

## Quiz 2 review. Final exam review

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## 1. General comments

Exam 2 covers all topics (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) The topics covered are (very briefly summarized):

1. All of the topics from exam 1.
2. Orthogonal complements  $S^\perp$  for subspaces  $S$ , especially (but not only) the four fundamental subspaces.
3. Dado el conjunto de soluciones, encontrar un sistema de ecuaciones; es decir, pasar de las ecuaciones paramétricas a las implícitas y viceversa.
4. What happens to the four subspaces as we do matrix operations, especially elimination steps and more generally how the subspaces of  $\mathbf{AB}$  compare to those of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . The fact (important for projection and least-squares!) that  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  has the same rank as  $\mathbf{A}$ , the same null space as  $\mathbf{A}$ , and the same column space as  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ , and why (we proved this in class and another way in homework).
5. Orthogonal projections: given a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  solves  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b}$  [always solvable since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ ]. If  $\mathbf{A}$  has full column rank, then  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is invertible and we can write the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  (so that  $\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{b}$ , but it is much quicker to solve  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b}$  by elimination than to compute  $\mathbf{P}$  in general).  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , and  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$  is the projection matrix onto  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .
6. Least-squares:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  minimizes  $\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$  over all  $\mathbf{x}$ , and is the least-squares solution. That is,  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is the *closest* point to  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . Application to least-square curve fitting, minimizing the sum of the squares of the errors.
7. Orthonormal bases, forming the columns of a matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  with  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ .
8. Determinants: their properties, how to compute them (simple formulas for  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$ , usually by elimination for matrices  $> 3 \times 3$ ), their relationship to linear equations (zero determinant = singular), their use for eigenvalue problems.
9. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors: their definition  $\boxed{\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda \mathbf{x}}$ , their properties, the fact that for an eigenvector the matrix (or any function of the matrix) acts just like a number. Computing from the characteristic polynomial  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$ ; zero eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0$  just correspond to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . Understand (from the definition) why, if  $\mathbf{A}$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $\mathbf{A}^k$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda^k$ , all with the *same* eigenvector.
10. Diagonalization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SDS}^{-1}$ : where it comes from, its use in understanding properties of matrices and eigenvalues. The basic idea that, to solve a problem involving  $\mathbf{A}$ , you first expand your vector in the basis of the eigenvectors ( $\mathbf{S}$ ), then for each eigenvector you treat  $\mathbf{A}$  as just a number, then at the end you add up the solutions.
11. Using eigenvalues/eigenvectors to solve problems involving matrix powers.
12. If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$  (real-symmetric), then the eigenvalues are real and the eigenvectors are orthogonal (or can be chosen orthogonal), and  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QDQ}^\top$  for an orthogonal  $\mathbf{Q}$ . If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B}$  where  $\mathbf{B}$  has full column rank, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite: all  $\lambda > 0$  and all pivots  $> 0$  and  $\mathbf{yAy} > 0$  for any  $\mathbf{y} \neq 0$ ; connection to minimization problems.
13. **This year we have not seen orthogonalization problems by the Gram-Schmidt method, nor the LU factorization**

As usual, the exam questions may turn these concepts around a bit, e.g. giving the answer and asking you to work backwards towards the question, or ask about the same concept in a slightly changed context. We want to know that you have really internalized these concepts, not just memorizing an algorithm but knowing why the method works and where it came from.

## 2. Past intermediate exams

Below you can find the intermediate examinations from the past years. Until the academic year 12/13 I explained gaussian elimination by rows (as in the book). Therefore some questions were designed assuming row elimination. For this reason here I have introduced some variations of the exercises in order to solve everything by column reduction.

**Read the instructions carefully**

Quiz 2 Review)

**Grading**

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Put your name in the blanks above (and also in all the paper provided).
- For each question, to receive full credit you must **show all work** (I have to be able to distinguish between a student who guesses the answers and one who understands the topic). Explain your answers fully and clearly. If you add false statements to a correct argument, you will lose points.
- **No electronic devices, books or notes of any form are allowed.**

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## 2.1. Grupo B curso 22/23

EXERCISE 1. Consider the following quadratic forms 
$$\begin{cases} q_{\mathbf{A}}(x, y, z) &= 4x^2 + 4xz + y^2 + z^2 \\ q_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x}) &= (x, y, z) \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & a-1 & 1-a \\ 1 & 1-a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Show that  $q_{\mathbf{A}}(x, y, z)$  is positive semi-definite.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find, if it is possible, any value of  $a$  such that  $q_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x})$  is negative definite.

EXERCISE 2. Consider the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 2, 1)$  y  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 1, 0, 1)$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Write some parametric equations for the plane  $P^*$  that is perpendicular to  $\mathcal{P}$  and contains the point  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Write some Cartesian equations for the mentioned plane  $P^*$ .

EXERCISE 3. Suppose that  $\mathbf{q}_1$  and  $\mathbf{q}_2$  are orthonormal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Find all possible values for the following determinants of 2 by 2 matrices and explain your reasoning.

**Hint:** Remember the geometric interpretation of the determinant.

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>)  $\det[\mathbf{q}_1; \mathbf{q}_2]$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>)  $\det[(\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2); (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2)]$ .

Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Fall 2006

EXERCISE 4. (1<sup>pts</sup>) The equation  $(\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution for some right-hand side  $\mathbf{b}$ . Give as much information as possible about the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . MIT 18.06 - Quiz 3, 2009

EXERCISE 5. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

If  $\mathbf{R}$  is a reduced echelon form (by columns) of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}$ .

EXERCISE 6.

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Describe all vectors that are orthogonal to the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(You can do this without computing the nullspace).

MIT 18.06 - Final Exam, Monday May 16th, 2005

**2.2. Grupo E curso 22/23****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $(\mathbf{A}^3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider the following quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = az^2 + 2x^2 + 8xy + y^2$ . Decide for which values  $a$  the quadratic form is positive definite, negative definite, semidefinite, or indefinite.

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  and bases of the corresponding eigenspaces.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is it possible to find a matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^\top$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal?
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}|$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ c & 1 & d \\ e & f & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $\mathbf{A}$  has a (double) eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ . What is the other eigenvalue?
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Rank of  $(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})$  is 1. Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?

Explain your answers.

**EXERCISE 4.** Consider 3 linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and also 3 orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3)$ . Put those vectors as columns of 5 by 3 matrices so that  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1; \mathbf{a}_2; \mathbf{a}_3]$  and  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{q}_1; \mathbf{q}_2; \mathbf{q}_3]$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give formulas using  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  for the projection matrices  $\mathbf{P}_A$  and  $\mathbf{P}_B$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is  $\det(\mathbf{P}_B)$ ?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is  $\mathbf{P}_B$  times  $\mathbf{B}$ ? What is  $\mathbf{P}_B$  times  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is  $\mathbf{P}_B$  times  $\mathbf{P}_A$ ? What is  $\mathbf{P}_A$  times  $\mathbf{P}_B$ ?

**EXERCISE 5.** Consider  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{q}_1 + c_2\mathbf{q}_2 + c_3\mathbf{q}_3$ , where  $\mathbf{q}_i$  are three orthonormal eigenvectors of 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (so  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{q}_i$ ).

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  in terms of the  $c$ 's.
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  in terms of the  $c$ 's and  $\lambda$ 's.

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**2.3. Grupo D curso 21/22**

**EXERCISE 1.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find an orthogonal basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$  so that  $\mathbf{q}_1$  and  $\mathbf{q}_2$  form a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Which of the four fundamental subspaces of  $\mathbf{A}$  contains  $\mathbf{q}_3$ ?
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  projecting onto the left nullspace (not the column space!) of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (e) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection  $\mathbf{p}$  of  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 7)$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (f) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the least squares solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = (1, 2, 7)$ .
- (g) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Describe  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  with cartesian equations.

Based on MIT Course 18.06 Exam 2, April 12, 2000

**EXERCISE 2.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & d & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . For what (if any) values of  $d$  does  $\mathbf{A}$  have all positive eigenvalues? (Hint: Do not try to compute the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ). MIT Course 18.06 Exam 3, May 3, 2000

**EXERCISE 3.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix with eigenvalues 0, 1, 2. Find the following (and explain your answer):

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The determinant of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The determinant of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ .

MIT Course 18.06 Exam 2, April 12, 2000

**EXERCISE 4.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  that makes  $\mathbf{S}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}$  a diagonal matrix. MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, Fall 1997



**2.4. Grupo E curso 21/22****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix. If you wish subtract 3 times row 1 from row 3, after that you subtract 3 times column 1 from column 3, is the resulting matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  still symmetric? Yes or not necessarily, with a reason!
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix. If you wish subtract 3 times row 1 from row 3, after that you add 3 times column 3 to column 1, has the resulting matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  the same eigenvalues? Yes or not necessarily, with a reason!
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Create a non-symmetric matrix (if possible) with eigenvalues 1, 2, and 4.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Create a rank-one matrix (if possible) with eigenvalues 1, 2, and 4.
- (e) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Create a symmetric positive definite matrix (but not diagonal) with eigenvalues 1, 2, and 4.

*Based on MIT Course 18.06 Final, December 21, 2000*

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the following *projection matrix*:  $\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What subspace does  $\mathbf{P}$  project onto? (describe the subspace with parametric equations).
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What is the distance from that subspace to  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 1)$ .
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What are the three eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{P}$ ? (*hint: it is better to think than to calculate*) Is  $\mathbf{P}$  diagonalizable?

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a diagonalization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What is the limit of  $\mathbf{A}^k$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ?

*Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, December 6, 2000*

**EXERCISE 4.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is similar to a matrix 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  that has eigenvalues 1, 1, 2. What can you say about

1. the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$
2. diagonalizability of  $\mathbf{A}$
3. symmetry of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Is  $\mathbf{A}$  positive definite?

*MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, December 6, 2000*

## 2.5. Grupo D curso 20/21

### EXERCISE 1.

(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) If you transpose  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D}$  you learn that

- The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  are \_\_\_\_\_
- The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  are \_\_\_\_\_

(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Complete the last row so that  $\mathbf{B}$  is a singular matrix, with real eigenvalues, and orthogonal eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) (1<sup>pts</sup>)  $\mathbf{C}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix. I add column 1 to column 2 to get  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C} \underset{[(1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]}{\boldsymbol{\tau}} = \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This probably changes the eigenvalues. What should I do to the rows of  $\mathbf{F}$  (your answer could be in words) to get back to the original eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}$ ?

MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, Spring 1997

EXERCISE 2. The system of vectors  $[(1, 1, 0); (2, 0, 2); ]$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

(a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

(b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

MIT Course 18.06 Exam II, Fall 1996

EXERCISE 3. (1<sup>pts</sup>) Given that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $|\mathbf{A}|$ . MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Fall 1997

EXERCISE 4. Consider the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & a \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) For which values  $a$  and  $c$  is this system solvable.

(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the system when  $a = 5$  and  $c = 10$  ( $a$  and  $c$  have fixed values *only* in this part b)).

(c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Classify the corresponding quadratic form  $\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{X} \mathbf{a}$ .

### EXERCISE 5.

(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a parametric equations for the line  $L$  passing through the points  $\mathbf{x}_p = (1, -3, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_q = (-2, 2, -2)$ .

(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a cartesian equations for the same line.

(Lang, 1986, Example 1 in Section 1.5)

**2.6. Grupo E curso 20/21**

**EXERCISE 1.** Sea  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (2<sup>pts</sup>) Find the solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  that is closest to  $(2, -1, 0, 3)$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Give an *orthonormal* basis for the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

*Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Fall 1997*

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is orthogonal to what subspace?  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the determinant of a 4 by 4 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  whose entries are  $a_{ij} = \min(i^2, j^2)$ .

*Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Spring 1997*

**EXERCISE 3.** Each independent question refers to the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ d & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give a value for  $d$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give a value for  $d$  such that 2 is one of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Give a value for  $d$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a nondiagonalizable matrix.

**EXERCISE 4.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Give a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  that makes  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 11 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{v} \right]$  an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**EXERCISE 5.** Consider the linear system

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with solution set } \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the dimension of the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Explain your answer.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Construct the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Explain your answer.  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) For which right hand side vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable?

**EXERCISE 6.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Consider  $\mathbf{A}$  such that its *inverse* is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Classify the quadratic form  $\mathbf{xAx}$ .

**2.7. Grupo B curso 18/19**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 3,)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (-\frac{1}{3}, 0, -1,)$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a cartesian (or implicit) equations of the line that goes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is this line a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain your answer.
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the closest point of that line to  $\mathbf{z} = (2, 2, 2,)$ .
- (d) (0.5 + 0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Verify that the previous answer is correct and find the minimum distance between  $\mathbf{z}$  and the line.

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$  and the corresponding eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{y} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Are  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  linearly independent? Are  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  orthogonal?
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a third eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , corresponding to the third eigenvalue  $\lambda_3$ , such that matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$  is 2. What is  $\lambda_3$ ? Is  $\mathbf{A}$  positive definite?
- (d) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** You have a matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Look carefully at the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ —very little calculation is needed!)

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give the ranks of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ , and  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Give bases for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})$ .

- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose we are looking for a least-square solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|$  for  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

At that solution,  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  will be the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto \_\_\_\_\_?

- (d) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find that projection  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ . (Hint: your answer from (b) should help simplify the calculations.)

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**EXERCISE 4.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

Consider  $B = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$ , a basis of the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Then, the set

$$B^* = \{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, 2\mathbf{w}\}$$

is another basis of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**2.8. Grupo E curso 18/19****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} .9 & .1 \\ .4 & .6 \end{bmatrix}$  (note the rows sum up one)
- (b) (0.5pts) Find the eigenspaces of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) What is the limiting value of  $\mathbf{A}^k \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  as the power  $k$  goes to infinity?

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**EXERCISE 2.**  $\mathbf{A}$  has a  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) What is the order of  $\mathbf{A}$  and its rank?
- (b) (1pts) If we consider the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ , for what value(s) of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (if any) is  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  solvable?

Will the solution (if any) be unique?

- (c) (1 + 1pts) Give the orthogonal projections of  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  onto two of the four fundamental subspaces of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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**EXERCISE 3.** Are the following matrices necessarily positive definite? Explain why or why not? ( $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal with (1, 2, 3, 4) on the diagonal)

- (a) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top$  where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is some  $4 \times 4$  orthogonal matrix.
- (b) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}_1^\top + \mathbf{Q}_2\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}_2^\top$  where  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2$  are some  $4 \times 4$  orthogonal matrices.
- (c) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}^\top$  for some matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  (Hint: Be careful.)
- (d) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{P}$  the projection matrix onto the span of  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ .
- (e) (1pts)  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $n$  by  $n$  tridiagonal matrix with 2 for each diagonal entry, and 1 for each superdiagonal and subdiagonal entry.

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 2 & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**EXERCISE 4.** Consider  $\mathbf{x} = (3, 2, 4, )$  and a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{x}$  and such that the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is spanned by  $\mathbf{u} = (0, 1, 1, )$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 0, )$ .

- (a) (1pts) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?
- (b) (1pts) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric?

**2.9. Grupo E curso 17/18**

**EXERCISE 1.**  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Decide if  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular or invertible.
- (b) (1pts) Find an orthonormal basis for its column space (if such a basis exists) (*hint*:  $153 = 9 \times 17$ ).
- (c) (1pts) Why does  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  not give the projection matrix onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Somehow, it must be possible to get such projection matrix. How can we find it?
- (d) (0.5pts) Find that projection matrix.

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 3,)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (-\frac{1}{3}, 0, -1,)$ .

- (a) (1pts) Find a cartesian (or implicit) equations of the line that goes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a positive definite matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & 0 \\ b & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (1pts) What are the possible values of  $b$ ?
- (b) (1pts) How do you know that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I}$  is positive definite for every  $b$ ?
- (c) (1pts) Complete this sentence correctly for a general matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , possibly rectangular: *The matrix  $\mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive definite unless*\_\_\_\_\_.

**EXERCISE 4.**  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix with orthonormal columns  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (a) (1pts) What is the *row* space of  $\mathbf{Q}$ ?
- (b) (1pts) What combination  $\mathbf{p}$  of  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$  is closest to  $\mathbf{b}$ ?
- (c) (1pts) What combination of  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  is in the nullspace of  $\mathbf{Q}^\top$ ?

**2.10. Grupo F curso 17/18****EXERCISE 1.**

(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix of rank 2. What is  $\det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top)$ ?

**EXERCISE 2.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 8 \\ -28 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues and compute an eigenvector for each eigenvalue  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  and diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^{37}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection of  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  onto the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  to find orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$ .

**EXERCISE 4.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0, 1, 2$ , with respective eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .  
 $3 \times 3$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Describe the null space, column space, and row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find all solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  is not an orthogonal matrix.

**2.11. Grupo B curso 16/17****EXERCISE 1.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the following linear system for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**EXERCISE 2.**(a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Write basis for the column space and the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Write down all solutions to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists, then what is the column space and the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Write down a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .**EXERCISE 3.**(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ 

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 2/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 2/4 \end{bmatrix},$$

where the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $-(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - \frac{1}{4})^2$ .(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the limit of  $\mathbf{A}^k$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . (You may work with  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  without computing every entry).(c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Choose any positive numbers  $r, s, t$  so that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A} - r\mathbf{I} & \text{is positive definite} \\ \mathbf{A} - s\mathbf{I} & \text{is neither positive nor negative definite} \\ \mathbf{A} - t\mathbf{I} & \text{is negative definite} \end{cases}$$

*Basado en MIT 18.06 - Quiz 3, May 4, 2005***EXERCISE 4.** Consider the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the parametric equations of the plane.(b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection  $\mathbf{p}$  of the vector  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 2, 6,)$  onto the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (You may want to find a basis for this 2-dimensional subspace.)*Basado en MIT 18.06 - Quiz 2, April 1, 2005***EXERCISE 5.**(a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What are all possible values for the determinant of a projection matrix? (Please explain briefly.)(b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What are all possible values for the determinant of a permutation matrix? (Please explain briefly.)*MIT 18.06 - Quiz 2, November 4, 2011***EXERCISE 6.**(a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , suppose I gave you a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ . If I claim that  $\mathbf{p}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto the subspace spanned by the  $\mathbf{a}$ 's, what tests would you make to see if this is true?*MIT 18.06 - Final Exam, Monday May 16th, 2005*



**2.12. Grupo E curso 16/17**

**EXERCISE 1.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is this 3 by 4 matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Describe the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$
- (b) (1pts) For which vectors  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$  does  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have a solution? Give conditions on  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) There is no 4 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  for which  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3}$ . Give a good reason (is this because  $\mathbf{A}$  is rectangular?)
- (d) (1pts) Find the complete solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1pts) Complete the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (fill in the two blank entries) so that  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (3, 1, )$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (2, 1, )$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ & \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (1pts) Find a different matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  with those same eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , and with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ . What is  $\mathbf{B}^{10}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 3.** (1pts) Suppose  $\mathbf{P}_1$  is the projection matrix onto the 1-dimensional subspace spanned by the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{P}_2$  is the projection matrix onto the 2-dimensional column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ . After thinking a little, compute the product  $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_1$ .

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

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**EXERCISE 4.** (1pts) For which values of  $b$  does this matrix have 3 positive eigenvalues?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**EXERCISE 5.**

- (a) (1pts) I was looking for an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  has exactly one solution. Why can I not find  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 6.** (1pts) The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has independent columns. The matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is square, diagonal, and has positive entries. Why is the matrix  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}$  positive definite? You can use any of the basic tests for positive definiteness.

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**EXERCISE 7.**

(a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the determinant (as a function of  $x$ ) of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ x & x & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & x & x \\ x & 0 & x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find all values of  $x$  for which  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular.

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**2.13. Grupo E curso 15/16****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  whose column space is the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (This means:  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  consists of all column vectors  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y + z = 0$ .)
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How do you know that a 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with that column space is not invertible?

**EXERCISE 2.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $L$  be the intersection of the two planes

$$x + 2y + 3z = 10 \quad \text{and} \quad 4x + 5y + 6z = 28.$$

Find a parametric equation for  $L$ .

