

MATH 10A – Fall 2018

Discussion 29 Solutions

1 Matrix Algebra

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Find the following:

1. $A^T B$

Soln: $[16 \ 7]$

2. BA^T

Soln: Cannot multiply these matrices

3. $B - 2C$

Soln: $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -1 \\ 6 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2 Determinants

Find the determinants of the following:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is either matrix singular?

Soln:

$$\det D = 0, \det E = 2$$

Matrix D is singular (non-invertible). Notice that the rows are multiples of each other.

3 Inverse Matrices

True/False: A^T is the inverse of matrix A

Find the inverse of matrix $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln: False - clarify A^T vs A^{-1}

Soln:

$$\det F = -1$$
$$F^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4 Solving Linear Systems

1. Write the following as a system of equations, then solve for \mathbf{x} using inverse matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 8 - 3c \\ -4 + 2c \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Solve the same system of equations using Gaussian elimination.

Soln:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & c \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & c \\ 0 & -1 & 4 - 2c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-x_2 = 4 - 2c$$

$$x_2 = -4 + 2c$$

$$\text{Solve for } x_1 = 8 - 3c$$

3. Challenge: Suppose that the voltage vector \mathbf{v}_t of the heart changes from one beat to the next according to the equation:

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_t$$

An equilibrium is a value of the vector for which no change occurs (that is $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \mathbf{v}_t$). Find all possible equilibrium values \mathbf{v} .

Soln:

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \mathbf{v}_t$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{v} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 0 - 0 = 0$$

A is singular. Therefore, by Theorem 5 the homogeneous system has infinitely many nontrivial solutions which must satisfy $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ where k is any real number.

5 Inverse Matrices (again!)

Find the inverse of the following matrix using gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

soln:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/7 & -2/7 & 1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/7 & -2/7 & 1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/7 & 4/7 & -2/7 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/7 & -2/7 & 1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -11 & 6 & -21 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

6 Three-Dimensional Geometry

- Find an equation of the sphere with center $(2, -6, 4)$ and radius 5. Describe its intersection with each of the coordinate planes.

Soln:

An equation for the sphere is $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 6)^2 + (z - 4)^2 = 25$. The intersection of this sphere with the xy -plane is the set of points on the sphere whose z -coordinate is 0. Putting $z = 0$ into the equation, we have $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 6)^2 = 9$ which represents a circle with center $(2, -6, 0)$ and radius 3.

To find the intersection with the xz -plane we set $y = 0$: $(x - 2)^2 + (z - 4)^2 = -11$ no points satisfy this equation so the sphere does not intersect the xz plane.

To find the intersection with the yz -plane we set $x = 0$: $(y + 6)^2 + (z - 4)^2 = 21$ a circle in the yz -plane with center $(0, -6, 4)$ and radius $\sqrt{21}$

- Write an inequality to describe the region between the yz -plane and the plane $x = 5$

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Soln:

This describes all points whose x-coordinate is between 0 and 5, that is $0 < x < 5$

7 The Dot Product and Vector Projections

Review:

Vectors are matrices of what dimension?

Why can't we multiply vectors using our techniques for matrix algebra?

$$a = [1, 2], b = [-4, 1]$$

1. Find the dot product of **a** and **b**

soln:

$$1(-4) + 2(1) = -2$$

2. Find the angle between **a** and **b**

soln:

$$\begin{aligned} -2 &= |a||b|\cos\alpha \\ -2 &= \sqrt{(1^2 + 2^2)}\sqrt{(-4^2 + 1^2)}\cos\alpha \\ -2 &= \sqrt{(5)(17)}\cos\alpha \\ -2/\sqrt{85} &= \cos\alpha \\ \alpha &= 102.5^\circ \end{aligned}$$

3. For what values of b are the vectors $[-6, b, 2]$ and $[b, b^2, b]$ orthogonal?

soln:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Orthogonal when } [-6, b, 2] \cdot [b, b^2, b] &= 0 \\ (-6)(b) + (b)(b^2) + (2)(b) &= 0 \\ b^3 - 4b &= 0 \\ b(b+2)(b-2) &= 0 \\ b = 0 \text{ or } b = \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

8 Identifying Eigenvectors

Are the following vectors eigenvectors of the matrix? If so what are their corresponding eigenvalues?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

soln:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \text{ NOT an eigenvector}$$

$$\mathbf{Av} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \text{ eigenvector with } \lambda = -1$$

9 Solving for Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

Review: Do we need to use the characteristic equation to find eigenvalues of upper and lower triangular matrices? Why or why not?

soln:

No we do not. The values on the main diagonal are our eigenvalues.

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix: $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

soln:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda)^2 - 14(1-\lambda) = (1-\lambda)[(1-\lambda)^2 - 14]$$

$$= (-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda+\sqrt{14})(1-\lambda-\sqrt{14})$$

$$\lambda = -1, 1+\sqrt{14}, 1-\sqrt{14}$$

10 Sequences

Find a direct formula for $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 3a_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$, $a_0 = 1$, $a_1 = 1$, by encoding the recurrence sequence with linear algebra

soln:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3, -1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0-3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2-3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-3v_1 + v_2 = 0$$

$$v_2 = 3v_1$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0+1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2+1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$w_1 + w_2 = 0$$

$$w_2 = -w_1$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Initial values: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 = c_1 + c_2, 1 = 3c_1 - c_2$$

$$c_1 = 1/2, c_2 = 1/2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(3)^n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-1)^n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

11 Systems of Differential Equations

Solve the IVP $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$ by encoding the DE with linear algebra.

soln:

$$y_1 = y$$

$$y_2 = y' (= y_1')$$

$$y_1' = y' (= y_2)$$

$$y_2' = y''$$

$$y_1' = 0y_1 + 1y_2$$

$$y_2' = 3y_1 + 2y_2$$

Use eigenvectors and eigenvalues from above.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1(e^{3t}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2(e^{-t}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = 1/2, c_2 = 1/2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ y'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(e^{3t}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(e^{-t}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{3t}) + \frac{1}{2}(e^{-t})$$