

Solutions to Problem Set 1: Linear Algebra

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Part A

1. (a) True (b) True (c) False (d) True (e) False (f) F (g) False

2. (a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore The rank of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is 3.

- (b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_4 - 3R_3 \rightarrow R_4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{The rank of } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } 3.$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times (-1) - 2 \times 4 = -9$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-9} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{4}{9} & -\frac{1}{9} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} &= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -(2 \times 3 - 0 \times 6) + 2(1 \times 3 - 0 \times 4) + 3(1 \times 6 - 2 \times 4) \\ &= -6 + 2(3) + 3(-2) \\ &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow[R_3 + 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3]{R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 15 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow[R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3]{R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & -12 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 15 & 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow[R_2 - 5R_3 \rightarrow R_2]{R_1 + 4R_3 \rightarrow R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow[\frac{1}{3}R_3 \rightarrow R_3]{-R_1 \rightarrow R_1, -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

4.

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda I \right| = \begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-3 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & -2 \\ -3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 - \lambda \\ -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (-\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6) - 3(-\lambda - 2) + 2(-3 - (\lambda + 1)) \\
&= -\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 18 + 3\lambda + 6 - 6 - 2\lambda - 2 \\
&= -\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 16
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The characteristic polynomial of $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is $-\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 16$.

$$-\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 16 = (\lambda + 4)(-\lambda^2 + 4) = (\lambda + 4)(\lambda + 2)(-\lambda + 2)$$

\therefore The eigenvalues of $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are -4 , -2 and 2 .

Case $\lambda = -4$:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\begin{pmatrix} -3 - (-4) & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 - (-4) & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -(-4) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3]{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\frac{3}{2}R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3]{R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{matrix} x + 3y = 0 \\ -4z = 0 \end{matrix} \implies \begin{matrix} y = -\frac{1}{3}x \\ z = 0 \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The eigenvector of $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue -4 is $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Case $\lambda = -2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\begin{pmatrix} -3 - (-2) & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 - (-2) & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -(-2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3]{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\frac{3}{2}R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3]{R_1 - \frac{3}{4}R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\begin{matrix} -x + 2z = 0 \\ 4y = 0 \end{matrix} \implies \begin{matrix} y = 0 \\ z = \frac{1}{2}x \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The eigenvector of $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue -2 is $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Case $\lambda = 2$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3-2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1-2 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3]{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 + \frac{1}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_2]{R_1 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -3y - 2z &= 0 \\ -2x &= 0 \end{aligned} \implies \begin{aligned} x &= 0 \\ y &= -\frac{2}{3}z \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The eigenvector of $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue 2 is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$.

5. (a)

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2}} (1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) - \left((1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) - \left(\frac{2}{3} \ 0 \ \frac{2}{3} \ 0 \ \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \ 1 \ \frac{1}{3} \ 0 \ -\frac{2}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{9} + 1 + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{9}}} = \frac{u_2}{\sqrt{\frac{15}{9}}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} \left(\frac{1}{3} \ 1 \ \frac{1}{3} \ 0 \ -\frac{2}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ 0 \ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_3 &= (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) - ((0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) \cdot e_1) e_1 - ((0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) \cdot e_2) e_2 \\ &= (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{-1}{\sqrt{15}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ 0 \ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} \right) \\ &= (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) - \left(\frac{2}{3} \ 0 \ \frac{2}{3} \ 0 \ \frac{2}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{15} \ \frac{1}{5} \ \frac{1}{15} \ 0 \ \frac{2}{15} \right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{3}{5} \ \frac{1}{5} \ \frac{2}{5} \ 1 \ \frac{1}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$e_3 = \frac{u_3}{\sqrt{\frac{9}{25} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{4}{25} + 1 + \frac{1}{25}}} = \frac{u_3}{\sqrt{\frac{40}{25}}} = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{10}} u_3 = \left(\frac{-3}{2\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right), \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \ 0 \ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{15}} \right), \left(\frac{-3}{2\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \right) \right\}$$

is an orthonormal basis of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 spanned by v_1, v_2 and v_3 .

- (b) We must find two linearly independent vectors that are not in the space spanned by v_1, v_2 and v_3 . Using row reduction,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we can see that $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)$ and $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$ are two such vectors. We will now apply the Gram-Schmidt process on them.

Let $v_4 = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)$ and $v_5 = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$.

$$u_4 = v_4 - (v_4 \cdot e_1)e_1 - (v_4 \cdot e_2)e_2 - (v_4 \cdot e_3)e_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) - 0e_1 - 0e_2 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_4 = \frac{u_4}{\sqrt{\frac{9}{64} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{64} + \frac{1}{64}}} = \frac{u_4}{\sqrt{\frac{24}{64}}} = \frac{8}{2\sqrt{6}}u_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_5 = v_5 - (v_5 \cdot e_1)e_1 - (v_5 \cdot e_2)e_2 - (v_5 \cdot e_3)e_3 - (v_5 \cdot e_4)e_4$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^T - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}^T - \frac{-2}{\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{-2}{\sqrt{15}} \end{pmatrix}^T - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-2}{2\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix}^T - \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}^T \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^T - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}^T + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{15} \\ \frac{2}{15} \\ \frac{2}{15} \\ 0 \\ \frac{-4}{15} \end{pmatrix}^T - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3}{40} \\ \frac{1}{40} \\ \frac{1}{20} \\ \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{40} \end{pmatrix}^T + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{24} \\ \frac{-1}{24} \\ \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{-1}{24} \end{pmatrix}^T \\ &= (0 \ \frac{1}{3} \ \frac{-1}{3} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{3}) \end{aligned}$$

$$e_5 = \frac{u_5}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9}}} = \frac{u_5}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}} = \sqrt{3}u_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

complete the basis found in (a) into an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^5 .