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal (i.e., perpendicular) to each other. Show that  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\|$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (Recall that a unit vector is a vector whose length is 1.) Suppose each vector is orthogonal (i.e., perpendicular) to each of the other two. Show that the two vectors

$$(\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$$

are orthogonal to each other.

**EXERCISE 4.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>)  $\lambda = 3$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{B}$ . (You do not need to check this.) Find all eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{B}$  with eigenvalue 3.

**EXERCISE 5.** Suppose we measure  $y = (0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, )$  at times  $x = (-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, )$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) To fit these 7 measurements by a straight line  $c + dx$ , what system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , with 7 equations, would we want to solve? (note that  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  could be an unsolvable system)
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the least squares solution  $\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) The projection of that vector  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^7$  onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is what vector  $\mathbf{p}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 6.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and that  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Show that  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda^2 + \lambda$ .**EXERCISE 7.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

**2.14. Grupo H curso 15/16**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the points  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 1, 1, )$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 3, 1, )$  and  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 1, 4, )$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a parametric equation for the plane through the points  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find an implicit (or cartesian) equation for the plane through the points  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which are orthogonal (i.e. perpendicular) to  $\mathbf{u}$ . That is,

$$\mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0\}.$$

Show that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose the vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in part (a) is

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for  $\mathcal{V}$ .

- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is the dimension of the subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  in part (b)?

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; where  $\lambda = 3$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{B}$  (you do not need to verify this).

Find a basis for the eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_3 = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{v}\}$ .

**EXERCISE 4.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What is the 3 by 3 projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_a$  onto the line through  $\mathbf{a} = (2, 1, 2, )$ ?  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{P}_v$  is the 3 by 3 projection matrix onto the line through  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 1, )$ . Find a basis for the column space of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}_v$  (product of 2 projections).

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**EXERCISE 5.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) The equation  $(\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution for some right-hand side  $\mathbf{b}$ . Give as much information as possible about the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable).

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**EXERCISE 6.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider the following quadratic form

$$q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 6xy + y^2 + az^2;$$

Decide for which values  $a$  the quadratic form is positive definite, negative definite, semidefinite, or indefinite.

**2.15. Grupo A curso 14/15****EXERCISE 1.**

This 4 by 4 Hadamard matrix is an orthogonal matrix. Its columns are orthogonal unit vectors.

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{q}_1; \mathbf{q}_2; \mathbf{q}_3; \mathbf{q}_4]$$

- (a) (0.5pts) What projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_4$  (give numbers) will project every  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto the line through  $\mathbf{q}_4$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) What projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{123}$  will project every  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$ ? Remember that those columns are orthogonal.
- (c) (0.5pts) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is the 4 by 3 matrix whose columns are  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_3$ . Find the least-squares solution  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  to the four equations

$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) (0.5pts) What is the error vector  $\mathbf{e}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1pts) Suppose three matrices satisfy  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C}$ : If the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are dependent, show that the columns of  $\mathbf{C}$  are dependent.
- (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is 5 by 3 and  $\mathbf{B}$  is 3 by 5, show using part (a) or otherwise that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$  is impossible.

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**EXERCISE 3.** (1pts) Find the determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, 2013

**EXERCISE 4.**  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 real-symmetric matrix. Two of its eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$  with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, -1, 0)$ , respectively. The third eigenvalue is  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Give an eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_3$ . (*Hint*: what must be true of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ ?)
- (b) (0.5pts) Write a squared orthonormal matrix whose columns are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) Find the eigenvalues and three linearly independent eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A}^4$ .

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**EXERCISE 5.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) (0.5pts) Matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is similar (same eigenvalues) to matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) There is a matrix with column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is spanned by the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , and with row space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  spanned by vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**EXERCISE 6.** (1pts) Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**EXERCISE 7.** (1pts) For which values  $a$  are the following vectors linearly independent?  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$

**EXERCISE 8.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) For which numbers  $b$  does this matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  have 3 positive eigenvalues?

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.16. Grupo C curso 14/15****EXERCISE 1.**

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 2\alpha \\ 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 3\alpha \\ 6x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 2\beta \end{cases}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What conditions on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  make the system solvable?  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the system in that case.

**EXERCISE 2.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $m$  by  $n$  of rank  $r$ ; and the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $M$  by  $N$  of rank  $R$ : Suppose the column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is contained in (possibly equal to) the column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ : (This means that every vector in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is also in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ ). What relations must hold between  $m$  and  $M$ ;  $n$  and  $N$ ; and  $r$  and  $R$ ? It might be good to write down an example of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  where all the columns are different. *MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 1, March 9, 2012*

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  so that the homogeneous system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution ( $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ).  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If the characteristic polynomial of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $p(\lambda) = \lambda^5 + 3\lambda^4 - 24\lambda^3 + 28\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 10$ . find the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose two of the eigenvalues of the  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $-1$  and  $3$ , corresponding to the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 4, 0, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (3, 1, -2, 1, 2)$ , respectively. Compute  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  for  $\mathbf{x} = (12, -1, 8, 2, 13)$ . **Hint:** First write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ . Note that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 12 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 \\ 12 & -16 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 9 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**EXERCISE 4.** Consider a 4 by 4 real matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & y & z \\ x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $|\mathbf{A}|$ , the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ , in simplest form.  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For what values of  $x, y, z$  is  $\mathbf{A}$  singular?

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**EXERCISE 5.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & a \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ a & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

discuss whether the matrix is definite, semidefinite or not definite depending on the values of  $a$ .

**EXERCISE 6.** Sea la matriz

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$   
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$

**EXERCISE 7.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}^3 = 2\mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{A}$ , what are the possible eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?  
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**EXERCISE 8.**

(a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find two eigenvalues and two linearly independent eigenvectors of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Express any vector  $\mathbf{u}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  as a combination of the eigenvectors.

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**2.17. Grupo E curso 14/15**

**EXERCISE 1.** We look for the line  $\mathbf{y} = c + d\mathbf{x}$  closest to 3 points  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$  and  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, -1)$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) If the line went through those points (it doesn't), what three equations would be solved?
- (b) (1pts) Find the best  $c$  and  $d$  by the least squares method.
- (c) (0.5pts) Explain the result you get for  $c$  and  $d$ : how is the vector  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 2, -1)$  y el plano sobre el que se proyecta?
- (d) (0.5pts) What is the length of the error vector  $\mathbf{e}$  (= distance to plane =  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\|$ )?

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**EXERCISE 2.** In all of this problem, the 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ , with *independent* eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) What are the trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) Suppose:  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3$ . Choose the true statement from 1), 2), 3):
  1.  $\mathbf{A}$  can be diagonalized. Why?
  2.  $\mathbf{A}$  can not be diagonalized. Why?
  3. I need more information to decide. Why?
- (c) (0.5pts) From the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, how could you find the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Give a formula for  $\mathbf{A}$  and explain each part carefully.
- (d) (1pts) Suppose  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (1, -2, 1)$ . Choose  $\lambda_3$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  so that  $\mathbf{A}$  is *symmetric* positive *semidefinite* but not positive definite.

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Why is there no orthonormal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$  if

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}?$$

- (b) (0.5pts) For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  is the quadratic form  $ax^2 + 2xy + by^2 = (x, y) \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  positive definite?

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**EXERCISE 4.** Find all possible values for the determinant of the given type of  $3 \times 3$  real matrix.

- (a) (0.5pts) A matrix with linearly independent columns.
- (b) (0.5pts) A matrix with  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) A matrix with pivots 1, 2 and 3.

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**EXERCISE 5.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Give an example of a matrix with exactly two zero eigenvalues and no zero entries.

- (b) (0.5pts) What is the rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 6.** The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has a varying  $1 - x$  in the (1,2) position:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1-x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (1pts) When  $x = 1$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ . What is the (1,1) element in the inverse when  $x = 1$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) When  $x = 0$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) How do the properties of the determinant say that  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is a linear function of  $x$ ? For any  $x$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ . For which  $x$ 's is the matrix singular?

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**2.18. Grupo H curso 14/15****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{P}$  projects every vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  to the nearest point in the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 4, )$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2 = (2, 0, 0, 0, 4, )$ , what is the rank of  $\mathbf{P}$  and why?
- (b) (0.5pts) If these two vectors are the columns of the 5 by 2 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , which of the four fundamental subspaces for  $\mathbf{A}$  is the nullspace of  $\mathbf{P}$ ?
- (c) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{P}$  is any (symmetric) projection matrix, show that  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

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**EXERCISE 2.** (1pts) Give an example of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which is orthogonal to every solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of the homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \\ \quad \quad + x_2 \quad \quad + 2x_4 = 0 \\ 2x_1 \quad \quad + x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (1pts) Apply row elimination to reduce this invertible matrix from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{I}$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (1pts) Then write  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  as a product of three (or more) simple matrices coming from that elimination. Multiply these matrices to find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

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**EXERCISE 4.** (0.5pts) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 5 by 3 matrix with orthonormal columns. Evaluate the following determinants:  $\det \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$

**EXERCISE 5.**

- (a) (1pts) Suppose the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  factors into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$  with a permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , and 1's on the diagonal of  $\mathbf{U}$  (upper triangular) and pivots  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  on the diagonal of  $\mathbf{L}$  (lower triangular). What is the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? EXPLAIN WHAT RULES YOU ARE USING.

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**EXERCISE 6.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Give an example of a square matrix (with all real eigenvalues) which is not diagonalizable.
- (b) (0.5pts) Find a unit vector with the same direction as  $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 0, 4, -2, )$ .

**EXERCISE 7.** (0.5pts) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$  and its eigenvectors are the columns of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ? MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, 2013

**EXERCISE 8.**

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

- (a) (0.5pts) Find all eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1pts) Find a nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{D}$  (that it is  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ).
- (c) (1pts) Find  $\mathbf{A}^5$ . (Si tiene que calcular la quinta potencia de un número  $a$ , puede dejarlo indicado como  $a^5$ .)

**2.19. Grupo E curso 13/14**

**EXERCISE 1.** An odd permutation matrix produces an odd number of "two-element swaps"; an even permutation matrix produces an even number of "two-element swaps".

- (a) (0.5pts) When an odd permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_1$  multiplies an even permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , the product  $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLAIN WHY).  
 (b) (0.5pts) If the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are vectors in the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{AB}$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLAIN WHY)  
 (c) (1pts) If  $c = 0$ , factor this matrix into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU}$  (lower triangular times upper triangular):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 8 & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (d) (0.5pts) That matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible unless  $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

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**EXERCISE 2.** (1pts) Is  $\lambda = 3$  an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 & 7 \\ -3 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ? If yes, find one corresponding eigenvector.

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5pts) For a really large number  $N$ , will this matrix be positive definite? Show why or why not.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & N & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (1pts)

SUPPOSE:

$\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite symmetric

$\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal (same order as  $\mathbf{A}$ )

$\mathbf{B}$  is  $\mathbf{Q}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}$

SHOW THAT:

1.  $\mathbf{B}$  is also symmetric.
2.  $\mathbf{B}$  is also positive definite.

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**EXERCISE 4.** Consider the following *unsolvable* linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the projection matrix that projects any vector onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find the best solution to the *unsolvable* linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 (c) (0.5pts) Find the error vector.

**EXERCISE 5.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find a basis of the column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$   
 (b) (0.5pts) Find a basis of the null space  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$

**EXERCISE 6.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  must be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  as well.  
 (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^2$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  must be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  as well.

- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $\mathbf{x}$  is a non-zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then the vectors  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{Ax}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}$  must form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

EXERCISE 7.

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is there a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalues 4 and 6, such that all the four entries of  $\mathbf{A}$  are positive ( $> 0$ )? Give an example of such a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , or explain why none exist.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is there a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  that fails to be diagonalizable, such that all the four entries of  $\mathbf{B}$  are positive ( $> 0$ )? Give an example of such a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , or explain why none exists.

**2.20. Grupo G curso 13/14**

**EXERCISE 1.** In all of this problem, the 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ , with *independent eigenvectors*  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) What are the trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) Suppose:  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3$ . Choose the true statement from 1), 2), 3):
  1.  $\mathbf{A}$  can be diagonalized. Why?
  2.  $\mathbf{A}$  can not be diagonalized. Why?
  3. I need more information to decide. Why?
- (c) (0.5pts) From the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, how could you find the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Give a formula for  $\mathbf{A}$  and explain each part carefully.
- (d) (1pts) Suppose  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 1, 1,)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = (1, -2, 1,)$ . Choose  $\lambda_3$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  so that  $\mathbf{A}$  is *symmetric* positive *semidefinite* but not positive definite.

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (0.5pts) If an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  has orthonormal columns, is the matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  necessarily invertible? Give a reason or a counterexample.
- (b) (0.5pts) What is the nullspace of a matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  with orthonormal columns (and WHY)?
- (c) (0.5pts) What is the projection matrix onto the column space of  $\mathbf{Q}$ ? Avoid inverses where possible.

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**EXERCISE 3.** We look for the line  $\mathbf{y} = c + d\mathbf{x}$  closest to 3 points  $(x, y, ) = (0, 1, )$  and  $(1, 2, )$  and  $(2, -1, )$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) If the line went through those points (it doesn't), what three equations would be solved?
- (b) (1pts) Find the best  $c$  and  $d$  by the least squares method.
- (c) (0.5pts) Explain the result you get for  $c$  and  $d$ : How is the vector  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 2, -1,)$  y el plano sobre el que se proyecta?
- (d) (0.5pts) What is the length of the error vector  $\mathbf{e}$  (= distance to plane =  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\|$ )?

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**EXERCISE 4.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) (0.5pts) If 1 is the only eigenvalue of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be the identity matrix.
- (b) (0.5pts) If 1 is the only eigenvalue of a  $n \times n$  *diagonalizable* matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be the identity matrix.
- (c) (0.5pts) If the rank of a  $9 \times 10$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 5, then the  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is 4-dimensional.
- (d) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{B}$  (same eigenvalues and same Geometric multiplicities of eigenvectors), and  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{B}$  must be invertible as well.

**EXERCISE 5.** (0.5pts) Find the determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**EXERCISE 6.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  the space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  such that the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Find a basis of  $\mathcal{V}$  and thus determine  $\dim \mathcal{V}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Find the dimension of the space  $\mathcal{W}$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  (Hint, using part (a), you can answer this question without much computational work).

**2.21. Grupo E curso 12/13****EXERCISE 1.** The problem is to find the determinant of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find  $\det \mathbf{A}$  and give a reason.  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find  $\det \mathbf{B}$  using elimination.  
 (c) (0.5pts) Find  $\det \mathbf{C}$  for any value of  $x$ . For this you could use Multilinear Property of determinant function.

*MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, 1995***EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Why is there no orthonormal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{D}$  if

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}?$$

- (b) (0.5pts) For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  is the quadratic form  $ax^2 + 2xy + by^2 = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  positive definite?

*MIT Course 18.06 Final Exam, December 13, 1993***EXERCISE 3.** Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the square matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}^T$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Describe the row space and nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
 (b) (0.5pts) Show that  $\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and find the corresponding eigenvalue.  
 (c) (0.5pts) What condition must be satisfied by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  to be skew-symmetric ( $\mathbf{A} = -\mathbf{A}^T$ )?  
 (d) (0.5pts) What condition must be satisfied by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  so that  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ ?

*MIT Course 18.06 Final Exam, December 13, 1993***EXERCISE 4.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is square matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = c$  (real) and  $\lambda_3 = 2$ , and eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively. In each of the following questions, you must give a reason in order to get full credit.

- (a) (0.5pts) For which values of  $c$  (if any) is  $\mathbf{A}$  a diagonalizable matrix? Why?  
 (b) (0.5pts) For which values of  $c$  (if any) is  $\mathbf{A}$  a symmetric matrix? Why?  
 (c) (0.5pts) For which values of  $c$  (if any) is  $\mathbf{A}$  a positive definite matrix? Why?

*basado en MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, November 22, 1993***EXERCISE 5.** (1.5pts) Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 13 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . *MIT Course 18.06 Final Exam, December 13, 1993***EXERCISE 6.** The left null space  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T)$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) What is the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? What is the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?  
 (b) (1pts) Find a linear equation or equations for  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  whose solutions are those values for which

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ can be solved.}$$

(c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The set of vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  satisfy the equation(s) of part (b), is (circle one):

the empty set,      a point,      a line,      a plane,      all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Explain why.

(d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The set of solutions of the equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is (circle one)

the empty set,   a point,   a line,   a plane,   a three-dimensional hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,   all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

Explain why.

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**Please answer the last two questions in this page**

**2.22. Grupo H curso 12/13**

**EXERCISE 1.** Find all possible values for the determinant of the given type of  $3 \times 3$  real matrix.

- (a) (0.5pts) A matrix with linearly independent columns.
- (b) (0.5pts) A matrix with  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) A matrix with pivots 1, 2 and 3.

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**EXERCISE 2.** (1.5pts) Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 4 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ . *Basado en MIT Course 18.06 Final Exam, December 13, 1993*

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Give an example of a matrix with exactly two zero eigenvalues and no zero entries.
- (b) (0.5pts) What is the rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 4.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0, 1, 2$ , with respective eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Describe the null space of  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Describe the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) Describe the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Find all solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$ .

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**EXERCISE 5.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a positive definite matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & 0 \\ b & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) What are the possible values of  $b$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) How do you know that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I}$  is positive definite for every  $b$ ?
- (c) (0.5pts) Complete this sentence correctly for a general matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , possibly rectangular:

The matrix  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive definite unless \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXERCISE 6.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find a factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{\dot{U}}$ , where  $\mathbf{L}$  is a echelon form matrix, and  $\mathbf{\dot{U}}$  is an unit upper triangular matrix.
- (b) (1pts) Find the general solution of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (c) (1pts) The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  if  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  satisfy what linear conditions?

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**2.23. Grupo E curso 11/12****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the determinant of  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- (b) (2<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the 5 by 5 matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all five eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  by noticing that  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$  has rank 1 and the trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is \_\_\_\_\_. Find five linear independent eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the (3, 1) and (1, 3) entries of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

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**EXERCISE 2.** Suppose the 4 by 4 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (with 2 by 2 blocks) is already reduced to its rref form

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 3\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 \end{matrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for the column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Describe all possible bases for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis (special solutions are good) for the nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the complete solution  $\mathbf{x}$  to the 4 by 4 system

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Complete this 2 by 2 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (depending on  $a$ ) so that its eigenvalues are  $= 1$  and  $= -1$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How do you know that  $\mathbf{A}$  has two independent eigenvectors?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Which choices of  $a$  give orthogonal eigenvectors and which don't?

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**EXERCISE 4.** This matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  has orthonormal columns  $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3$ :

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} .1 & .5 & a \\ .7 & .5 & b \\ .1 & -.5 & c \\ .7 & -.5 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What equations must be satisfied by numbers  $a, b, c, d$ ?
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is there a unique choice for those numbers, apart from multiplying them all by  $-1$ ?

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**EXERCISE 5.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find parametric equations of the plane that goes through the point (0,1,1,) and parallel to the vectors (0,1,2,) and (1,1,0,)
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Write the implicit equation of the same plane.

**EXERCISE 6.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 5 by 3 matrix and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is never zero (except when  $\mathbf{x}$  is the zero vector). What can you say about the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

**2.24. Grupo H curso 11/12**

**EXERCISE 1.** (2<sup>pts</sup>) Find the complete solution (also called the *general solution*) to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(*Strang, 2003, exercise 4 from section 3.4.*)

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find a complete set of "special solutions" to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  by noticing the pivot variables and free variables (those have values 1 or 0).

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) and (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that those special solutions are a basis for the nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . What two facts do you have to prove? Those are parts (b) and (c) of this problem.

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**EXERCISE 3.** The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has a varying  $1 - x$  in the (1,2) position:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 - x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) When  $x = 1$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ . What is the (1,1) element in the inverse when  $x = 1$ ?  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) When  $x = 0$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ .  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How do the properties of the determinant say that  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is a linear function of  $x$ ? For any  $x$  compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ . For which  $x$ 's is the matrix singular?

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**EXERCISE 4.** Let

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

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e., write  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$  for some diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  (escriba explícitamente las tres matrices).

