

Applied Linear Algebra Final Exam

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Assignment 1 (12 %)

Determine whether statements a-d are true or false. State the reasons for your answers. **The points for this problem are given entirely for your reasons.**

- a) Two matrices are row equivalent if they have the same number of rows.
- b) If a system of linear equations has no free variables, then it has a unique solution.
- c) There exists a 5×6 matrix A and a 5×1 vector \vec{b} for which $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has only one solution.
- d) A is diagonalizable where A is a 9×9 matrix with three distinct eigenvalues of which two of the eigenvalues have multiplicity 3; and one eigenvalue has multiplicity 2.

Assignment 2 (8 %)

Let A be the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & -2 \\ -6 & 2 & 10 \\ -2 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and let \vec{b} be the vector $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 18 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) Determine whether \vec{b} is in the span of the columns of A .
- b) Let \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 and \vec{v}_3 denote the columns of the matrix A . Is the set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ linearly independent or linearly dependent? If it is linearly dependent, find a linear dependency relation.

Assignment 3 (25 %)

- a) Evaluate the following determinant and write your answer as a polynomial in x .

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-x & b & c \\ 1 & -x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -x \end{vmatrix}$$

- b) Find all values of λ for which the following determinant will equal 0.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

- c) Evaluate the following determinant by using cofactor expansion.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- d) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & a \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ b \end{bmatrix}$. Find the values of a and b for which the linear system whose augmented matrix is of the form $[A \ \vec{b}]$ has one solution, infinitely many solutions, and no solutions, and then find the value of a for which the determinant of A is 1.

Assignment 4 (10%)

Let $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ be the subspace of vectors (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) satisfying

$$2x_1 - x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

Find an orthonormal basis for W .

Assignment 5 (15 %)

Let A be the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) Show that A is diagonalizable.
b) Find an invertible matrix X and a diagonal matrix D such that $X^{-1}AX = D$.

- c) Next, find an expression for A^k , where k is an arbitrary positive integer.

Assignment 6 (20 %)

For this assignment, you will need to load the file “Smoking_and_Cancer.xlsx”. The data was collected in 1960 from the National Cancer Institute and provides death rates (per 100.000) for lung cancer as a function of the per capita numbers of cigarettes sold. The National Cancer Institute believe that the relationship can be modelled by either a linear function or a quadratic function:

$$f_1(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x \text{ or } f_2(x) = \delta_1 x + \delta_2 x^2$$

- Fit the two proposed models for lung cancer.
- Determine which of the two models provides the best fit for the measured data.
- Use the best fitted model to predict death rate of that specific cancer when the number of cigarettes sold per capita reaches 50.

Assignment 7 (10 %)

Do a full singular value decomposition of matrix A below. This includes the following steps:

- Finding the eigenvalues of either $A^T A$ or AA^T
- Determining the corresponding eigenvectors
- Finding the columns of U or V depending on which method you used in step 1, where U or V are matrices made up of the eigenvectors of AA^T and $A^T A$, respectively
- Setting up $A = U\Sigma V^T$
- Testing that $A = U\Sigma V^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$