- (c) $(e_1^T \ e_2^T \ e_3^T \ e_4^T \ e_5^T)^T$ transforms the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^5 into the basis found in (b), so $(e_1^T \ e_2^T \ e_3^T \ e_4^T \ e_5^T)^{T^{-1}}$ transforms the

basis found in (b) into the standard basis. As e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 and e_5 are orthonormal, $(e_1^T \ e_2^T \ e_3^T \ e_4^T \ e_5^T)^{T^{-1}} = (e_1^T \ e_2^T \ e_3^T \ e_4^T \ e_5^T)$.

$$\therefore U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{10}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{15}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

6. (a) First, let us find Σ :

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A^T A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 10 - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 - \lambda & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (10 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 10 - \lambda & 4 \\ 4 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 10 - \lambda \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (10 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 20 - 16) + 2(-(10 - \lambda)2) \\ &= (10 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 4) - 4(10 - \lambda) \\ &= (10 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 4 - 4) \\ &= (10 - \lambda)\lambda(\lambda - 12) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find V^T .

Case $\lambda = 12$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2x + 2z &= 0 \\ -2y + 4z &= 0 \end{aligned} \implies \begin{aligned} y &= 2z \\ z &= x \end{aligned}$$

The unit eigenvector with eigenvalue 12 is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$.

Case $\lambda = 10$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3+4R_1 \rightarrow R_3]{R_2-2R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_3]{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{aligned} \implies \begin{aligned} y = -\frac{1}{2}x \\ z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The unit eigenvector with eigenvalue 10 is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4+1}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

To find the third column of V , we calculate the cross product of the two eigenvectors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ -\frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find U :

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{6} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{10} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) First, let us find Σ :

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A^T A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 5 \\ 5 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 25 - 25 = \lambda(\lambda - 10)$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find V^T .

Case $\lambda = 10$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{-1}{5}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x - y = 0 \implies x = y$$

The unit eigenvector with eigenvalue 10 is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$.

To find the second column of V , we take an orthogonal unit vector:

$$V^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find U :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The second column of U is a unit vector orthogonal to $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) First, let us find Σ :

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A^T A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1-\lambda \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 2(-(1-\lambda)2) \\ &= (2-\lambda)^2(1-\lambda) - 4(1-\lambda) \\ &= (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 - 4) \\ &= (1-\lambda)\lambda(\lambda - 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find V^T .

Case $\lambda = 4$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \frac{-1}{2} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \frac{-1}{3} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x - z = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{matrix} \implies \begin{matrix} y = 0 \\ z = x \end{matrix}$$

The unit eigenvector with eigenvalue 4 is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$.

Case $\lambda = 1$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3-2R_1 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+\frac{2}{3}R_3 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{-1}{3}R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{matrix}$$

The unit eigenvector with eigenvalue 1 is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

To find the third column of V , we calculate the cross product of the two eigenvectors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let us find U :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

As $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal to both $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Part B

1. (a) True.

Since Σ is diagonal, the number of non-zero diagonal entries of Σ equals the rank of Σ . Since V^T is orthonormal, V^T has full rank, and since V^T has full rank, the rank of Σ equals the rank of ΣV^T . Since U is orthonormal, U has full rank, and since U has full rank, the rank of ΣV^T equals the rank of $U \Sigma V^T$, which is the rank of A .
 \therefore The number of non-zero diagonal entries of Σ equals the rank of A .

- (b) True.

The diagonal entries of Σ are the singular values of A . If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, the largest singular value of A equals the maximum value of $\frac{\|Av\|}{\|v\|}$ for any v in \mathbb{R}^n . Denote one such v by v_1 . The next largest singular value of A is the maximum value of $\frac{\|Av\|}{\|v\|}$ for any v in the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n orthogonal to v_1 . Denote one such v by v_2 . The next largest singular value of A is the maximum value of $\frac{\|Av\|}{\|v\|}$ for any v in the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n orthogonal to v_1 and v_2 . Continuing this process gives us the singular values of A in descending order, which are the diagonal entries of Σ .

$\therefore \Sigma$ is uniquely determined up to permuting the rows and columns.

- (c) False.

Let A be any $n \times n$ matrix such that $A^T \neq A$ and suppose that $U = V$. Since $A = U \Sigma U^T$ and U is orthonormal, U is $n \times n$. Then, Σ is $n \times n$, and as Σ is diagonal, $\Sigma^T = \Sigma$. Then,

$$A^T = (U \Sigma U^T)^T = U^{TT} (\Sigma^T)^T = U \Sigma^T U^T = U \Sigma U^T = A$$

This is a contradiction.