**EXERCISE 5.** (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) I was looking for an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution and  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  has exactly one solution. Why can I not find  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$ ? *MIT Course 18.06 Final Exam, May 16, 2005*

**2.25. Grupo A curso 10/11****EXERCISE 1.** Se pide

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Norma del vector  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 2, )$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Un vector ortogonal a  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 2, )$  con norma 2.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Los valores de  $a$  y  $b$  tales que el vector  $(1, 2, 1, )$  sea ortogonal al vector  $(a, 0, b, )$ .

*Proporcionado por Javier Gavilanes***EXERCISE 2.** (1<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that the equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has both  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  as solutions.

Find another solution to this equation. Explain.

**EXERCISE 3.** Sea la matriz

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

- (a) (2<sup>pts</sup>) Calcular los autovalores y autovectores de la matriz  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) ¿Es  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable? Justifique su respuesta (*sólo puntuará una respuesta correctamente justificada*).
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) ¿Cómo emplearía usted lo que ya sabe de la matriz  $\mathbf{A}$  si quisiera calcular su décima potencia  $(\mathbf{A}^{10})$ , pero evitando multiplicar la matriz 10 veces (escriba cómo intervienen los elementos que usted usaría en el cómputo de la potencia de la matriz, pero sin llegar a realizar los cálculos).
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Obtenga  $\mathbf{A}^4$  siguiendo de manera coherente a su respuesta al apartado anterior.
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Obtenga la forma cuadrática  $f(x, y, z)$  asociada a la matriz  $\mathbf{A}$ , y clasifíquela.

*Versión de un ejercicio proporcionado por Javier Gavilanes*

**EXERCISE 4.** ¿Cuáles de los siguientes subconjuntos son subespacios vectoriales de  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Justifique su respuesta (*sólo se puntuará si la respuesta está correctamente justificada*).

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $S_1 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ tales que } x_1 = x_3\}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $S_2 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ tales que } x_1 = 2\}$ .

*Versión de un ejercicio proporcionado por Javier Gavilanes***EXERCISE 5.** Consider the following matrix

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

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\det(\mathbf{A})$

Using the value of  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  found above, and properties of determinants, find the following determinants.

- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & -9 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

(d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 \\ 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$$

(e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $\det \mathbf{A}^{-1}$

**2.26. Grupo E curso 10/11**

**EXERCISE 1.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 2 by 2 matrix and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{y}$  (with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ).

- (a) (0.5pts) (Reverse engineering) What is the polynomial  $p(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$ ?  
 (b) (0.5pts) If you know that the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $(2, 1)$ , find the second column:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & a \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) (1pts) For that matrix in part (b), find an invertible  $\mathbf{S}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  so that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .  
 (d) (1pts) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^{101}$ . (If you don't solve parts (b)–(c), use the description of  $\mathbf{A}$  at the start. In all questions show enough work so we can see your method and give due credit.)  
 (e) (1pts) If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{y}$  (with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ) prove that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are *independent*.

*Start of a proof:* Suppose  $\mathbf{z} = c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \dots$  (follow from here.)

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**EXERCISE 2.** Suppose the following information is known about a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$i) \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}; \quad ii) \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}; \quad iii) \quad \mathbf{A} \text{ is symmetric.}$$

Please note the right hand side vector in i) is the opposite of the right hand side vector in ii).

- (a) (1pts) Is the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  zero?  
 (b) (1pts) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  invertible?  
 (c) (1pts) Does  $\mathbf{A}$  have linearly independent eigenvectors?  
 (d) (0.5pts) Give a specific example of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfying the above three properties and whose eigenvalues add up to zero.

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**EXERCISE 3.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ . Determine if each of the following statements is true or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution ( $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ).  
 (b) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for every  $\mathbf{b}$ .  
 (c) (0.5pts) For every  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have  $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \det(\mathbf{B})$ .  
 (d) (0.5pts) For every  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have  $\det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) > 0$ .  
 (e) (0.5pts) There is a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that for the augmented matrix  $\text{rg}([\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}]) > \text{rg}(\mathbf{A})$ .

**EXERCISE 4.** Consider the following matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{y} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (1pts) Compute the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . Are these matrices invertible? Compute the inverse matrix when it is possible.  
 (b) (1pts) Compute the following determinants when it is possible.

- $\det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)$
- $\det(\mathbf{B}^4\mathbf{A})$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1})$

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**2.27. Grupo G curso 10/11****EXERCISE 1.** Dada la matriz

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

Responda a cada una de estas preguntas añadiendo una breve explicación en cada caso.

- (a) (0.5pts) Calcular los valores de los parámetros  $a$  y  $b$  para que el vector  $(-2, 1)$  sea un autovector asociado al autovalor  $\lambda_1 = 5$  de  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) ¿Cuál es el otro autovalor  $\lambda_2$ ?
- (c) (0.5pts) ¿Es diagonalizable?
- (d) (0.5pts) Considere la forma cuadrática  $f(x, y)$  que resulta al multiplicar  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , donde  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$ . ¿Es esta forma cuadrática definida? (*pista:* piense en su matriz simétrica asociada)
- (e) (0.5pts) ¿Es el punto  $(0, 0)$  un mínimo para dicha forma cuadrática  $f(x, y)$ ?
- (f) (0.5pts) ¿Qué forma tiene la superficie definida por la forma cuadrática  $f(x, y)$ ?... ¿un cuenco? ¿una silla de montar? ¿un valle?

*Basado en un problema que me pasó Leonel Cerno*

**EXERCISE 2.** This question is about the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the reduced echelon form  $\mathbf{R}$ . How many independent columns in  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) (1pts) Find a basis for the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (1pts) If the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is the sum of the four columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , write down the complete solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

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**EXERCISE 3.** (0.5pts) I was looking for an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  has exactly one solution. Why can I not find  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ ?

**EXERCISE 4.** (1pts) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that the equation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has both  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  as solutions.

Find another solution to this equation. Explain.

**EXERCISE 5.** Considere la matriz

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

Calcule los siguientes determinantes

- (a) (1pts)  $\det \mathbf{A}$
- (b) (0.5pts)  $\det \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$
- (c) (0.5pts)  $\det \mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- (d) (0.5pts)  $\det 2\mathbf{A}$
- (e) (0.5pts)

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

*Nótese que hay dos modificaciones respecto a las columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**2.28. Grupo F curso 09/10**

**EXERCISE 1.** The determinant of the 1000 by 1000 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 12. What is the determinant of  $-\mathbf{A}^T$ ? (Careful: No credit for the wrong sign.)

**EXERCISE 2.** The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has two special solutions:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe all the possibilities for the number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) Describe all the possibilities for the number of rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) Describe all the possibilities for the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Briefly explain your answers.

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**EXERCISE 3.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be any matrix and  $\mathbf{R}$  its row reduced echelon form. Answer True or False to the statements below and briefly explain. (Note, if there are any counterexamples to a statement below you must choose false for that statement.)

- (a) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{Rx} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{Rx} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**EXERCISE 4.** Consider the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Put the equation into echelon form  $\mathbf{Rx} = \mathbf{d}$ .
- (b) For which  $\mathbf{b}$  are there solutions?

**EXERCISE 5.** The equation  $(\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution for some right-hand side  $\mathbf{b}$ . Give as much information as possible about the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable).

**EXERCISE 6.** You are given the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

One of the eigenvalues is  $\lambda = 1$ . What are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? [Hint: Very little calculation required! You should be able to see another eigenvalue by inspection of the form of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and the third by an easy calculation. You shouldn't need to compute  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$  unless you really want to do it the hard way.]

**2.29. Grupo H curso 09/10**

**EXERCISE 1.** The determinant of the 1000 by 1000 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 12. What is the determinant of  $-\mathbf{A}^T$ ? (Careful: No credit for the wrong sign.)

**EXERCISE 2.** The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has one special solution:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe all the possibilities for the number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) Describe all the possibilities for the number of rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) Describe all the possibilities for the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Briefly explain your answers.

**EXERCISE 3.** Your classmate, Nyarlathotep, performed the usual elimination steps to convert<sup>1</sup>  $\mathbf{A}$  to echelon form  $\mathbf{U}$ , obtaining:

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a set of vectors spanning the nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , find the complete solution  $\mathbf{y}$  (i.e. describe all possible solutions  $\mathbf{y}$ ).
- (c) If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$ . (read the footnote to know the steps given by Nyarla).

**EXERCISE 4.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be any matrix and  $\mathbf{R}$  its row reduced echelon form. Answer True or False to the statements below and briefly explain. (Note, if there are any counterexamples to a statement below you must choose false for that statement.)

- (a) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  must be a solution to  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**EXERCISE 5.** Consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ c & 1 & d \\ e & f & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a)  $\mathbf{A}$  has a (double) eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ . What is the other eigenvalue?
- (b) Rank of  $(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})$  is 1. Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?

Explain your answers.

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<sup>1</sup>Nyarla first subtracted 2 times the first row from the second row, then subtracted -1 times the first row from the third row, then subtracted 3 times the second row from the third row.



### 3. Past final exams

Final exam.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions

- Put your name in the blanks above (and also in all the paper provided).
  - Solve **only two** of the three **long exercises** (2.5 points each), and answer **all the short questions** (0.5 points each)
  - For each question, to receive full credit you must **show all work** (I have to be able to distinguish between a student who guesses the answers and one who understands the material). Explain your answers fully and clearly. If you add false statements to a correct argument, you will lose points.
  - Calculators, books or notes of any form are **not** allowed.
  - Total time: 2 hours
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## 3.1. Final June 22/23

**EXERCISE 1.** A list containing only  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  forms a basis of the subspace  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $m \times n$ . You are asked to write

- (a) (0.5pts) The value of  $n$  (if it is possible). The rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The value of  $m$  (if it is possible) (**3 items!**).
- (b) (0.5pts) The complete solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{c}$  is the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that the list  $[\mathbf{u}; \cdot]$  forms a basis for  $\mathcal{W}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Some parametric equations of  $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$  where  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $m \times m$  and  $|\mathbf{B}| \neq 0$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Dimension and some Cartesian equations of the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{C}$ , with  $m \geq n$ , such that  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}$  is invertible and consider  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  such that:

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C})^{-1} (\mathbf{C}^\top) \mathbf{z}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Show that the range of  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $n$ .  
**Hint:** Remember the relationship between  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{AB})$  and  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{B})$ ; or between the columns of  $\mathbf{AB}$  and those of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u}$ , what is the relationship between  $\mathbf{z}$  and the columns of  $\mathbf{C}$ ?
- (c) (0.5pts) If  $m = n$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  is orthogonal, show that the length of  $(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u})$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  are equal.
- (d) (0.5pts) Is  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}$  diagonalizable?
- (e) (0.5pts) Suppose that  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the inverse of  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{P}^{-1})$  where  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove that columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  (explain your reasoning).
- (b) (0.5pts) If possible, find a matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  (whose columns are not all perpendicular) and such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{C}^{-1})$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) If possible, find an orthogonal  $\mathbf{Q}$  matrix such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)$ .
- (d) (1pts) Let  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{B}$  is the matrix of a quadratic form and find a polynomial expression for that quadratic form as a sum of squares.

**Hint:** To answer these questions it is recommended not to explicitly find the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.

- (a) Prove that the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if  $\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) The characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 4) = 0$ . Find all values of  $\beta$  for which the system  $(\mathbf{A} - \beta\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution.
- (c) Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}$  where  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Without finding  $\mathbf{A}$ , find a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  (justify your answer).

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L}\left(\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right]\right)$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{L}\left(\left[\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right]\right)$ .

- (a) Find some Cartesian equations for  $\mathcal{H}$  and for  $\mathcal{G}$ .
- (b) Find all vectors that are simultaneously in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the values of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{P}$  is invertible.

(b) Assuming  $\mathbf{P}$  is invertible. For what values of  $a$  is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$  the third column of  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$ ?

(c) Find the values of  $a$  for which the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}$  is negative definite.

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.

(a) Is it true the statement “If  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$  then  $\mathbf{B}$  is the identity matrix”? (Justify your answer).

(b) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$ ; and let  $\mathbf{C}$  be full row rank. Could it be that  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}$ ? Give reasons for your answer.

$3 \times 2$        $2 \times 4$

## 3.2. Final May 22/23

**EXERCISE 1.** The solution set of  $\underset{4 \times 5}{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is  $\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid \exists a, b \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$

- (a) (0.5pts) What is the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Is  $\mathbf{b}$  equal to any of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?  
 (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{E}$  is invertible and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{AE}$ , is  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  equal to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ ? (explain your answer)  
 (c) (0.5pts) Is  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  a basis of the subspace spanned by the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?  
 (d) (0.5pts) Write Cartesian equations for the subspace formed by the solutions of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  (better think than calculate!).  
 (e) (0.5pts) Does  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , belong to the subspace that consists of all solutions of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ ? If so, write a basis for that subspace and write the coordinates of  $\mathbf{v}$  in that basis.

**EXERCISE 2.** Let  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , with  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$  and  $c$  are parameters, and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Discuss for which values of  $a$  and  $c$  and which vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable.  
 (b) (1pts) Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  (with  $\mathbf{b} = (2, 1, -1)$ ) for those values of  $a$  and  $c$  such that it is solvable.  
 (c) (0.5pts) If possible, find the values of  $a$  and  $c$  for which  $\mathbf{B} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .  
 (d) (0.5pts) If possible, find the values  $a$  and  $c$  for which the  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  equals the space spanned by the rows of  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists.  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find the values of  $b$  for which  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is diagonalizable (note the inverse).  
 (c) (0.5pts) Using the values of  $b$  found in the previous section, find a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  (note that  $\mathbf{A}$  now appears instead of its inverse).  
 (d) (1pts) Let  $\mathbf{B}$  with  $|\mathbf{B}| = 2$ . Find:  $|2\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}|$ ,  $|\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{B}|$  and  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{BAB}^{-1})$

**Hint:** You do not need to compute  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  to answer any of these questions.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{v}_1; \mathbf{v}_2; \dots; \mathbf{v}_n]$  be an eigenbasis of  $\mathbf{A}$  and let  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  be the corresponding eigenvalues. If the coordinates of  $\mathbf{x}$  with respect to the basis  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , that is, if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ba}$ , then the coordinates of  $\mathbf{Ax}$  with respect to  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $(\lambda_1 a_1, \lambda_2 a_2, \dots, \lambda_n a_n)$ .  
 (b) Let  $B = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\}$  be a basis for a subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an invertible matrix. Then  $B^* = \{\mathbf{Ax}, \mathbf{Ay}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ .  
 (c) Any matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ , such that  $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^\top)$  is diagonalizable.  
 (d) Let  $f(\mathbf{x})$  be a quadratic form in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with associated matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$ , and  $f(\mathbf{v}) = 12$ , then the length of  $\mathbf{v}$  is 2.  
 (e) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with a determinant equal to 1, and let  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$  be two of its eigenvalues. Then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  have the same trace.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be  $3 \times 4$  matrices. It is known that  $|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)| = 2$ . Find:

- (a)  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top))$ ,  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{B})$
- (b)  $|(\mathbf{B}^\top)\mathbf{B}|$ ,  $|(\mathbf{B}^\top)\mathbf{A}|$  and  $|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}^\top)|$
- (c) Solve the system of equations  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (d) Let  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)$ , and let  $\mathbf{c}_j$  denote the  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{C}$ . Find the determinant of the following matrix described by columns  $[\mathbf{c}_2; (\mathbf{c}_2 - \mathbf{c}_1); (2\mathbf{c}_2 + \mathbf{c}_3); ]$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Let be the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = by^2 + x^2 - 2xy + 2z^2$ .

- (a) Classify  $q(x, y, z)$  based on the values of the parameter  $b$ .

### 3.3. Final July 21/22

**EXERCISE 1.** The following information is known about an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  :

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Show that the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  y  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Give a matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  and an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})$ . (You don't have to evaluate  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  or find  $\mathbf{A}$  explicitly. Just say what  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are and use them to reason about  $\mathbf{A}$  in the subsequent parts.)
- (c) (1pts) Find a basis for the null space of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) What are  $m$ ,  $n$ , and the rank  $r$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

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**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Show that the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are orthogonal to each other.
- (b) (0.5pts) Compute the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Write down Cartesian equations of the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  of the linear combinations of the first two columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Knowing that  $\mathbf{A}^4 = -4\mathbf{I}$ , which matrix is  $\mathbf{A}^9$ ?

**EXERCISE 3.** A square matrix is said to be *stochastic* when all its elements are greater than or equal to zero and the sum of the components of each column is 1. Consider the stochastic matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1-b \\ 1-a & b \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Show that  $(1, 1)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  (the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$ ) with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ . Is  $(1, 1)$  an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) Show that if  $\mathbf{v}$  has components greater than or equal to zero and sum to 1, the components of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  are also greater than or equal to zero and sum to 1.
- (c) (0.5pts) Show that all eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  have absolute value less than or equal to 1. For what values of parameters  $a$  and  $b$  do both eigenvalues have absolute value equal to 1?  
(Hint: use part a).

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Cont. EXERCISE 3. For the following two sections assume  $a = b$  and  $0 < a < 1$ .

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- (d) (0.5pts) Find a basis  $B = \{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that consists of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Let  $B$  be the basis you have found in the previous section and let  $\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{v} + \beta\mathbf{w}$ ; (with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Knowing that one of the eigenvalues is  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and the other eigenvalue has absolute value less than 1, compute  $\mathbf{z} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}$ . If the components of  $\mathbf{z}$  sum to 1, what vector is  $\mathbf{z}$ ?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Make up your own problem:

- (a) Give an example of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  such that the solutions of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  form a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , and all the entries of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are nonzero.
- (b) Find all solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$  is a real number.

- (a) For which values of the parameter  $a$  is  $\mathbf{A}$  positive definite?
- (b) For which values of the parameter  $a$  is the matrix  $-\mathbf{A}$  positive definite?
- (c) For which values of the parameter  $a$  is the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  singular?

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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) What are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) How many linearly independent eigenvectors does  $\mathbf{A}$  have? Write a list of linearly independent eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.

- (a) Given that:  $\mathbf{A}_{3 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$ , find the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .

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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 5. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be of order 2 by 3. If the solution set of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is a line then the solution set of  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is a plane.
- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable and the columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  are a basis of eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the rows of  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  are a basis of eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .

## 3.4. Final May 21/22

EXERCISE 1. Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (0.5pts) Which of the systems of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  or  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  can never have a unique solution (assuming there is a solution)?
- (b) (0.5pts) Which of the systems of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  or  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  might not have a solution? For that system of equations, give a right hand side vector ( $\mathbf{b}$  or  $\mathbf{c}$ ) for which a solution exists, and that has only *two nonzero entries* in the right-hand side.
- (c) (0.5pts) Write a basis of the subspace of all solutions of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Consider the orthogonal complement of the previous subspace (i.e., the set of vectors perpendicular to the solutions of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ ). Write the Cartesian equations of that orthogonal complement.
- (e) (0.5pts) Write Cartesian equations for the subspace spanned by the solutions of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Based on MIT 18.06 Final Exam, Fall 2018

EXERCISE 2. The  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has a factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$  where columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are *orthonormal*

vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Give as much true information as possible about  $m$ ,  $n$ , and the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Write the third column of  $\mathbf{A}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$ ; explicitly write the coefficients of that linear combination.
- (c) (0.5pts) Compute the norm of the third column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Are there columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  orthogonal to each other? Which ones? Why? Why not? Do we have enough information to know it?
- (e) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix, what is  $|\det \mathbf{A}|$  (the absolute value of the determinant)?

Based on MIT 18.06 Final Exam, Fall 2018

EXERCISE 3.

- (a) (1pts) Find the inverse of  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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For all other items, consider  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LDL}^T$  where  $\mathbf{L}$  is the previous matrix and  $\mathbf{D}$  is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal is  $(d, d^2, d^3)$ . What are the conditions on  $a$  and  $d$  so that  $\mathbf{A}$  is...

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- (b) (0.5pts) invertible?
- (c) (0.5pts) symmetric?
- (d) (0.5pts) positive definite?

MIT 18.06 Final Exam, May 20, 2008

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1. Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{XD}(\mathbf{X}^{-1})$ , where  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;

and let be the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}^4 - 2(\mathbf{A}^2) - 8\mathbf{I}$ .

