbf{a}_i^{\perp}$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_{i-1}$ $\square$.

**Question 5: Rank deficient matrices (20 points)**

Compute the QR decomposition of following two matrices using Gram-Schmidt process and properties of the matrix $\mathbf{Q}$.

i. $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

ii. $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: matrices $\mathbf{Q}$ and $\mathbf{R}$ must be square matrices.

**Solution:**