\therefore If A is $n \times n$, U and V cannot always be chosen so that $U = V$.

- (d) True.

Assume that A is $n \times n$ symmetric. Then A has n real eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ with corresponding eigenvectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . For any λ_i and λ_j such that $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$, $A(av_i + bv_j) = \lambda_i(av_i + bv_j)$ for any real numbers a and b . Hence, for any eigenvalue λ_i , the span of the eigenvectors with eigenvalue λ_i has an orthonormal basis. Now, consider any v_i and v_j such that $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$:

$$\lambda_i(v_i^T v_j) = (Av_i)^T v_j = v_i^T A^T v_j = v_i^T A v_j = \lambda_j(v_i^T v_j) \implies v_i^T v_j = 0$$

Hence, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n can be chosen to be orthonormal. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be orthonormal, let the i th column of U be v_i , and let the i th diagonal entry of Σ be λ_i . Then for any v_i ,

$$U \Sigma U^T v_i = U \Sigma e_i = U(\lambda_i e_i) = \lambda_i v_i = A v_i$$

Since v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n span \mathbb{R}^n , $U\Sigma U^T v = Av$ for any v in \mathbb{R}^n .

\therefore If A is symmetric, U and V can be chosen so that $U = V$.

2. Let $A = U\Sigma V^T$ such that U and V are orthonormal and Σ is diagonal. Then the non-zero values of Σ are the square roots of the non-zero eigenvalues of $A^T A$. Also, $A^T = (U\Sigma V^T)^T = V^T \Sigma^T U^T = V^T \Sigma U^T$, so the non-zero values of Σ^T , which are the non-zero values of Σ , are the square roots of the non-zero eigenvalues of $A^T A^T A^T = AA^T$.

$\therefore AA^T$ and $A^T A$ have the same set of non-zero eigenvalues.

3. Assume that A is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix. From 1. (d), it follows that $A = UDU^T$ for some U and D such that U is orthonormal, D is diagonal and the i th column of U is the eigenvector of A with eigenvalue equal to the i th diagonal entry of D . It remains to show that all entries of D are non-negative. Let u_i denote the i th column of U . Then, u_i^T is the i th row of U^T and Au_i is the i th column of AU . Then, $u_i^T Au_i$ is the i th diagonal entry of $U^T AU = D$ and $u_i^T Au_i \geq 0$, so all diagonal entries of D are non-negative.

\therefore For any symmetric positive semi-definite U such that $D = U^T AU$ is a diagonal matrix with all non-negative entries.

4. (a) Assume that A is diagonal and let $v_i = (v_{i,1} \ v_{i,2} \ \dots \ v_{i,m})^T$ and $w = (w_1 \ w_2 \ \dots \ w_m)^T$. Then, the i th diagonal entry of A is $v_{i,i}$. Either $m \leq n$ or $m > n$. If $m \leq n$, then:

$$L = \|A\vec{x} - w\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1}x_1 \\ v_{2,2}x_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{m,m}x_m \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (v_{i,i}x_i - w_i)^2}$$

If $m > n$, then:

$$L = \|A\vec{x} - w\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1}x_1 \\ v_{2,2}x_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n,n}x_n \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \\ w_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (v_{i,i}x_i - w_i)^2 + \sum_{i=n+1}^m w_i^2}$$

Clearly, L is minimised if $x_i = \frac{w_i}{v_{i,i}}$ for all i such that $v_{i,i} \neq 0$ and $1 \leq i \leq \min(m, n)$.

\therefore The problem can be solved directly if A is a diagonal matrix.

- (b) When A is a diagonal matrix, $V^T \vec{x}$ and $U^T w$ are permutations of the rows of \vec{x} and w respectively, Σ has the same diagonal entries as A (possibly in a different order) and $U(\Sigma V^T \vec{x} - U^T w)$ is a permutation of the rows of $\Sigma V^T \vec{x} - U^T w$. Then, $\|A\vec{x} - w\|$ is minimised when the i th entry of $V^T \vec{x}$ is set to equal the i th entry of $U^T w$ divided by the i th diagonal entry of Σ .

- (c) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}, w = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i + b - y_i)^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} ax_1 + b \\ ax_2 + b \\ \vdots \\ ax_n + b \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} - w \right\|^2 = \|A\vec{x} - w\|^2$$

Since $\|A\vec{x} - w\| > 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i + b - y_i)^2$ is minimised when $\|A\vec{x} - w\|$ is minimised.

\therefore This is a special case of the problem given above.

- (d) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}, w = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i)^2 &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} ax_1^2 + bx_1 + c \\ ax_2^2 + bx_2 + c \\ \vdots \\ ax_n^2 + bx_n + c \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} - w \right\|^2 \\ &= \|A\vec{x} - w\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|A\vec{x} - w\| > 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i^2 + bx_i + c - y_i)^2$ is minimised when $\|A\vec{x} - w\|$ is minimised.

\therefore This is a special case of the problem given above.