- (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
- (b) Solve  $\mathbf{Mx} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Hint:** You don't need to find  $\mathbf{M}$ , so better not calculate too much!

Based on MIT 18.06 Final Exam, Fall 2018

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and symmetric, then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is symmetric.
- (b) If the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  (with  $m > n$ ) are orthonormal, then  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^T)$  is invertible.
- (c) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  then the system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinitely many solutions.
- (d) If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$  and  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$  then  $\mathbf{A}^2$  is positive definite.
- (e) If  $\mathbf{A}$  y  $\mathbf{B}$  are of order  $n$ , with the same trace ( $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$ ) and the same determinant ( $\det \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{B}$ ) then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ .



- (f) Any matrix with repeated eigenvalues is non-diagonalizable.
- (g) The set of vectors containing only the null vector  $\mathbf{0}$  is linearly independent.

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.

- (a) Classify the quadratic form  $f(x, y, z) = 2axz - x^2 - 4z^2$  for all possible values of the parameter  $a$ .

**3.5. Final July 20/21**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is the solution set a line in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  whose columns are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Explain why  $\mathbf{A}^{1001} = \mathbf{A}$ . Is  $\mathbf{A}^{1000} = \mathbf{I}$ ?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If we compute  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  we get  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & 8 & 42 \end{bmatrix}$ . How many eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  are positive? zero? negative? (Don't compute them but explain your answer).
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Does  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  have the same eigenvectors as  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, Fall 2006

**EXERCISE 3.** Suppose the  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  orthonormal eigenvectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$  and  $n$  positive eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Thus  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_j = \lambda_j \mathbf{q}_j$  and  $\lambda_j > 0$ , for  $j = 1 : n$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ? **Prove that your answer is correct.**
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Any vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear combination of the eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{b} = c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{q}_n.$$

Find a quick formula for  $c_1$  using orthonormality of the  $\mathbf{q}$ 's.

- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) The solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is also a linear combination of the eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b} = d_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + d_n \mathbf{q}_n.$$

Find a quick formula for  $d_1$ . You can use the  $c$ 's even if you didn't answer part (b).

MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, Fall 2006

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider the 5 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with orthonormal columns.

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$
- (b) What is the maximum possible value for the rank of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ ?
- (c) Find  $\det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) If  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, 0, 0)$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})$  is the bidimensional subspace spanned by both vectors, then, the following are some Cartesian equations of  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$\{2x + y = 0, \quad \text{that is} \quad \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (0, 0)\}.$$

- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- (c) If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of both matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and invertible matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\mathbf{v}$  is also an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ .
- (d) The set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with integer (whole number) components is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider quadratic form  $q(x, y) = 4xy$ .

- (a) Classify  $q(x, y)$ .
- (b) Complete the square for the given quadratic form  $q(x, y)$ .

## 3.6. Final June 20/21

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & a & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the set of values for  $a$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are diagonalizable.
- (b) (0.5pts) Find:  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1})$  and  $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^2|$  (where  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M})$  is the trace of  $\mathbf{M}$ ).
- (c) (0.5pts) Classify the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  in terms of  $a$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Let  $a = 1$ . Find a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and a matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}^3 = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .  
(Note the exponent 3)
- (e) (0.5pts) Let  $a = 1$ . Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  formed by eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{B}$ , or explain why it is not possible to find such a basis.

**EXERCISE 2.** Let  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ; where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) For which values of  $a$  and  $c$  is  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  solvable? For which values of  $a$  and  $c$  is the solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  unique?
- (b) (1pts) Solve the system for those values of parameters  $a$  and  $c$  that make the system solvable.
- (c) (0.5pts) Is it possible to express the set of solutions so that the free variables are...  
A)  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ ?  
B)  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ?
- (d) (0.5pts) Find  $|\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}|$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Suppose you have a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfying  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}$  where

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 2 & 9 \\ 13 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -17 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Important:** Do not compute  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ !

- (a) (0.5pts) The second column  $\mathbf{c}$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$  for what right-hand side  $\mathbf{b}$ ?
- (b) (1pts) The second column  $\mathbf{c}$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  also satisfies  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{d}$  for what right-hand side  $\mathbf{d}$ ?
- (c) (1pts) Compute the second column  $\mathbf{c}$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  solving  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{d}$  (or any equivalent system).

MIT 18.06 - Quiz 1, Fall 2017

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a matrix of order  $2 \times 5$  such that  $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top| = 3$ . (explain your answers)

- (a) Is there an  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ? Is there an  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ?
- (b) Find  $|2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1}|$ .
- (c) Find  $\det[\mathbf{c}_2; (3\mathbf{c}_1 + 2\mathbf{c}_2)]$  where  $\mathbf{c}_j$  is the  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- (d) Find the dimension of  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$ .
- (e) Find the dimension of  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid (\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$ .
- (f) Find the dimension of  $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{L}([\mathbf{f}_1; \dots; \mathbf{f}_5])$ , where  $\mathbf{f}_i$  is the  $i$ -th row of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ .
- (g) Is  $\lambda = 0$  an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ ? If so, what is its geometric multiplicity? and its algebraic multiplicity? Otherwise, why  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue?
- (h) Prove that  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x}$  is positive definite.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider the plane  $P$  containing vector  $\mathbf{q} = (1, 0, 1)$  and parallel to vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1, -1)$ .

- (a) Write Cartesian equations for  $P$ .
- (b) Which of the following vectors belong to  $P$ ?  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  y  $\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## 3.7. Final June 18/19

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C}$ , where  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove that the third column of  $\mathbf{C}$  is equal to one of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  invertible? Please explain.
- (c) (0.5pts) Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{C}_{|5}$  (where  $(\mathbf{C}_5)_{|i}$  is the fifth column of  $\mathbf{C}$ ).
- (d) (0.5pts) Are rows of  $\mathbf{C}$  a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}^T)$ ? (the subspace spanned by rows of  $\mathbf{B}$ )
- (e) (0.5pts) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable? (please explain). If it is so, find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  formed by eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  (and writedown the corresponding eigenvalues). (*hint*: look at the last columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C}$ ).

**Remark:** none of the above questions require to find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  or  $\mathbf{A}$ ; we only need to note that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C}$  and inspect columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{A}$  of order 3, such that  $\mathbf{Av}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{Av}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\mathbf{Av}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3$ ; where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Without explicitly computing  $\mathbf{A}$ , answer the following questions:

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the solution set for  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) ¿Is  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric? ¿Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable? (explain your answer).
- (c) (0.5pts) Find an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue that has algebraic multiplicity equal to two.
- (d) (0.5pts) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}$  for all  $k \neq 0$  when  $\mathbf{x} = (2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3)$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Find  $\mathbf{xAx}$ , when  $\mathbf{x} = (2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3)$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the full column rank matrix  $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$  (with  $n < m$ ), and let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the projection matrix onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$ .

Are the followings statements true or false? Prove the statement when it is true, or justify why it is false.

- (a) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal.
- (b) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric.
- (c) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{P}$  is idempotent.
- (d) (1pts)  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{Pv})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{Pv}$  for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

*Basado en una propuesta de Manuel Morán*

## SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.

- (a) Consider two orthogonal matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$  is a symmetric matrix. Prove  $\mathbf{C}$  is unipotent (that is, prove that  $\mathbf{C}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ )
- (b) ¿Is the system of vectors  $(1, -2, 0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, 2, 1)$  a basis for the solution set of  $\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$ ?  
Please justify.
- (c) Find the cartesian (or implicit) equations for the spam of  $\{(1, 2, 0), (2, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1)\}$ .
- (d) Find a parametric representation of the line that goes through  $(1, 2, 0)$  and  $(2, 1, 1)$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  invertible? Please justify. If it is so, find the component  $(3, 2)$  of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .
- (b) Find the third componnet  $x_3$  of the solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = ax^2 + ay^2 + 2xz + az^2$  where  $a$  is a parameter.

- (a) Find the corresponding matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{xAx}$ . For what values of parameter  $a$  is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?

- (b) Are  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (c) Classify the quadratic form depending on the parameter  $a$ .
- (d) For  $a = 2$  write down  $q(x, y, z)$  as a sum of squares.

## 3.8. Final May 18/19

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , the span of  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and consider  $\mathcal{S}^\perp \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$\mathcal{S}^\perp = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S} \right\} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \text{ where } \mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}] \right\}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ .  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find a set of parametric equations for  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$ .

For the remaining of this exercise,  $\mathbf{P}$  is the orthogonal projection matrix onto  $\mathcal{S}$

- (c) (0.5 + 0.5pts) Prove that non-zero vectors in  $\mathcal{S}$  and non-zero vectors in  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{P}$ .  
 (d) (0.5pts) Find an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top$

**Note:** in order to answer the two last questions, you don't need to find  $\mathbf{P}$ . Since  $\mathbf{P}$  is the orthogonal projection matrix onto  $\mathcal{S}$ , it is enough to understand what is  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{w}$  in two cases: when  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}$  and when  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}^\perp$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the system 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = b \\ x_1 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ ax_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  the system is unsolvable, solvable with a unique solution or solvable with infinite solutions?

For the remaining of this exercise  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ .

- (b) (0.5pts) Solve the system.  
 (c) (0.5 + 0.5pts) Find a *basis* for the set of solutions and find the coordinates<sup>2</sup> of  $(1, 0, 1, -1)$  respect to that basis.  
 (d) (0.5pts) Is it possible to take  $x_1$  y  $x_4$  as free variables? Justify your answer.

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and the two systems of equations (S1) and (S2):

$$(S1): \quad \mathbf{Ax} - \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \quad (S2): \quad (\mathbf{A} - \alpha \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector of unknowns (in both systems),  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) For what scalars  $\alpha$  and vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  the set of solutions in (S1) is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (c) (0.5pts) Decide if  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are solutions to (S2) for some values of  $\alpha$ .  
 (d) (0.5pts) Let  $\mathbf{u} = p\mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are the vectors in (c) and  $p$  and  $q$  are constants. Prove that, independently of  $p$  and  $q$ ; vector  $\mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{u}$  belongs to the line spanned by  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
 (e) (0.5pts) Find the polynomial expression of the quadratic form corresponding to  $\mathbf{A}$  and classify.

## SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.

- (a) Find the orthogonal projection matrix onto the line spanned by  $(1, 1, -1, 1)$ .  
 (b) Write a set of parametric equations for the line that goes through  $(0, 0, 1)$  and is parallel to the span of  $(1, 2, 4)$ .

<sup>2</sup>coordinates are the coefficients of the linear combination that equals  $(1, 0, 1, -1)$

- (c) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a 3 by 3 matrix. Find two elementary matrices and explain the right order in which the three matrices are multiplied in order to get the following transformations: first we want to subtract the first **row** from the second **row**, and then we want to multiply the second **column** by 4. Do we get a different result if we first multiply the second **column**, and then we subtract the first **row** from the second one? Explain.

- (d) Check if 2 is an eigenvalue for  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . If so, find the corresponding eigenspace.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are symmetric matrices and  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})$  is also symmetric.  
 (b) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a matrix of order  $n$ . If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinite solutions, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is not orthogonal.  
 (c) If  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric and idempotent, then  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$  is also symmetric and idempotent.  
 (d) If  $[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}]$  is a basis of subspace  $\mathcal{S}$ , then so it is the system  $[2\mathbf{v}, (\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u}), (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{u})]$ .  
 (e) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric and positive definite, then, so it is its inverse.  
 (f) Consider  $\mathbf{A}$  and an echelon form  $\mathbf{R}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  using **row** operations, so  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{A}$  for an invertible  $\mathbf{E}$ . Then,  
 $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{R})$ .

### 3.9. Final June 17/18

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove that the following set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, (\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_4)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) What is the dimension of the space spanned by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, (\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_4)\}$ . Please justify your answer.
- (c) (0.5pts) Prove that the set  $\{(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, -1, 1), (1, 0, 0, 0)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and find the third coordinate of  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  respect to that basis.
- (d) (0.5pts) Find cartesian (or implicit) equations of the linear span of  $\{(0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, -1, 1)\}$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Find parametric equations of the *hiperplane* perpendicular to  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$  that goes through  $(1, -1, 0, 1)$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find an echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$  for  $a = 0$ . Write down which elementary matrices are used in each step.
- (b) (0.5pts) For which values of parameter “ $a$ ” matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the second column of its inverse?
- (c) (0.5pts) For which values of parameter “ $a$ ” matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $\lambda = 3$  as an eigenvalue?
- (d) (0.5pts) When  $a = 2$  two eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . Find the third eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvectors to the third eigenvalue.
- (e) (0.5pts) For which values of “ $a$ ” the quadratic form corresponding to  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite?

**EXERCISE 3.** This question is about an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix for which

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{has no solution; and} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{has exactly one solution.}$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Give all possible information about  $m$  and  $n$  and the rank  $r$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , which numbers could be components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- (c) (1pts) Write down an example of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  that fits the description in this question.
- (d) (0.5pts) (Not related to parts (a)–(c)) How do you know that the rank of a matrix stays the same if its first and last columns are exchanged?

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider the linear system  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ; where  $a$ ,  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are parameters.

- (a) Find the echelon form and discuss for which parameter values the system is solvable.
- (b) For which parameter values the set of solutions is a subspace?
- (c) For which values of parameter “ $a$ ” the orthogonal projection of  $(a, 1)$  onto the span of  $(1, -1)$  is the zero vector?
- (d) For which values of parameter “ $a$ ” matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has a repeated eigenvalue? Is matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable in this case?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) If the determinant of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix is 4, then the rank of the matrix must be 4.
- (b) If the standard vectors  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$  (the columns of the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ ) are eigenvectors of an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the matrix is diagonal.
- (c) If  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$  and both are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are linearly independent.
- (d) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with fewer than  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable.
- (e) If  $-3$  is an eigenvalue of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then there must be some vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which the equation  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$  has no solution.
- (f) Consider  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 0, 0)$  and consider  $\mathcal{V}$ , the two dimensional subspace spanned by

$$\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}, \text{ then the projection matrix of } \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ onto } \mathcal{V} \text{ is } \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$



**3.10. Final May 17/18**

**EXERCISE 1.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 2 by 2 symmetric matrix with eigenvalues 2, and 5 and corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is the linear combination  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$ . Find  $\mathbf{Ax}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Now take one step forward and find  $\mathbf{xAx}$  using the symmetry of  $\mathbf{A}$  (and remember that  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$ ).
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that  $\mathbf{xAx} > 0$  for all  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  (except when  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ ).
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose those eigenvectors have length 1 (unit vectors). Show that

$$\mathbf{B} = 2 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_1][\mathbf{v}_1]^\top + 5 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_2][\mathbf{v}_2]^\top$$

has the same eigenvectors and eigenvalues as  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is  $\mathbf{B}$  necessarily the same matrix as  $\mathbf{A}$  (yes or no)? Please, explain.

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**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the following vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We know that  $\mathbf{Av}_1 = 2\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{Av}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{Av}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3$ , for a 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the cartesian (or implicit) equations of the eigenspace corresponding to the repeated eigenvalue.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Without computing  $\mathbf{A}$ , decide if  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric or not. Is it diagonalizable? Justify your answer
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and find the coordinates of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to  $B$ .
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find (without computing  $\mathbf{A}$ ) the product  $\mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Are the columns of  $\mathbf{H}$  an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Are they an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$  following these steps: first multiply  $\mathbf{H}$  by a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  in order to get a matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that whose columns are an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (in other words,  $\mathbf{HD} = \mathbf{Q}$  with  $\mathbf{Q}$  orthogonal). Then, from the inverse of  $\mathbf{HD} = \mathbf{Q}$  find an expression for  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the cartesian equations for the line spanned by the first column of  $\mathbf{H}$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the projection matrix that projects  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto the subspace spanned by the first and third columns of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Compute a non-null cofactor  $C_{ij}$  of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) By which elementary matrices should we multiply  $\mathbf{A}$  in order to get an echelon form. Write such product of matrices in the right order.
- (c) Find a basis and the dimension of the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (d) Decide if  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable or not.
- (e) Compute:  $|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^\top|$ .
- (f) Find an orthonormal basis for the linear span of rows 2 and 3 of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$  with determinant 10 and consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_{11} & (a_{12} + 7a_{11}) & -a_{13} \\ 2a_{21} & (a_{22} + 7a_{21}) & -a_{23} \\ 2a_{31} & (a_{32} + 7a_{31}) & -a_{33} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Find:}$$

- (a) determinant of  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- (b) determinant of  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{\top})^{-1}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the quadratic form  $f(x, y) = ax^2 + ay^2 + 6xy$  where  $a$  is a parameter.

- (a) Classify  $f(x, y)$  for all values of  $a$ .
- (b) Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $f(x, y) = f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . Now consider the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  for this matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Find the values  $a$  in order to get a system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  whose solution set consist in all points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $x = y$ .

## 3.11. Final July 16/17

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider a full row rank matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that the nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) What is the order of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (Explain your answer).
- (b) (1pts) Give an example of such matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) For which right hand side vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is not solvable?
- (d) (0.5pts) Rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (that is  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ). Are there vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that do not belong to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ ? If the answer is “yes”, provide an example.

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**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the set  $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\}$ , where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix},$$

and also consider  $\mathbf{A}$  such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove  $B$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) (1pts) Consider  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4]$ , a matrix whose columns are the vectors in  $B$ . Solve by gaussian elimination  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Write the coordinates of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to basis  $B$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) Check that  $\mathbf{AB}$  is a diagonal matrix. Use this result in order to prove  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts) Consider the following quadratic form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . Compute  $f(\mathbf{u}_1)$  and  $f(\mathbf{u}_4)$ . Can you classify  $f(\mathbf{x})$  using this information? (Explain your answer)

**EXERCISE 3.** This question is about the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} + b\mathbf{I}$  where  $\mathbf{B}$  is the all-ones matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} + b \cdot \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \cdot \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+b & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+b \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Check that  $\mathbf{v} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$  is an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{B}$ . Find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{B}$  (remember that  $\mathbf{B}$  is the matrix full of ones).
- (b) (0.5pts) What are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?  
*Hint:* what is  $(\mathbf{B} + b\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}$  when  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\lambda$  are an eigenvector and its correspondent eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{B}$ ?
- (c) (0.5pts) If  $b = 2$ , what is the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) (0.5pts) Suppose you know that  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} > 0$  for every nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  (same matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .) What are the possible values of  $b$ ?
- (e) (0.5pts) When  $b = 1$  the inverse matrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  has the form  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} + c\mathbf{B}$ . Figure out  $\mathbf{B}^2$  and then choose the number  $c$  so that  $\mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ .

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Parts a) and b) of this set are true/false type questions. Parts c) and d) ask you to prove something.

Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

Let the set  $B = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  be a basis for the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- (a) Vector  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  has coordinates  $(1, -1)$  with respect to basis  $B$ .
- (b) Vector  $\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

For parts c) and d) consider that  $B$  is also orthonormal. Then, if  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]$  is the matrix whose columns are the vectors in  $B$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top$  projects  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $\mathcal{S}$ .

- (c) **Prove** matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric and idempotent.
- (d) Using  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric and idempotent, prove that  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}$  is orthogonal to  $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y})$  for all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider

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

Find all values for  $a$  such that:

- (a) There exists  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- (b) Determinant of  $\left[(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top\right]$  equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ .
- (c) Columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  span a three dimensional space.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Given the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that there are matrices  $\mathbf{P}$  (invertible) and  $\mathbf{D}$  (diagonal and real) and  $\mathbf{AP} = \mathbf{PD}$ .
- (b) Consider  $a = 3$  and  $b = 4$ . Classify the quadratic form  $\mathbf{xAx}$ .
- (c) Consider the case in which orthogonal eigenvectors can be found for  $\mathbf{A}$  and find a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  with length 1 such that  $\mathbf{Av}$  has length 5 and it is pointing to the same place as  $\mathbf{v}$  (the same direction of  $\mathbf{v}$ ).

## 3.12. Final May 16/17

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ ,

where  $a$  and  $b$  are parameters.

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the values  $a$  and  $b$  such that those vectors form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  
 (b) (1pts) Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4]$ , whose columns are the given vectors. Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  when  $a = b$  or explain why it is impossible.

*For the next two questions consider  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ , and also  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4)$ , i.e., the span of the four vectors.*

- (c) (0.5pts) Find the dimension and a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ .  
 (d) (0.5pts) Compute the coordinates of  $\mathbf{b} = (1 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0)$  with respect to  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** This 4 by 4 matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  is a Hadamard matrix:

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Key Properties: } \begin{cases} \mathbf{H}^\top = \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{H}^2 = 4\mathbf{I} \end{cases}$$

**Hint.** Don't work too much!

For a) and b) it is better to use the fact that  $\mathbf{H}^2 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = 4\mathbf{I}$ .

To solve part c) note that  $\mathbf{H}^\top = \mathbf{H}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Figure out the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Explain your reasoning.  
 (b) (1pts) Figure out  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$  and the determinant of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Explain your reasoning.  
 (c) (1pts) This matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  contains three eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{H}$ . Find a 4th eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_4$  and explain your reasoning:

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

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**EXERCISE 3.** The set of solutions to  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(Note: Don't work too much! To answer the following questions you don't need to know  $\mathbf{A}$ .)

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove the following statements:  
 1. vector  $\mathbf{y} = (1 \quad 2 \quad 3)$  is a solution to the linear system  
 2. the set  $\mathcal{N} = \left\{ \mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{z} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  is the solution to the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
 (b) (0.5pts) Find the cartesian equations for the following subspace  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$ .  
 (c) (0.5pts) Choose a basis for  $\mathcal{N} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$  and find the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  that projects  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto  $\mathcal{N}$ .  
 (d) (1pts) Is  $\mathbf{d} = (3 \quad 2 \quad 4)$  in  $\mathcal{N} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$ ? If it belongs to  $\mathcal{N}$  compute its coordinates with respect to the basis used in part c); otherwise find the closest vector in  $\mathcal{N}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a symmetric matrix whose columns are orthonormal eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.
- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix with  $a_{11} > 0$  and  $\det \mathbf{A} < 0$ , then the associated quadratic form is not positive definite nor negative definite.
- (c) Consider a matrix of order 3  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\lambda=1} = \mathcal{L} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\beta=2} = \mathcal{L} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  the eigenspaces associated to its eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\beta = 2$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.
- (d) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric and invertible, then the associated quadratic form  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x}$  is positive definite.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the determinants of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .
- (b) Find the  $(1, 2)$  entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

*Basado en MIT 18.06 - Quiz 2, April 1, 2005*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.**

- (a) Prove that if  $\mathbf{M}$  is idempotent and invertible, then  $\mathbf{M}$  is the identity matrix.
- (b) The characteristic polynomial of  $\mathbf{N}$  is  $P(\lambda) = \lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2$ . Find the eigenvalues. Are we sure  $\mathbf{N}$  is diagonalizable?
- (c) Consider matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{B}$  is symmetric.
- (d) Suppose the characteristic polynomial of the above matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $P(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 4)$ . Prove that rank of  $(\mathbf{B} - 2\mathbf{I})$  is two.

**3.13. Final June 15/16**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following system of equations,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2\alpha \\ 4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 4\alpha \\ 6x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) What conditions on  $\alpha$  make the system solvable?  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the system in that case.  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How do you know, without computing the determinant, that  $\det \mathbf{A}$  (the determinant of the coefficient matrix of the system) is zero? (You don't have to compute the determinant, just only answer why it is zero, using the former results).

**EXERCISE 2.** Let

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

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ .  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For the same matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :  
     • Is the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  solvable for any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ?  
     • Could  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have no solutions for some  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , but infinite solutions for a different  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ?  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For the same matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , find a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  such that the solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  will be  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 2$ ,  $x_3 = -1$ .

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the 5 by 5 matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable? Explain your answer.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find all five eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  by noticing that  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$  has rank 1 and the trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find five linear independent eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

*Basado en MIT Course 18.06. Final Exam. Professor Strang. May 16, 2005*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.**

- (a) Find a system of parametric representation for the line passing through the point  $\mathbf{p} = (1, -3, 1)$  and it is perpendicular to the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u} = (7, 3, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (4, 0, 3)$ .  
 (b) Find a parametric representation for the same line.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Prove the following statement:

*If  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is an orthogonal set, then these three vectors are linearly independent.*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) Any three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 (b) The columns of a matrix are linearly independent if and only if its rank equals the number of columns.  
 (c) If the determinant of a squared matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 1 or  $-1$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be an orthogonal (orthonormal) matrix.  
 (d) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an orthogonal (orthonormal) matrix, its determinant must be 1 or  $-1$ .  
 (e) If a  $10 \times 10$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has 6 distinct eigenvalues, then, the rank must be at least 5.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** Consider the following linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  where

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

- (a) Find the values of  $a$  such as the set of solutions of the linear system is a line.  
 (b) Find the values of  $a$  such as the set of solutions of the linear system is a plane?

## 3.14. Final May 15/16

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (-\frac{1}{3}, 0, -1)$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a parametric equation of the line that goes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a cartesian (or implicit) system of equations of the line that goes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is that line a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain your answer.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Write the projection matrix that projects any point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  on the line that goes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) On that line, find the closest point to  $\mathbf{z} = (2, 2, 2)$ .

*Ejercicio propuesto por Rafael Lopez.*

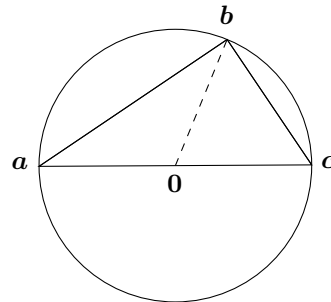
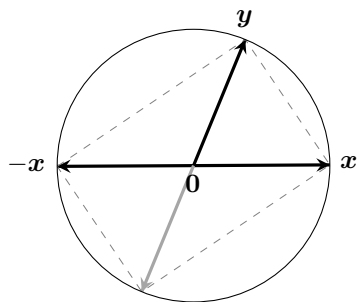
**EXERCISE 2.** Consider matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1-m & 0 \\ 1-m & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  as a function of  $m$ . For which  $m$  is  $\mathbf{A}$  a singular matrix?
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) By transformations of  $\mathbf{A}$ , find two 3 by 3 matrices  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ , such that  $|\mathbf{B}| = -|\mathbf{A}|$  and  $|\mathbf{C}| = \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{A}|$ .
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) For  $m = 1$ , and using the Cramer rule, find the solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .

*Ejercicio propuesto por Haydee Lugo*

**EXERCISE 3.**

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the same length, ie.,  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{y}\|$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$  are orthogonal vectors.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Draw vectors  $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$  in the figure on the left.



- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that segments  $[\mathbf{a} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{b}]$  and  $[\mathbf{b} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{c}]$ , of the triangle in the figure on the right, are perpendicular.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider  $\mathbf{C}$ , a symmetric and positive defined  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n \times m$ :

- (a) Prove that  $\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric.
- (b) Prove that  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (c) If  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = 0$  for some  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , what is the smallest eigenvalue? Explain your answer

*Pregunta propuesta por Manuel Morán*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  a diagonalizable matrix?
- (b) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  an invertible matrix? If yes, find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

*Pregunta propuesta por Haydee Lugo*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) If  $\mathcal{V} = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k)$ , then  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) \leq k$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathcal{V}$ , then  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) \geq k$ .
- (c) A system of three equations in four unknowns cannot have a unique solution.
- (d) A system of four equations in three unknowns cannot have more than one solution.
- (e) The scalar product (dot product) of two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



**3.15. Final June 14/15**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider a linear system of algebraic equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Here the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has three rows and four columns.

- (a) (0.5pts) Does such a linear system always have at least one solution? If not provide an example for which no solution exists.
- (b) (0.5pts) Can such a linear system have a unique solution? If so, provide an example of a problem with this property.
- (c) (0.5pts) Formulate, if possible, necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  which guarantee that at least one solution exists.
- (d) (0.5pts) Formulate, if possible, necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\mathbf{A}$  which guarantee that at least one solution exists for any choice of  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (e) (0.5pts) Now, consider the system  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$ . Can such a linear system have an infinite number of solutions? If so, provide an example of a problem with this property.

**EXERCISE 2.** Suppose the 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has the following property  $\mathcal{Z}$ : *Along each of its rows, the entries add up to zero.*

- (a) (0.5pts) Find a nonzero solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (b) (1pts) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}^2$  also has property  $\mathcal{Z}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) What can you say about the dimension of the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and why?
- (d) (0.5pts) Find an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^3$ .

*Basado en MIT Course 18.06 Ejercicio 9 Final Spring 1999*

**EXERCISE 3.** Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the eigenvalues of the singular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1pts) Find a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (1pts) Compute

$$\mathbf{A}^{99} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute it by expressing  $(1; 1; 1)$  as a combination of eigenvectors or by diagonalizing  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .

*MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Ejercicio 2 Final Fall 1999*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** This problem is about the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & b \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ b & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) Exactly why is it imposible to diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}$  in the form  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ?
- (b) (0.5pts) Find *all* eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) Discuss whether the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is definite, semidefinite or not definite depending on the values of  $b$ .

*Basado en MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3. May 6, 2011*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider the matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 2 \\ c & 2 & c \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) For which values of  $c$  the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 0.
- (b) (0.5pts) Find the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  when  $c = 0$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) For  $c = 1$ , solve the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, then so is  $\mathbf{A}^2$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) If  $\mathbf{A}^2$  is symmetric, then so is  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5pts) If  $\lambda = 0$  is eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  then the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a sole solution.
- (d) (0.5pts) If matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

**3.16. Final May 14/15****EXERCISE 1.**

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 5 by 7 matrix, and  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for every right side  $\mathbf{b}$ . Then,

(Your answers could refer to dimension/basis/linear independence/spanning a space/ $\mathbb{R}^n$  ...; and you must justify your answer.)

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What do we know about the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What do we know about the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? (are they dependent or independent?)
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What do we know about the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What do we know about the left nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) True or false (with reason):

The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

*Basado en Ejercicio 2 Final Spring 1999*

**EXERCISE 2.**

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$  with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Before computing  $\mathbf{A}$ , how do you know that the third column of  $\mathbf{A}$  contains all zeros?
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) By transposing  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{AS} = \mathbf{D}$ , find the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{y}_1$ ;  $\mathbf{y}_2$  and  $\mathbf{y}_3$  of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .

*Ejercicio 4 Final Spring 1999*

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & a & c \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ . Find (if it is

possible) values for  $a$  and  $c$  such that:

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) There is more than one linear combination of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  that is equal to  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The system has no solution.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) There are only two free variables.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) All columns are pivot columns.
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The second variable  $x_2$  is free (i.e., the second column has no pivot).

*Ejercicio propuesto por Rafael Lopez*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 2 & 3 \\ -x & x & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What value(s) of  $x$  give  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What value(s) of  $x$  give positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What value(s) of  $x$  give negative definite matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and explain your reasoning (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way).

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If the characteristic polynomial of a  $7 \times 7$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $f_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda^2 - 1)(\lambda^2 - 2)(\lambda^2 - 3)$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be diagonalizable.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose you know that  $-3, 2, 7$  are eigenvalues of a  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . If any of these eigenvalues has a 3-dimensional eigenspace, then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be invertible.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If the product of two squared matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be invertible as well.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the line passing through the points  $(2, 4, 1)$  and  $(1, 3, 1)$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a parametric representation for that line.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a implicit representation for the same line.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** Consider the set  $\mathcal{W} = \{(\mathbf{x}_4, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ such that } x_4 = bx_1\}$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values  $b$  the set  $\mathcal{W}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .  
(b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For  $b = 1$ , find the dimensión and write a basis of  $\mathcal{W}$ .

*Ejercicio propuesto por Rafael Lopez*

**3.17. Final July 13/14**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = ax^2 + 4y^2 - 2z^2 + 8yz$ :

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Classify the quadratic form in terms of the parameter  $a$ .

For questions (b), (c) and (d) consider  $a = 0$

- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z)$ .  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find three linearly independent eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and an orthonormal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top$   
 (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Has the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z)$  a minimum at  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ ? Explain your answer.

*Variación de un ejercicio propuesto por Maria Jesus Moreta*

**EXERCISE 2.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a real  $m$  by  $n$  matrix.

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that the symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  has the property  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , for every vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain each step in your reasoning.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) According to part (a), the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is positive *semidefinite* at least — and possibly positive definite. Under what condition on  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  positive definite?  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $m < n$  prove that  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is not positive definite.

*MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3. May 6, 2011*

**EXERCISE 3.**

Consider  $\mathcal{S} = L(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ , the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$   
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is vector  $(1, 0, -1, 1)$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ ? If the answer is yes, find its coordinates with respect to the basis from part (a); in other words, write  $(1, 0, -1, 1)$  as a linear combination of vectors of the basis from part (a).  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find implicit (or cartesian) equations of  $\mathcal{S}$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$  of the subspace of  $\mathcal{S}$ .  
 (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  such that the matrix with columns  $[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}]$  has rank 3.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

Consider two  $n$  by  $n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{B}$ , then:

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthonormal.  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Rank of  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $n$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{B} \implies \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \implies \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}^{-1} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}^{-1} \implies \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If 0 is an eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ .  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $-3$  is an eigenvalue of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then there must be some vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which the equation  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$  has no solution.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider

$$\mathbf{M}_a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & a^2 \\ 1 & -1 & 8 & a^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values of  $a$  is the determinant equal to zero?  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is the determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{M}_a$ ?  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  depending on the values of  $a$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Consider  $a = 0$  and solve the system  $(\mathbf{M}_a)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

*Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, April 11, 2012*

**3.18. Final May 13/14**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values for parameter  $a$  each of the following statements is true respectively?
1.  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible.
  2.  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.
  3.  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values of  $a$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values of  $a$ , zero ( $\lambda = 0$ ) is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Find a corresponding eigenvector.
- For questions (d) and (e) consider  $a = 3$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find an eigenvalue and an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{A}^2$ .
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the implicit equations of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . What is the dimension of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ?

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**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & m \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ n \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  depending on the values of  $m$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Explain, depending on the values of  $m$  and  $n$ , when the system is not solvable, when it has infinitely many solutions, when it has a single unique solution? (the echelon form of augmented matrix could help you find the answer).
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Consider  $m = 0$  and  $n = 2$ , and solve the system by gaussian elimination (if that is possible).
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find (if it is possible) values of  $m$  such that the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is a plane.
- (e) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  expanding along the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Is system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  solvable? If it is solvable, find the solution.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Complete the squares of the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . Is  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  positive definite?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is  $\lambda = 0$  an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Please, explain your answer.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? If the answer is affirmative, say which is the corresponding eigenvalue.

*Ejercicio propuesto por Haydee Lugo*

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Find the implicit equations of the plane spanned by  $(1, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, 1, 1)$ , that goes through  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $n$  by  $n$  squared matrix and  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ , then the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{B}$  then  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ .
- (c) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  then the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a single unique solution.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Find a basis for the following subspace:

$$\mathcal{W} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } 3x + 2y - z = 0 \text{ and } 2y + 4z = 0\}.$$

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & y \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) For which values of  $x$  and  $y$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite?
- (b) For which values of  $x$  and  $y$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthonormal?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 5.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

Consider a squared matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of order  $2 \times 2$  such that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = -1$ ; then:

- (a)  $\det(\mathbf{A}^n) = (-1)^n$ .
- (b) Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can't be idempotent.
- (c) Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is not definite.

**3.19. Final July 12/13**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the linear system,  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -1 & a \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the echelon form of the augmented matrix.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Describe the set of solutions to the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  depending on the values of the parameter  $a$ .
- (c) Consider the case  $a = 1$ .
  1. (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How many variables can be consider as pivot (or dependent or endogenous) variables? Which ones?
  2. (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the dimension and a basis of the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  3. (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & b \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & b \\ 5 & 3 & b & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 3 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) For each of these matrices, find the values of the parameter  $b$  that make the matrix diagonalizable.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which matrices will be possible to find an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute, when it is possible, the diagonal matrix associated with the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and a basis of eigenvectors.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  in the diagonalizable case.

**EXERCISE 3.** This question is about an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  for which

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has no solutions} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has exactly one solution.}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Give all possible information about  $m$  and  $n$  and the rank  $r$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find all solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  and **explain your answer**.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Write down an example of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  that fits the description in part (a).

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If we know that  $\det \mathbf{A} = 5$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 3 \\ x & y & z \\ -3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , what is the determinant of

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ 1 & 8 & 3 \\ -3 - 4x & 7 - 4y & 2 - 4z \end{bmatrix}?$$

- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 3 \\ u & v & w \\ u + 1 & v + 8 & w + 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the parametric equations of the plane passing through the points  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (0, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 1, 1)$
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a perpendicular vector to the plane in part (a).

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the following vectors:  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (a, 1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{u}_3 = (1, c, 1)$ .

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the values for  $a$  and  $b$  such that these vectors expand a 1-dimensional subspace.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the values for  $a$  and  $b$  such that these vectors expand the full 3-dimensional subspace  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** Consider a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with characteristic polynomial  $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) Prove that the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ , with the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  on its main diagonal, satisfies  $\mathbf{D}^2 - 2\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}^2 - 2\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 5.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (0.5pts) write the expression of the quadratic form  $\mathbf{xAx}$  associated to  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (0.5pts) Classify the above quadratic form (positive, negative, definite, semi-definite, not definite...?)

**3.20. Final May 12/13****EXERCISE 1.**

- (a) (1
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find the parametric equations of the plane
- $\Pi$
- :

$$\Pi : \quad 3x - 5y + z + 3 = 0.$$

- (b) (1
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find the value of
- $a$
- so that the line
- $r$
- whose parametric equations are given by

$$r : \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

is in the plane  $\Pi$ .

- (c) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find the implicit equations of the line
- $r$
- above.

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (1
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Consider the matrix
- $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$
- . Find the values
- $a$
- y
- $b$
- so that
- $\mathbf{A}$
- has eigenvectors
- $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- and
- $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- .

- (b) (1
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find a different matrix
- $\mathbf{B}$
- with those same eigenvectors
- $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- and
- $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- , and with eigenvalues
- $\lambda_1 = 1$
- and
- $\lambda_2 = 0$
- . Compute
- $\mathbf{B}^{10}$
- .

- (c) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) For wich numbers
- $a$
- is the matrix
- $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- diagonalizable?

**EXERCISE 3.** The following information is known about an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Is the set
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- a basis of
- $\mathbb{R}^3$
- ?

- (b) (1
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Give a matrix
- $\mathbf{C}$
- and an invertible matrix
- $\mathbf{B}$
- such that
- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{CB}^{-1}$
- (You
- don't*
- have to evaluate
- $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$
- or find
- $\mathbf{A}$
- explicitly. Just say what
- $\mathbf{B}$
- and
- $\mathbf{C}$
- are and use them to reason about
- $\mathbf{A}$
- in the subsequent parts).

- (c) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find a basis for the left null space of
- $\mathbf{A}$
- ; that is, a basis of
- $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$
- .

- (d) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) What are
- $m$
- ,
- $n$
- , and the rank
- $r$
- of
- $\mathbf{A}$
- ?

$$\text{SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1. Consider the matrix } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Compute
- $\det \mathbf{A}$
- .

- (b) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) What is the third component
- $x_3$
- of the solution to
- $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ : \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider the following quadratic form

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3y^2 + 7z^2 - 2xy + 4xz - 8yz.$$

- (a) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Find the symmetric matrix
- $\mathbf{A}$
- associated to
- $f(x, y, z)$
- .

- (b) (0.5
- <sup>pts</sup>
- ) Prove
- $\mathbf{A}$
- is positive definite.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are orthogonal matrices ( $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ ), prove that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  is also orthogonal.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Consider an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}^\top\mathbf{B}$  is invertible. Find the order of the matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}^\top\mathbf{B})^{-1}\mathbf{B}^\top$  and prove that  $\mathbf{C}^2 = \mathbf{C}$  (that is, prove that  $\mathbf{C}$  is an idempotent matrix).
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a unit vector with the same direction as  $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 0, 4, -2)$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Give an example of a  $5 \times 4$  matrix with rank 3.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The set  $B = \{(1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$  is a basis of the subspace of solutions to  $x - y - z = 0$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) If a square matrix has a repeated eigenvalue, it cannot be diagonalizable.

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**3.21. Final September 11/12**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the diagonalizable matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . It is known that the following subspaces:

$$\mathcal{V}_1 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such as } y + z = 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V}_{\gamma_2} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such as } x = 0, y = 0\}$$

are associated to the eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  respectively. Find:

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) The diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) The matrix  $\mathbf{M} = 2\mathbf{A}^4 - 7\mathbf{A}^3 + 9\mathbf{A}^2 - 5\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$ . (*Hint: please note that*  
 $2(\frac{1}{2})^4 - 7(\frac{1}{2})^3 + 9(\frac{1}{2})^2 - 5(\frac{1}{2}) + 1 = 0$  *and also that*  $2(1)^4 - 7(1)^3 + 9(1)^2 - 5(1) + 1 = 0$ ).

**EXERCISE 2.**

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>)  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are any matrices with the same number of rows. What can you say (*and explain why it is true*) about the comparison of

$$\text{rank of } \mathbf{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank of the block matrix } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Suppose  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^2$ . How do those ranks compare? Explain your reasoning.
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $m$  by  $n$  of rank  $r$ , what are the dimensions of these nullspaces?

$$\text{Nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Nullspace of } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}$$

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**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the following system of linear equations 
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - y + z = 1 \\ 2x + az = b \end{cases} \quad \text{where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are parameters}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find, if it is possible, the values of  $a$  and  $b$  that makes the system solvable.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find, if it is possible, values of  $a$  and  $b$  such as the set of solutions is a plane.
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find, if it is possible, values of  $a$  and  $b$  such as the set of solutions is a line. Which variables can be chosen as free variables? Find, if it is possible, a basis for the set of solutions.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the system of equations when  $a = 3$  and  $b = 4$ . Does the solution belong to the set of solutions of Part (c)? Explain your answer.

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.**

- (a) Find a parametric representation for the line passing through the points  $(-1, 2)$  y  $(0, 3)$ .
- (b) Find a implicit representation for the same line.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** For which numbers  $b$  does this matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  have 3 positive eigenvalues?

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 5 by 3 matrix with orthonormal columns. Evaluate the following determinants:

- (a)  $\det \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$
- (b)  $\det \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$
- (c)  $\det \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.** What value(s) of  $x$  give  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 2 & 3 \\ -x & x & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}?$$

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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 5. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 6. *True or false* (explain your answer):

Consider two squared and invertible matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . Then

- (a)  $(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are both also orthonormal, then,  $\mathbf{AB}$  is orthonormal.

**3.22. Final June 11/12**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$  by gaussian elimination. Are its columns linearly independent? Compute the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Describe the sub-space spanned by the three first columns. What is its dimension? Is it different if we include the fourth column?
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Solve the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . How many variables can be chosen as free (or exogenous) variables? Which ones? What is the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ ?

*Propuesto por Mercedes Vazquez.*

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the following matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ b & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Study in which cases (depending on  $a$  and  $b$ ) are  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  diagonalizable matrices.
- (b) Consider  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ .
  1. (1<sup>pts</sup>) Diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}$  using an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
  2. (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that allows you to diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ; and write the associate diagonal matrix.
  3. (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove  $\mathbf{u} = (0, 2, 2)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and compute  $\mathbf{A}^{10}\mathbf{u}$ .

*Propuesto por Rafael Lopez Zorzano.*

**EXERCISE 3.** (You don't need too much computing here!)

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Are the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  linearly independent? Are these vectors perpendicular to each other? Explain.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Are the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain.
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Are the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , solution to the system  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 6x_4 = 0$ ? Are these vectors a basis for the 3-dimensional subspace described by this homogeneous system? Explain.
- (d) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the value for  $q$  for which the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} q \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.**

- (a) Find the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  if

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Find the  $(1, 2)$  entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2. Suppose the following information is known about  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

In each of these questions, you must give a correct reason to get full credit.

- (a) Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$
- (b) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  a diagonalizable matrix? Is  $\mathbf{A}$  an invertible matrix?
- (c) What are the trace and determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  a symmetric matrix?

Based on MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 3, May 8, 1996

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3. Consider the following quadratic form

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + 2a x_1 x_2 + 2a x_2 x_3 + x_3^2,$$

compute (if it is possible) all the values for  $a$  such as  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is negative definite.

*Propuesto por el profesor Rafael A. Lopez Zorzano*

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4. True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of the  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ .
- (b) If  $\lambda = -3$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then there exists a vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such as the system  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is not solvable.
- (c) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  then the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a sole solution.

**3.23. Final September 10/11**

**EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible if and only if  $a \neq 0$ .
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  positive definite when  $a = 1$ ? Explain your answer.
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  when  $a = 2$ .
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) How many variables can be chosen as pivot (or exogenous) variables in the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{o}$  when  $a = 0$ ? Which ones?

**EXERCISE 2.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Determine if  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable, and if so, diagonalize it.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $(\mathbf{A}^6)\mathbf{v}$ , where  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Using the the eigenvalues found in part (a) justify that  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible.
- (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) What is the relation between the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ?

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the solution to the system.
- (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Explain why the solution set is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Find a direction vector (a vector parallel to the line) and any point on that line.
- (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the set of vectors perpendicular to the solution set. Prove that set is a four dimensional subspace. Find a basis for that subspace.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** True or false (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- (a) If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, then so is  $\mathbf{A}^2$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$  then  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^2 = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$  where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.
- (c) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of the squared matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is always solvable and has only one solution.
- (d) If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of the squared matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  could be unsolvable.
- (e) If a matrix is orthogonal (perpendicular columns of norm one), then so is the inverse of that matrix.
- (f) If 1 is the only eigenvalue of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** The matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -7 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -16 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is converted to row-reduced echelon form by the usual row-elimination steps, resulting in the matrix:

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) What is the minimum number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  that form a dependent set of vectors.
- (b) What is the maximum number of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  that forms an *independent* set of vectors.



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SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.

- (a) Consider the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2xy + ay^2 + 8z^2$  and find its corresponding symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$ ; determine if  $\mathbf{Q}$  is positive-definite, positive-semidefinite, negative-definite, negative-semidefinite or indefinite when the parameter  $a$  is equal to one ( $a = 1$ ).
- (b) If  $a \neq 1$ , determine whether the matrix is positive-definite, positive-semidefinite, negative-definite, negative-semidefinite or indefinite.

**3.24. Final June 10/11****EXERCISE 1.** Consider the following matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Prove that when  $a = 2$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalisable.  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) For matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , find a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and an orthonormal matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such as  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{PDP}^\top$ .  
 (d) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the quadratic form  $f(x, y, z)$  associated to  $\mathbf{B}$ , and prove it is positive defined.

*Versión de un ejercicio proporcionado por Mercedes Vazquez***EXERCISE 2.** Consider the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{and the vector} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which values of  $a$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible?  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider  $a = 5$ . Using the Cramer's rule, compute the fourth coordinate  $x_4$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  for linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Compute  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ . Use the matrix  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  to solve  $\mathbf{Bx} = \mathbf{b}$ .

*Proporcionado por Mercedes Vazquez***EXERCISE 3.** Consider the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Find the echelon form of the coefficient matrix. For which values of  $a$  the system has one and only one solution.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider  $a = 2$ . How many variables are free? which ones can be chosen as free variables? (remember that column exchange is possible!). Find the dimension of the null space of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , find a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , and solve the system.  
 (c) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Consider the non-linear system

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + \frac{y^2}{2} + 4\sqrt{z} = 5.5 \\ 2x^2 + y + 2z = 5 \end{cases}$$

Is the vector (1,1,1) a solution to the system? Compute an approximate solution when  $z = 1.1$ .*Versión de un ejercicio proporcionado por Mercedes Vazquez***EXERCISE 4.** Consider the linear system

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{with solution } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Find the dimension of the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Explain your answer.  
 (b) (1<sup>pts</sup>) Construct the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Explain your answer.  
 (c) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) For which right hand side vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  such as  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 2$  and  $\det(\mathbf{B}) = -2$   
 $3 \times 3$                        $3 \times 3$ 

- (a) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Compute the determinants of  $\mathbf{AB}^2$  and  $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1}$   
 (b) (0.5<sup>pts</sup>) Is it possible to compute the rank of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ ? and the rank of  $\mathbf{AB}$ ?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Given the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 3/5 \\ b & 4/5 \end{pmatrix}$ , compute the values (if they exist) of  $a$  and  $b$  such as

- (a) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A}$  is ortho-normal.
- (b) (0.5pts) Columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent.
- (c) (0.5pts)  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (d) (0.5pts)  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric definite negative matrix.

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the following linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  where

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

- (a) (0.5pts) Find the values of  $a$  such as the set of solutions of the linear system is a line.
- (b) (0.5pts) Find the values of  $a$  such as the set of solutions of the linear system is a plane?

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4.**

- (a) (0.5pts) Find an homogeneous system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  such as its solutions set is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}. \right\}$$

- (b) (0.5pts) If the characteristic polynomial of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $p(\lambda) = \lambda^5 + 3\lambda^4 - 24\lambda^3 + 28\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 10$ , find the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**3.25. Final September 09/10****EXERCISE 1.** Consider the matrix

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

- (a) (0.5 pts) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable when  $a = 3$ .
- (b) (1 pt) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable when  $a = 2$ ? (explain). If it is diagonalizable, find an eigenvalue diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and an eigenvector matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SDS}^{-1}$ .
- (c) Is  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable for any value  $a$ ? Is it possible to find a full set of orthonormal eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) Find all possible values  $a$  such as  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and diagonalizable.

**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = -1 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 5x_4 = -5 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 - 7x_4 = 7 \end{cases}$$

- (a) (0.5 pts) What is the rank of the coefficient matrix?
- (b) (1.5 pts) Find all solutions to the system of linear equations
- (c) (0.5 pts) Describe the geometric shape of the collection of all solutions to the above equations considered as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** We have a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\det \mathbf{A} = 3$ . Compute the determinant of the following matrices:

- (a) (0.5 pts)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b-4 & 3 & 4 \\ c-6 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (0.5 pts)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7a & 7 & 14 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) (1 pts)

$$(2\mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$$

- (d) (0.5 pts)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider a linear system of algebraic equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Here the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has three rows and four columns.

- (a) Does such a linear system always have at least one solution? If not provide an example for which no solution exists.
- (b) Can such a linear system have a unique solution? If so, provide an example of a problem with this property.
- (c) Formulate, if possible, necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  which guarantee that at least one solution exists.
- (d) Formulate, if possible, necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\mathbf{A}$  which guarantee that at least one solution exists for any choice of  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.**

- (a) Consider the matrix

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

Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

- (b) Find a unit vector with the same direction as  $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 0, 4, -2)$ .  
(c) Consider the following quadratic form

$$q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 6xy + y^2 + az^2;$$

Decide for which values  $a$  the quadratic form is positive definite, negative definite, semidefinite, or indefinite.

- (d) Compute the following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

- (e) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue 2, and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is another eigenvector for  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue -2. If  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , compute  $(\mathbf{A}^3)\mathbf{v}$ .  
(f) True or false? (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)  
If  $\mathbf{A}^T = 2\mathbf{A}$ , then the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly dependent.

**3.26. Final June 09/10**

**EXERCISE 1.** By performing row eliminations on the following  $4 \times 7$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 5 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & -1 & -7 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we got the following matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- Find the complete solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Write, if it is possible, the general solution for  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  as a function of  $x_2$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_6$ .
- Is it possible to find a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that is not in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  ( $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution)? If it is, give an example.
- Give a right hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  such as the vector  $\mathbf{x} = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$  is a solution to the system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

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**EXERCISE 2.** Consider the matrix

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

- Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?
- Is it possible to find a matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal?
- Find  $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}|$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** Consider the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x - y + 2z &= 1 \\ 2x - 3y + mz &= 3 \\ -x + 2y + 3z &= 2m \end{cases}$$

- Show that the system has solution for any value  $m$
- Find the solution when  $m = -1$ .
- Is the set of solutions to the system in the last question ( $m = -1$ ) a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Is there any  $m$  such as the set of solutions to the system is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?... and a point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- Find the solution to the system when  $m = 1$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 1.** Consider the squared matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ . True or false? (to receive full credit you must explain your answers in a clear and concise way)

- If  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I}$  then  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ .
- $(\mathbf{AB})^2 = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B}^2$ .
- $|\mathbf{AA}^T| = |\mathbf{A}|^2$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 2.** Consider a 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -1$ ; and let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 1, 1)$  be the corresponding eigenvectors to  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

- Is  $\mathbf{A}$  diagonalizable?
- Is  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 0, -1)$  an eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_3 = -1$ ?
- Compute  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2)$ .

**SHORT QUESTIONS SET 3.** Consider the matrix

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

- (a) Prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible for any value of  $a$ .
- (b) Compute  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  when  $a = 0$ .

SHORT QUESTIONS SET 4. Consider the following quadratic forms

$$\begin{aligned}q_1(x, y, z) &= x^2 + 4y^2 + 5z^2 - 4xy. \\q_2(x, y, z) &= -x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 + 2xy - 2axz.\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that  $q_1(x, y, z)$  is positive semi-definite.
- (b) Find, if it is possible, any value of  $a$  such as  $q_2(x, y, z)$  is negative definite.

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## Soluciones

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 1(a)** The corresponding matrix is  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Its characteristic polynomial is:

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda(-\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 5) = 0.$$

Hence the matrix is *semi*-definite positive, since its spectrum (the roots) is  $\{0, 1, 5\}$ . Therefore, the matrix is positive semidefinite since its spectrum (the roots) is 0, 1, 5. But it is much easier to check that there are no negative entries on the diagonal of the matrix obtained by diagonalizing by *congruence*:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 1(b)** Lets use a method that cannot fail

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & a-1 & 1-a \\ 1 & 1-a & a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & -a \\ 0 & -a & a+1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is impossible, there is at least one negative and another positive eigenvalues regardless of the value of  $a$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 2(a)**  $P^* = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}$

since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 2(b)**  $P^* = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  since

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z & w \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ x & x+y & x+2z & w \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ x & x+y & -y+2z & w+x+y \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 3(a)** Since both perpendicular vectors correspond to a square with sides of length 1, the enclosed area is 1. Therefore, possible values for the determinant are 1 or  $-1$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 3(b)** Using elementary transformations we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \det[(\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2); (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2);] &= \det[(\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2); 2\mathbf{q}_1;] && \text{Adding the first column to the second} \\ &= 2 \det[(\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2); \mathbf{q}_1;] \\ &= 2 \det[-\mathbf{q}_2; \mathbf{q}_1;] && \text{Subtracting the second column from the first} \\ &= -2 \det[\mathbf{q}_2; \mathbf{q}_1;] \\ &= 2 \det[\mathbf{q}_1; \mathbf{q}_2;] && \text{swapping the columns} \end{aligned}$$



That is, this determinant can only be 2 or  $-2$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 4.** Since  $(\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I})$  is singular,  $\lambda = 4$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^2$ . Hence an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda = 2$  or  $\lambda = -2$  (or both).

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 5(a) False.**  $(0, 2)$  is a solution of  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , but not of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 5(b) False.**  $(-1, 1)$  is a solution of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , but not of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 5(c) False.**  $(1, 1)$  is a solution of  $(x, y) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (2, 2)$ , but not of  $(x, y) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (2, 2)$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 5(d) True.** Let  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{A}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} = \mathbf{R}$ , then

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 22/23) Exercise 6(a)** The vectors orthogonal to the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  are the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since we know that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular and it is clearly not rank one, it follows that the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is two. The first two rows are independent and therefore the orthogonal complement of the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is spanned by the two first row vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\} = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right).$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 1(a)** Como  $\mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^3\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (2)^3 \\ (-2)^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -16 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -32 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Otra forma de verlo: como  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(1)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$  entonces

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ Así } \mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (2)^3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-2)^3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 1(b)** Since  $q(x, y, z) = az^2 + 2x^2 + 8xy + y^2 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ ,

diagonalizando por congruencia:  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-2)\mathbf{1}+2]}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{array} \right]$ , concluimos que  $q(x, y, z)$  puede

tomar valores tanto positivos como negativos (sea cual sea el valor de  $a$ ).

*Alternativamente:* los menores principales son 2,  $-14$  y  $-14a$ , por lo que la forma cuadrática puede tomar valores tanto positivos como negativos (sea cual sea el valor de  $a$ ).

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 2(a)** Since the matrix is triangular, the eigenvalues are the numbers on the main diagonal:  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

**For**  $\lambda = -1$ . Como  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{1I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , a basis of eigespace  $\mathcal{E}_{(\lambda=-1)}$  is  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

**For**  $\lambda = 2$ . Como  $(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , a basis of  $\mathcal{E}_{(\lambda=2)}$  is  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 2(b)** Yes, since there are 4 linearly independent eigenvectors

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 2(c)** This factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^\top$  implies that  $\mathbf{A}$  must be symmetric; but  $\mathbf{A}$  is not. Therefore, it is not possible.

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 2(d)**  $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} = \frac{1}{\text{product of eigenvalues of } \mathbf{A}} = -\frac{1}{8}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 3(a)**  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \Rightarrow 2 + 2 + \lambda_3 = 3 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_3 = -1}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 3(b)**  $\text{rg}((\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})) = 1 \Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{N}((\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})) = 2$ ; therefore  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable since the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda = 2$  is equal to its algebraic multiplicity.

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 4(a)**  $\mathbf{P}_A = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  and  $\mathbf{P}_B = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top$  (since columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are orthonormal).

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 4(b)** Since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}) \subset \mathbb{R}^5$  has dimension 3, its orthogonal complement has dimension 2. So, there are non-zero vectors  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})^\perp$ , and for any  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})^\perp$  the projection  $(\mathbf{P}_B)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{P}_B$  is singular and  $\boxed{\det(\mathbf{P}_B) = 0}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 4(c)** Since  $\mathbf{P}_B$  projects any vector of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ , and since the columns of both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  belong to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ , then  $(\mathbf{P}_B)\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}$  and  $(\mathbf{P}_B)\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 4(d)** Since the columns of  $(\mathbf{P}_B)$  are linear combinations of the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  and the columns of  $(\mathbf{P}_A)$  are linear combinations of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , using the same reasoning  $(\mathbf{P}_B)(\mathbf{P}_A) = \mathbf{P}_A$  and  $(\mathbf{P}_A)(\mathbf{P}_B) = \mathbf{P}_B$ .

Another way: 
$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{P}_B)(\mathbf{P}_A) = (\mathbf{P}_B)\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{P}_A) \\ (\mathbf{P}_A)(\mathbf{P}_B) = (\mathbf{P}_B)\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top = (\mathbf{P}_B) \end{cases}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 5(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} &= (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{q}_3) \cdot (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{q}_3) \\ &= c_1^2 (\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1) + c_1 c_2 (\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2) + \cdots + c_3 c_2 (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2) + c_3^2 (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_3) \\ &= c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 22/23) Exercise 5(b)**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{q}_3) \cdot (c_1 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_3) \\ &= (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{q}_3) \cdot (c_1 \lambda_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + c_3 \lambda_3 \mathbf{q}_3) \\ &= c_1^2 \lambda_1 + c_2^2 \lambda_2 + c_3^2 \lambda_3. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(a)** Let's find a vector in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  perpendicular to  $\mathbf{A}_{|1}$ . That is  $(\mathbf{A}_{|1}) \cdot (a\mathbf{A}_{|1} + b\mathbf{A}_{|2}) = 0$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \left( a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ 2a-b \\ -2a+4b \end{pmatrix} = 9a - 9b = 0;$$

so  $a = b$ . Then (for  $a = 1$ ),  $\mathbf{A}_{|1} + \mathbf{A}_{|2} = (2, 1, 2)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  and it is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{A}_{|1}$ .

Hence, an orthogonal basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(b)** Applying elimination to find a vector perpendicular to the previous basis vectors:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(2)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2)\mathbf{2}+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

So the system  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is orthogonal. As we want orthonormal vectors, we have to

divide each vector by its length:  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(c)** The orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ , i.e. the left null space:  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(d)** Since  $[\mathbf{q}_3]^\top [\mathbf{q}_3] = [1] = \mathbf{I}_{1 \times 1}$ ,

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{q}_3]([\mathbf{q}_3]^\top [\mathbf{q}_3])^{-1} [\mathbf{q}_3]^\top = [\mathbf{q}_3][\mathbf{q}_3]^\top = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & -2 \\ -4 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(e)** Using the projection matrix  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$  we can compute the projection onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & -2 \\ -4 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(f)** It is the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  with the coefficients of the linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  that is closest to  $\mathbf{v}$ . So we can solve the normal equations, but, since we already known the projection,  $\mathbf{p}$ , we can simply solve  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(3)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 6 & -12 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2)\mathbf{2}+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Hence, the least squares solution is  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 1(g)** We only need to find a matrix whose row is a nonzero vector orthogonal to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  (and we have found such a vector in part b). Hence

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (0,)\}.$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 2.** Diagonalizing  $\mathbf{A}$  by congruence we get:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & d & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & d-4 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d-4 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(d-4)\mathbf{3}] \\ [(2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d-4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 12-4d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(d-4)\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d-4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4(d-4)(d-3) \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $d-4 > 0$  then  $-4(d-4)(d-3) < 0$ . So, there is no such value of  $d$ .

Another way to see the same is computing the leading principal minors of  $\mathbf{A}$ : 1,  $(d-4)$  and  $(12-4d)$ . These are never all positive.

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 3(a)** For any  $\mathbf{A}$  of order  $n$  we know that  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = n - \text{rg}(\mathbf{A})$  = the number of eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  which are 0. So:  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 3(b)**  $\det(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}) = \det \mathbf{A}^\top \cdot \det \mathbf{A} = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 3(c)** When we add  $\mathbf{I}$  to a matrix, it increases the eigenvalues by 1 (since we need to subtract another unit from the main diagonal to get a singular matrix). So the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$  are 1, 2 and 3, and  $|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}| = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 6$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 3(d)** The eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}$  are  $\frac{1}{1}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

□

**(Grupo D curso 21/22) Exercise 4.** Since  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is triangular, its eigenvalues are the diagonal entries:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } \lambda = -2: \mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(-2)}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix};\right) \\ \text{For } \lambda = 0: \mathbf{A} - 0\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(0)}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix};\right) \end{array} \right\}; \quad \text{so } \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 1(a)** For any symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{C}$  is also symmetric since  $(\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{C})^\top = \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{C}$ . Hence  $\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] & [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix} = \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] & [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix}$  is symmetric since  $\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix} = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix}\right)^\top$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 1(b)** For any symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{C}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence  $\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] & [(3)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1}] \end{smallmatrix} = \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] & [(3)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1}] \end{smallmatrix}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$  since  $\begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(3)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1}] \end{smallmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 1(c)** Any triangular matrix with those values in the main diagonal.

For example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 1(d)** Impossible. To be a rank-one matrix only one non-zero eigenvalue is possible (with multiplicity 1).

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 1(e) We need an orthogonal matrix. For example  $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 1, 2, 4.

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 2(a) The projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  projects onto the column space of  $\mathbf{P}$  which is the line

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 2(b) The difference between  $\mathbf{v}$  and its projection is

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix};$$

so the distance is  $\|\mathbf{e}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}} = \sqrt{2}$ .

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 2(c) Since  $\mathbf{P}$  projects onto a line, its three eigenvalues are 0, 0, 1. Since  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric, it has a full set of (orthogonal) eigenvectors, and is then diagonalizable.

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 3(a)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } \lambda = \frac{1}{2}: \mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(\frac{1}{2})}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ \text{For } \lambda = 1: \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(1)}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 3(b) } \mathbf{A}^\infty = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Grupo E curso 21/22) Exercise 4.

1. The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are: 1, 1, 2.
2.  $\mathbf{A}$  might or might not be diagonalizable.
3.  $\mathbf{A}$  might or might not be symmetric.

$\mathbf{A}$  definitely (!) has positive eigenvalues. However it might not be symmetric, so  $\mathbf{A}$  might or might not be positive definite.

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 1(a) Since  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^T = \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{S}^{-1})^T$

- The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  are the same as the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$

- The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  are the columns of  $(\mathbf{S}^{-1})^\top$

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 1(b)  $x = 3$  and  $y = 4$  for symmetry, and  $z = 5$  to be singular:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & z-9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & z-5 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 1(c) I need to multiply on the left by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underset{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{1}]}{\mathbf{I}}.$$

So, subtract the second row from the first. Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underset{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{1}]}{\mathbf{C}} \underset{[(1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]}{\mathbf{C}}$

is similar to  $\mathbf{C}$  and therefore it has the same eigenvalues.

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 2(a)  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \text{Basis: } \left[ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 2(b)

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 3. Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(3)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; and since  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[\mathbf{2} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{3}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; then, if we call the first

matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  and we call the last matrix  $\mathbf{C}$   $|\mathbf{A}| = \frac{|\mathbf{C}|}{|\mathbf{B}|} = \frac{-27}{-1} = 27$ .

□

(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 4(a) It is solvable when  $a \neq 5$  or  $c = 10$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -6 \\ 1 & 3 & a & -c \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & a-1 & 2-c \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(4)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & a-5 & 10-c \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 4(b)** The solution set is  $\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}$ . □

**(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 4(c)** We only need to check the signs of the pivots of any diagonal matrix that is congruent with  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[( -1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & a-1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[( -1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}] \\ [(-1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & a-1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2) \mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & a-5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2) \mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- When  $a > 5$  positive definite.
- When  $a = 5$  positive *semidefinite*.
- When  $a < 5$  Neither positive nor negative definite.

□

**(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 5(a)** We first have to find a vector in the direction of the line. We let

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_q = (1, -3, 1) - (-2, 2, -2) = (3, -5, 3).$$

A parametric representation of the line is therefore

$$L = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

□

**(Grupo D curso 20/21) Exercise 5(b)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(3) \mathbf{2}] \\ [(5) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ v_1 & 5v_1 + 3v_2 & -v_1 + v_3 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$L = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 1(a)** Lets find a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}] \\ [(1) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}] \\ [(-2) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1) \mathbf{3} + \mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The closest vector in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is the linear combination  $\mathbf{N}\mathbf{c}$  where  $\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , such that  $\mathbf{c}$

satisfies  $\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{b}$  (the normal equations). Since  $\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(5) \mathbf{2}] \\ [(2) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}] \\ [(5) \mathbf{3}] \\ [(3) \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 11 & -11 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1) \mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 11 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(\frac{1}{5}) \mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 11 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

So, the solution  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  that is closest to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = 1\mathbf{N}_{|1} + 1\mathbf{N}_{|2} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\square$

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 1(b)** If we choose the first column of  $\mathbf{N}$  as one of the vectors of the basis, we need to find a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{N}$  that is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{N}_{|1}$ . So

$$(\mathbf{N}_{|1}) \cdot (a\mathbf{N}_{|1} + b\mathbf{N}_{|2}) = (2, 1, 0, 0) \cdot \left( a \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow a(5) + b(-2) = 0.$$

Hence, if  $a = 2$  and  $b = 5$  then  $2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 5 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{N})$  and it is orthogonal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Dividing each vector by its length we get an orthonormal basis:

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{55}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}; \right]$$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 2(a)**  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\perp \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{b} \perp \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)}.$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 2(b)**  $\boxed{|\mathbf{A}| = (1) \cdot (3) \cdot (5) \cdot (7) = 105}.$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)1+3] \\ [(-1)1+4] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)2+3] \\ [(-1)2+4] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)3+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 3(a)**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ d & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ d+3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4 = \lambda 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4 \\ d+3 = \lambda 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow d+3 = 12 \Rightarrow \boxed{d=9}.$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 3(b)** Matrix  $(\mathbf{A} - (2)\mathbf{I})$  must be singular. Hence

$$|\mathbf{A} - (2)\mathbf{I}| = \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ d & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - d = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{d=1}.$$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 3(c)** The issue of nondiagonalizability only comes up for a matrix that has some repeated eigenvalues. So  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ . Therefore  $2\lambda = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = 2 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$ . Hence  $|\mathbf{A}| = \lambda^2 = \lambda = 1$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ d & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - d = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{d=0}.$$

 $\square$ 

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 4.**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 11 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)1+2] \\ [(-2)1+3] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & -18 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(3)2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



□

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 5(a)**

Since the right hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  has three rows. In addition,  $\mathbf{x}$  also belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , thus  $\mathbf{A}$  has three columns.

Besides, there are two special solutions; therefore  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3 - \dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 3 - 2 = 1$ . It follows that there is only one pivot row, hence  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = 1$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 5(b)**

From the particular solution, it follows that  $2\mathbf{A}_{|1} = (2, 4, 2)$ , hence,  $\mathbf{A}_{|1} = (1, 2, 1)$ . Because the rank is 1, the other columns are multiples of the first one. From the first special solution we know that the second column must be the opposite of the first one, since,  $\mathbf{A}_{|1} + \mathbf{A}_{|2} = \mathbf{0}$ . Finally, from the second special solution it follows that,  $\mathbf{A}_{|3} = \mathbf{0}$ . Consequently,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 5(c)** For any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ; therefore, *only for any multiple of the first column*.

□

**(Grupo E curso 20/21) Exercise 6.** Since  $\lambda$  and  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  have the same sign when  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we can answer checking the signs of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{1}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{1}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  have positive and negative eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{A}$  is indefinite.

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 1(a)** A parametric representation of that line is:  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} + \alpha(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence, multiplying the parametric part by 4 (in order to avoid fractions), we can find an implicit equation of the same line.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & y & (z-3x) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} -3x & + z = 0 \\ & y = 0 \end{cases}}$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 1(b)** Yes, it is the set of solutions to an homogeneous linear system. Note that it is the set of multiples of  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 3)$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{b}$  is  $\frac{-1}{3}\mathbf{a}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 1(c)** The closest point  $\mathbf{p}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{z}$  onto the span of  $(1, 0, 3)$ , that is

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 1(d)** On the one hand,  $\mathbf{p}$  is a point in the line since  $\mathbf{p} = \frac{8}{10}\mathbf{a}$ ;

On the other hand  $\mathbf{e} = (2, 2, 2) - \frac{8}{10}(1, 0, 3) = \frac{1}{10}(20, 20, 20) - \frac{8}{10}(1, 0, 3) = \frac{1}{10}(12, 20, -4)$  is perpendicular to the line, since  $\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{p}$  is multiple of  $\mathbf{a}$  closest to  $(2, 2, 2)$ .

The distance is  $\|e\| = \sqrt{e \cdot e} = \sqrt{\frac{144+400+16}{100}} = \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{560}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 2(a)** Since the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is 2, these columns are linearly independent. The dot product  $v_1 \cdot v_2$  is zero, and therefore these vectors are orthogonal.

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 2(b)**

When  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, we can find three orthogonal eigenvectors. Using gaussian elimination we can find a third eigenvector  $v_3$  perpendicular to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)3+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ belongs to that subspace.}$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 2(c)**

If  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 2$  then  $\lambda_3 = 0$ . Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive *semidefinite*.

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 2(d)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is diagonalizable as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^T$ , where columns of the orthonormal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 3(a)** The first and third columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are the same, while the first and second columns are linearly independent. This means that the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\boxed{2}$ . The rank of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  and the rank of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  are equal to the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 3(b)** A basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is then just the first two columns

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

The nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is one dimensional, and since the first and third columns are the same, a basis for

$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is given by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Finally,  $\boxed{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})}$ , and so our basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is also a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 3(c)**  $p = \mathbf{A}\hat{x}$  is the projection of  $b$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 3(d)** To find  $\hat{x}$  we must solve the normal equations  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}\hat{x} = \mathbf{A}^Tb$ . However, since  $\mathbf{A}$  only has two linearly independent columns we can simplify our calculations by instead

using the full column rank matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ ; and solve the normal equations  $\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{b}$  to find  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{B} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ . We can calculate

$$\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

the normal equations are then:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Finally, we can compute

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{B} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 18/19) Exercise 4. False:** We can get a matrix whose columns are the vectors in  $B^*$  using the following product of matrices, where the columns of the first matrix are vectors in  $B$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}), & (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}), & 2\mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the right hand side matrix is singular, vectors in  $B^*$  must be dependent. We can find the same result by gaussian elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}), & (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}), & 2\mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}), & \mathbf{w}, & 2\mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}), & \mathbf{w}, & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  one eigenvalue is  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . Since the trace is 1.5 the second eigenvalue is  $\lambda_2 = 0.5$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 1(b)** We already known that all non-zero multiples of  $(1, 1)$  are the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . To find the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 0.5$ , we look at  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x}_2 &= [\mathbf{A} - 0.5 \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .4 & .1 \\ .4 & .1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}; \\ \mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1} &= \mathcal{L}\{(1, 1)\}; \quad \mathcal{E}_{\lambda=0.5} = \mathcal{L}\{(1, -4)\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 1(c)** We have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$$

so

$$\mathbf{A}^k \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^k (\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1 + 0.5^k \mathbf{x}_2$$

Since  $(0.5)^k$  goes to 0 as  $k$  goes to infinity, the limiting value of  $\mathbf{A}^k \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 2(a)** Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has three columns. Since  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ , the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2. Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ , matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has four rows.

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 2(b)** If  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable, then  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , this means that an equivalent condition for  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  to be solvable is that  $\mathbf{b}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ . This gives us two constraints on  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = 1 \\ \alpha - \beta = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 1; \beta = 0}.$$

For these values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is not unique, since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  has dimension 1: given any particular solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , we can add on any multiple of  $(1, 0, -1,)$  and the resulting vector would still be a solution. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 2(c)** The vector  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 2, -3,)$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and so we can only project onto  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ . To project onto  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , we use the formula to project  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the span of  $(1, 0, -1,)$

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To compute the projection onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , recall that if  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto some subspace, then  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{y}$  will project  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the orthogonal complement of this subspace. Since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 3(a)** First this matrix is clearly symmetric as  $\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}$ . Since  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal  $\mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  and so this gives an orthogonal diagonalization (by similarity and congruence), so  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues 1, 2, 3, 4 > 0 and is thus positive definite. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 3(b)** From part (a) we know that each of  $\mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}_i^\top$  are positive definite, so for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$   $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x} > 0$ . So we get  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{x} > 0$  and it follows that  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite as  $\mathbf{A}$  is clearly symmetric as it is the sum of symmetric matrices. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 3(c)** We have  $\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}$ , so  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric. Also  $\mathbf{v} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{v}) \geq 0$  as  $\mathbf{D}$  is positive definite and the inequality is strict as long as  $\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . So we get that  $\mathbf{A}$  is not positive definite as long as  $\mathbf{X}^\top$  is not full column rank. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 3(d)** This is a projection matrix to a 1 dimensional space, so  $\mathbf{P}$  has rank 1. It thus has a non-trivial nullspace and so has a 0 eigenvalue. So not all eigenvalues are positive and thus is not positive definite. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 3(e)** Applying *Type I* elementary transformations we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & & & & \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & 2 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{1}{2})^{2+1}] \\ [(-\frac{2}{3})^{3+2}] \\ [(-\frac{3}{4})^{4+3}] \\ \vdots \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & & & & \\ 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 & & & \\ & 1 & \frac{4}{3} & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 & \frac{n}{n-1} & 0 \\ & & & & 1 & \frac{n+1}{n} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{1}{2})^{2+1}] \\ [(-\frac{2}{3})^{3+2}] \\ [(-\frac{3}{4})^{4+3}] \\ \vdots \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{1} & & & & & \\ & \frac{3}{2} & & & & \\ & & \frac{4}{3} & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \frac{n+1}{n} & \end{bmatrix};$$

so it is positive definite.

Alternatively, we can use determinants: Let's denote by  $T(n)$  the determinant of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}_n$ . By expanding the determinant along the first column, we get the formula

$$T(n) = 2T(n-1) - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & & & \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 2 & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2T(n-1) - T(n-2)$$

Were we expand the second determinant along the first row. Also  $T(1) = 2$  and  $T(2) = 3$ , so we can check  $T(n) = n + 1 > 0$ . So we have  $\mathbf{A}_n$  is symmetric and all top left corner determinants are positive so it is positive definite. □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 4(a)**  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3 by 3. One eigenvalue is 2 and, since  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular, another eigenvalue is 0. Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  has dimension 2, the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda = 0$  is 2. Therefore,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable (we can find three linearly independent eigenvectors). □

**(Grupo E curso 18/19) Exercise 4(b)** Since the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$  has dimension two, it is possible to find two perpendicular eigenvectors in that eigenspace. We need to verify if the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$  is orthogonal to the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ . Since

$$(3, 2, 4) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 5,$$

these eigenspaces are not orthogonal. Hence,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric. □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ , it is singular. □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 1(b)** Since the rank is not 0, such a basis exist. We can apply Gram-Schmidt:

1. Elegimos un primer vector:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Proyectamos un segundo vector sobre el primero y nos quedamos con la diferencia ("la parte del segundo vector" que es ortogonal al primer vector):

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - [\mathbf{a}_1]([\mathbf{a}_1]^\top [\mathbf{a}_1])^{-1} [\mathbf{a}_1]^\top \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{8}{9} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. ...y comprobamos que son perpendiculares:  $\frac{1}{9} (10, -7, 2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ .

4. Por último normalizamos los dos vectores:  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{17}} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

donde  $\|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{(100+49+4)}{81} = \frac{153}{81} = \frac{17}{9}$  por lo que tenemos que  $\|\mathbf{v}_2\| = \frac{\sqrt{17}}{3}$

An orthonormal basis:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \frac{1}{3\sqrt{17}} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 1(c)** Such product  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  does not exist since  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is singular.

But we can use the two first columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ ; hence, if  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2]$ , the projection matrix is  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top$ .

Or we can use an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ :

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10/\sqrt{17} \\ 2 & -7/\sqrt{17} \\ 2 & 2/\sqrt{17} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{17}/\sqrt{17} & 10/\sqrt{17} \\ 2\sqrt{17}/\sqrt{17} & -7/\sqrt{17} \\ 2\sqrt{17}/\sqrt{17} & 2/\sqrt{17} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt{17}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{17} & 10 \\ 2\sqrt{17} & -7 \\ 2\sqrt{17} & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

so the projection matrix is  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 1(d)** Hence, the projection matrix is

$$\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top = \frac{1}{(3 \cdot \sqrt{17})^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{17} & 10 \\ 2\sqrt{17} & -7 \\ 2\sqrt{17} & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{17} & 2\sqrt{17} & 2\sqrt{17} \\ 10 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9 \cdot 17} \begin{bmatrix} 117 & -36 & 54 \\ -36 & 117 & 54 \\ 54 & 54 & 72 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 13 & -4 & 6 \\ -4 & 13 & 6 \\ 6 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 2(a)**

A parametric equation for this line is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} + \alpha(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $(-3, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 0)$  are orthogonal to  $(\frac{4}{3}, 0, 4)$ , a cartesian equation for this line is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3x + z = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 3(a)** Using leading principal minors:

$$4 - b^2 > 0; \quad 16 - 4 - 4b^2 = 12 - 4b^2 > 0;$$

or gaussian elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & 0 \\ b & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-b)1+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 4-b^2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\frac{2}{4-b^2})2+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 4-b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4-\frac{4}{4-b^2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4-b^2 > 0 \\ 16-4b^2-4=12-4b^2 > 0 \end{cases}.$$

we get the same conclusion:  $\begin{cases} 4-b^2 > 0 \rightarrow |b| < 2 \\ 3-b^2 > 0 \rightarrow |b| < \sqrt{3} \end{cases}; \quad \text{so } \boxed{-\sqrt{3} < b < \sqrt{3}}.$

□

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 3(b)** Since

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x};$$

is a sum of squares, where  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x} > 0$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 3(c)**

The matrix  $\mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive definite unless not all columns are pivot columns ( $\text{rank} < n$ ). In that case the matrix is symmetric positive *semidefinite*. □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 4(a)**

Since the rows of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and since the rank of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is 3,  $\boxed{\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{Q}^\top) = \mathbb{R}^3}.$  □

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 4(b)**

It is the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{Q})$ . Hence, it is

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{Q} \left[ (\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b} \right] = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b},$$

in other words:  $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Q} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 17/18) Exercise 4(c)**

The error vector  $\mathbf{e} \equiv \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)$ :

$$\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top] \mathbf{b}.$$

Or, in a different way

$$\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = [\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{Q}] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = [\mathbf{b} | q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{b}.$$

The error vector  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)$  since:  $\mathbf{Q}^\top (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{Q}^\top [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top] \mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{Q}^\top - \mathbf{Q}^\top] \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot (3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7) - 2 \cdot (4) = 97.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 1(b)**

$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  is singular and therefore its determinant is 0. Let's see why it is singular:

Let  $\mathbf{E}$  be a product of several elementary matrices such that  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{R}$ , is the reduced echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ ; since  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank 2, the last column of  $\mathbf{R}$  is full of zeros, therefore

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{E}$$

has a column full of zeros; hence  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$  is singular. In other words, since  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{E}$  has a column full of zeros

$$0 = \det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{E}) = \det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top) \cdot \det(\mathbf{E}),$$

but since  $\det(\mathbf{E}) \neq 0$  it follows that  $\det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top) = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 2(a)**

The eigenvalues are 1 and -1 since

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0; & (\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = 0) \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -1; & (\det \mathbf{A} = -1) \end{cases}$$

For  $\lambda = 1$  we get

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 8 \\ -28 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 8 \\ -28 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ .

For  $\lambda = -1$  we get  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & 8 \\ -28 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -14 & 8 \\ -28 & 16 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(4)1] \\ [(\bar{7})2]}} \begin{bmatrix} -56 & 56 \\ -112 & 112 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)2+1]} \begin{bmatrix} -56 & 0 \\ -112 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -1$ .

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 2(b)**

Therefore

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 2(c)**

$$\mathbf{A}^{37} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}^{37} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 1^{37} & \\ & -1^{37} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 3(a)**

Let  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & \\ & 9 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 3(b)**

1. Elegimos un primer vector:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1$
2. Proyectamos un segundo vector sobre el primero y nos quedamos con la diferencia (el componente del segundo vector que es ortogonal al primer vector):

*pero en este caso, como  $\mathbf{a}_1$  ya es perpendicular a  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , resulta que  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2$ .*

(Si no nos damos cuenta y lo calculamos, obtenemos lo que acabamos de indicar:)

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - [\mathbf{a}_1]([\mathbf{a}_1]^\top [\mathbf{a}_1])^{-1} [\mathbf{a}_1]^\top \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Proyectamos  $\mathbf{b}$  sobre el espacio generado por los vectores anteriores y nos quedamos con la diferencia (el componente de  $\mathbf{b}$  que es ortogonal a  $\mathbf{v}_1$  y  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . Como ya hemos calculado dicha proyección en el apartado anterior, solo queda calcular la diferencia:

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Por último normalizamos los tres vectores. Como todos ellos tienen norma 3 tenemos que

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 4(a)**

Los autovectores  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  y  $\mathbf{w}$  son linealmente independientes puesto que corresponden a autovalores distintos. Además, puesto que dos autovalores son distintos de cero,  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$ , y  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ . Así,

- $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is the spam of  $\mathbf{u}$   
(es la recta consistente en todos los múltiplos de  $\mathbf{u}$ )



- $\begin{cases} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \\ \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \text{ is the spam of } \{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$   
(es el plano consistente en todas las combinaciones lineales de  $\mathbf{v}$  y  $\mathbf{w}$ )
- $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \perp \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0\}$   
(es el plano consistente en todos los vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{u}$ )

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 4(b)**

Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is the spam of  $\mathbf{u}$ , we only need to find a particular solution. Since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{w}$  it follows that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$ ; hence the set of all solutions is

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} = \left( \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w} \right) + a\mathbf{u}; \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 17/18) Exercise 4(c)**

For any orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  we get  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ . Hence  $\det(\mathbf{Q})^2 = 1$ , and therefore  $\det(\mathbf{Q})$  is either 1 or  $-1$ . But  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 1.**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(2)\mathbf{1}+4] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -4 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{3}+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -5 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(5/3)\mathbf{2}+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ 5/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-2)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+4] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So, a basis for } \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) : \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \quad \text{a basis for } \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) : \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 2(b)**

It is the set of vectors

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 2(c)**

$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ; Basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ : the  $n$  columns of  $\mathbf{I}$ ; (Or the  $n$  columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  or  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ).

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 3(a)**

The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 1 with multiplicity one and  $1/4$  with multiplicity two. Clearly the eigenvectors with eigenvalue 1 are the non-zero multiples of the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$ . The remaining eigenvectors are all non-zero vector of the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{L}([(1, 1, 1);])$ . Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{3}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a basis for this orthogonal complement is  $[(-1, 1, 0); (-1, 0, 1);]$ , so they belong to the eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_{1/4}(\mathbf{A})$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 1/4$ . Hence, they are the vectors  $((-y - z), y, z)$  for  $y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 3(b)**

but they are not perpendicular. Lets find two perpendicular eigenvectors in  $\mathcal{E}_{1/4}(\mathbf{A})$ .

$$0 = (-1, 1, 0) \cdot \left( a \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 2a + b \Rightarrow b = -2a. \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{E}_{1/4}(\mathbf{A}).$$

For the matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  we may choose the orthogonal matrix

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  is then the diagonal matrix with entries 1,  $1/4$ , and  $1/4$  along the diagonal. We have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{Q} \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{D}^k \right) \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}^T,$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 3(c)**

Remember, is  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  then

$$(\mathbf{A} - b\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - b\mathbf{x} = (\lambda - b)\mathbf{x}$$

- Any  $r < 1/4$  is such that  $\mathbf{A} - r\mathbf{I}$  is positive definite. Since we want  $r$  to be positive, we may choose  $r = 1/8$ .
- Any  $1/4 < s < 1$  is such that  $\mathbf{A} - s\mathbf{I}$  is neither positive nor negative definite. We may choose  $s = 1/2$ .
- Any  $1 < t$  is such that  $\mathbf{A} - t\mathbf{I}$  is negative definite. We may choose  $t = 2$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 4(a)**

The vectors  $(-1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, 1)$  form a basis for the subspace  $x + y + z = 0$ . Hence, the plane consist of the points in the set

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \left| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right. \right\}$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 4(b)**

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the matrix whose columns are the two vectors found above. Thus the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  onto the subspace  $x + y + z = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

The projection of  $(1, 2, 6)$  onto the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  is thus simply

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 5(a)**

Since  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ ,  $\det(\mathbf{P})^2 = \det(\mathbf{P})$ , so that only 0 or 1 are possible.

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 5(b)**

Starting with  $\mathbf{I}$ , a permutation matrix is obtained through column (or row) exchanges, therefore we can get only  $\pm 1$ .

□

**(Grupo B curso 16/17) Exercise 6(a)**

We need to check two statements: the vector  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p})$  is orthogonal to the space generated by  $\mathcal{L}([\mathbf{a}_1; \dots; \mathbf{a}_n])$  and the vector  $\mathbf{p}$  lies in that subspace. The first condition we check by seeing if the scalar products  $\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}), \dots, \mathbf{a}_n \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p})$  are all zero.

The second condition we check by considering the  $m \times (n + 1)$  matrix whose first  $n$  columns are the coordinates of the  $\mathbf{a}_i$ 's and whose last column consists of the coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}$ . The vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is in the span of the  $\mathbf{a}_i$ 's if and only if the last column of the augmented matrix becomes zero in elimination.

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 1(a)**

Since the third row is the sum of the two first ones, the rank is 2; so it is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  formed by all linear combinations of the two first columns:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 1(b)**

By gaussian elimination we get...

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & -b_1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & -b_2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & -b_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)1+2] \\ [(-3)1+3] \\ [(-4)1+4] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & -3 & -b_2 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 & -6 & -b_3 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)2+3] \\ [(-3)2+4] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -b_2 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -b_3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(2)1+2] \\ [(-1)2] \\ [(b_1)1+5] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -b_2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -b_3 - b_1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & -3b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(b_2)2+5]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2b_2 - b_3 - b_1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2b_2 - 3b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 2b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  have a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\mathbf{b} = b_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + b_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ 2b_2 - b_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The condition on  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  is:  $2b_2 - b_3 - b_1 = 0$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 1(c)** This is because  $\mathbf{A}$  is not full row-rank, as shown in part (b). □

If  $\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{I}$ , then we could solve every equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ . Actually the solution would be  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Cb}$ , since  $\mathbf{ACb} = \mathbf{Ib}$ . But in part (b) we saw that  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution for some  $\mathbf{b}$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 1(d)** In this case  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 0$ , and  $b_3 = -1$ , so the set of solutions is

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4; \text{ such that; } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 2(a)**

The answer is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Reason:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 3a + b \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We deduce that  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $3a + b = 4$ . Similarly, since  $\mathbf{x}_2$  is an eigenvector we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 2a + b \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We deduce that  $\lambda_2 = 5$  and therefore that  $2a + b = 5$ . Solving  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(\frac{3}{2})2] \\ [(-1)1+2] \\ [(\frac{3}{2})3] \\ [(4)1+3] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(7)2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 21 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(\frac{1}{3})3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right],$$

we conclude that  $a = -1$  and  $b = 7$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 2(b)**

$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ , where the columns of  $\mathbf{S}$  are the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with entries 1 and 0:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{D}^{10} = \mathbf{D}$  and therefore  $\mathbf{B}^{10} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}^{10} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 3.**

The product  $\mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_1$  is projection onto the column space of  $\mathbf{P}_1$ , followed by the projection onto the column space of  $\mathbf{P}_2$ . Since the column space of  $\mathbf{P}_2$  contains the column space of  $\mathbf{P}_1$ , the second projection does not change the vectors anymore. Thus

$$\mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 4.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{b}{2})^{2+1}] \\ [(-\frac{3}{2})^{3+1}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 2-b & -b/2 \\ 3 & -b/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{3}{2})^{3+1}] \\ [(-\frac{b}{2})^{2+1}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-b & -b/2 \\ 0 & -b/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix},$$

since there is a negative number on the main diagonal,  $\mathbf{A}$  can't be positive definite

*Another way to solve the problem:*

$\mathbf{A}$  has 3 positive eigenvalues if and only if it is positive-definite. To test for positive-definiteness, we check the three upper-left determinants to see when they are positive. The 1 by 1 upper-left determinant is 2, which is positive. The 2 by 2 upper-left determinant is  $4 - b^2$ , which is positive whenever  $-2 < b < 2$ . Finally we compute the 3 by 3 upper-left determinant, of  $\det \mathbf{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{A} &= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b \\ b & 4 \end{bmatrix} - b \det \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} b & 2 \\ 3 & b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2(8 - b^2) - b(4b - 3b) + 3(b^2 - 6) = -2. \end{aligned}$$

which is always negative. Since  $\det \mathbf{A} < 0$  regardless of the value of  $b$ , we conclude that  $\mathbf{A}$  cannot have 3 positive eigenvalues.

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 5(a)**

If  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution, the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  must have dimension less than  $m$ . The rank is  $r < m$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  has exactly one solution, the columns of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  are independent. This means that the rank of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is  $r = m$ . This contradiction proves that we cannot find  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 6.** Again, there are many ways to do this. First way: remember that a symmetric matrix is positive definite if and only if it can be written as  $\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R}$  where  $\mathbf{R}$  has linearly independent columns. In our case, let  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  be the diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{C}$  and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the diagonal matrix with diagonal entries  $\sqrt{c_1}, \dots, \sqrt{c_n}$  (take the positive square roots). Then  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$  and so  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A})$  so we take  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has linearly independent columns and  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible (because the  $c_i$  are nonzero numbers), we conclude that  $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}$  also has linearly independent columns.

Second way: Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a nonzero vector. We have to show that  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{x} > 0$ . First, since  $\mathbf{A}$  has linearly independent columns, this means that its null space is  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ , so  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Set  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is diagonal and has positive diagonal entries, it is positive definite (this follows from the eigenvalue definition, or the submatrices definition, for example). So  $\mathbf{y} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{y} > 0$ , but  $\mathbf{y} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{x}$ , so we're done.

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 7(a)** There are several ways to do this. One way is to use the cofactor formula on the second row, which gives

$$-x \begin{vmatrix} x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & x & 1 \end{vmatrix} + x \begin{vmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

The second determinant is zero because the first two columns are dependent, so we just need to expand the first. The first column is easy since there is only one nonzero element. Expanding gives  $-x \cdot x(x - x^2) = -x^3(1 - x)$

□

**(Grupo E curso 16/17) Exercise 7(b)**  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular exactly when the determinant is 0. This means  $-x \cdot x(x - x^2) = -x^3(1 - x) = 0$ , which means  $x$  is 0 or 1.

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 1(a)** The column space is a plane, hence it has dimension 2. That means that any two independent columns vectors in the plane plus the zero vector will do. For example,

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

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 1(b)** The column space is a plane (a plane is 2-dimensional), so the rank of the matrix is 2, which is less than the order of the matrix. In particular the sum of the rows is the zero vector (since the sum of each column is zero), therefore, its rows are linearly dependent.

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 2.**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -10 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & -28 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)1+2] \\ [(-3)1+3] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -10 \\ 4 & -3 & -6 & -28 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(10)1+4] \\ [(-2)2+3] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 12 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(4)2+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So, a parametric equation is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 3(a)** Two vectors are orthogonal if and only if their scalar product (dot product) is zero. So

$$(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

The left hand side expands to

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 0$$

Thus  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$  so  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\|$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 3(b)** Since  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are unit vectors, their lengths (and hence their lengths squared) are all equal to 1. So  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 1$ . Since each vector is perpendicular to the others,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ . So the dot product of the two vectors given is

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} \\ &\quad - 3\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - 3\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} \\ &\quad + 2\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} \\ &= 1 - 3 + 2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

so they are orthogonal.

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 4(a)** The characteristic polynomial is

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 3) - 1 = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 14$$

The eigenvalues are its roots,

$$\lambda = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 56}}{2} = 4 \pm \sqrt{2}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 4(b)** The eigenvectors with eigenvalue 3 are nonzero solutions of  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{v}$ , or equivalently, nonzero solutions of  $(\mathbf{B} - 3\mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . By column reduction we get

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & -1 & 0 & & & \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & & & \\ 5 & -7 & 3 & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & & & \\ 5 & -12 & 3 & & & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(4)\mathbf{r}_3 + \mathbf{r}_2]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & & & \\ 5 & 0 & 3 & & & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & & & \end{array} \right].$$

Thus the set of eigenvectors with eigenvalue 3 can be written as

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{v} = c \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \forall c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 5(a)** We want to solve the following 7 equations:

$$\begin{cases} c - 3d = 0 \\ c - 2d = 0 \\ c - d = 0 \\ c = 1 \\ c + d = 0 \\ c + 2d = 0 \\ c + 3d = 0 \end{cases}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 5(b)** First we need to find the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto the plane generated by two vectors:  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $(-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3)$ . As  $\mathbf{y}$  is perpendicular to the second vector, we only need to find the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  on the line generated by the first vector, which

$$\text{is } (1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7). \text{ Now we need to solve the seven equations: } \begin{cases} c - 3d = 1/7 \\ c - 2d = 1/7 \\ c - d = 1/7 \\ c = 1/7; \\ c + d = 1/7 \\ c + 2d = 1/7 \\ c + 3d = 1/7 \end{cases} \quad \text{so}$$

$c = 1/7$  and  $d = 0$ .

Alternatively, we can denote by  $\mathbf{A}$  the matrix that has these two vectors as its two columns, then  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 28 \\ 28 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . The two equations corresponding  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$  are  $\begin{cases} 7c = 1 \\ 28d = 0 \end{cases}$ , resulting in the same solution  $c = 1/7$  and  $d = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 5(c)** If we used the first method above, we already calculated the projection as  $(1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7)$ . If we used the second method, the projection is  $\mathbf{Ax} = (1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7, 1/7)$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 6.**

$$(\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{A})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda^2\mathbf{v} + \lambda\mathbf{v} = (\lambda^2 + \lambda)\mathbf{v}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 15/16) Exercise 7.**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \cdot (-2) \cdot (2) = 12.$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 1(a)** Two (linearly independent) vectors parallel to the plane are  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = (0, 2, 0,)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} = (0, 0, 3,)$ . Hence, since  $\mathbf{a}$  is in the plane,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} + p\mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + p \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + q \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a parametric representation of the plane. There are many others.

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 1(b)** Since  $(1, 0, 0,)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So,  $\boxed{\{x = 1\}}$  is an implicit (or cartesian) representation of the plane. There are many others.

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 2(a)** Since  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ , vector  $\mathbf{0}$  is in  $\mathcal{V}$ , so  $\mathcal{V}$  is nonempty. Now we need to verify the two subspace properties.

1. Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  be vectors in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ . So  $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 + 0 = 0$  which means  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$  is in  $\mathcal{V}$ . So  $\mathcal{V}$  is closed under addition.
2. Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a vector in  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $c$  any scalar. Since  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ ,  $(c\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = c(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}) = 0$  so  $c\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{V}$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{u}]^T \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(-4)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathcal{V}$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 2(c)** The basis for  $\mathcal{V}$  found in part (b) had 3 elements, so the dimension of  $\mathcal{V}$  is  $\boxed{3}$ .Aunque no hubieramos calculado una base, sabemos que la dimensión de  $\mathcal{V}$  es 3 ya que  $\mathcal{V}$  es el complemento ortogonal del espacio vectorial generado por  $\mathbf{v}$ 

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{u}\}^\perp \subset \mathbb{R}^4;$$



y puesto que  $\dim(\mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{u}\}) = 1$ , entonces necesariamente  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) = 3$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 - \lambda & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)(7 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)$$

so the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 2, 7 and 3.

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 3(b)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & & & \\ 2 & -4 & -2 & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{[(2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]}]{\substack{\tau \\ \tau}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & & \end{array} \right].$$

So a basis is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{E}_3 = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I}) = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right).$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 4(a)**

$$\mathbf{P}_a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 4(b)**

$$(\mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}_v) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{5}{9} \mathbf{a}$$

and so  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}_v) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}_a)$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}_a)$  is spanned by  $\mathbf{a}$ , a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}_v)$  is given by  $\{\mathbf{a}\}$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 5.**

The condition says that  $\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I}$  is singular. But we know that, if  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I}$  are  $\lambda_1^2 - 4, \dots, \lambda_n^2 - 4$ . The condition  $\mathbf{A}^2 - 4\mathbf{I}$  being singular says that one of  $(\lambda_i^2 - 4)$  is zero, and hence  $\lambda_i = 2$  or  $\lambda_i = -2$ . That is to say  $\mathbf{A}$  has an eigenvalue 2 or  $-2$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 15/16) Exercise 6.**  $q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 6xy + y^2 + az^2 = (x, \ y, \ z) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{[(-3)\mathbf{2}+1] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{2}+1]}]{\substack{\tau \\ \tau}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

La forma cuadrática es *indefinida* (sea cual sea el valor de  $a$ ).

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 1(a) Letting  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the projection matrix that projects every  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  (which is the line through  $\mathbf{q}_4$ ) is given by the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 1(b) Letting  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the projection matrix that projects every  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  onto the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  (which is the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{q}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{q}_3$ ) is given by the formula

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 1(c) We must solve the new system  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ , we have  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 1(d)  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 2(a) The columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  being dependent means by definition that there is a vector  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . But then we also have  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ ; which means that the same  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  works to show that the columns of  $\mathbf{C}$  are dependent.

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 2(b) The columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are dependent, since these are five vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $5 > 3$ . Thus, by part (a), the columns of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$  must be dependent. However, columns of  $\mathbf{I}$  are independent, so  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$  can never equal  $\mathbf{I}$ . [Note: Switching the order matters here. One can indeed find a  $3 \times 5$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , and a  $5 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$  — hence any "proof" that is insensitive to the order of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  must be awed].

□

(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 3.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Type II}]{\begin{matrix} [(1/2)2] \\ [(1/3)3] \\ [(1/4)4] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Type I}]{\begin{matrix} [(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)3+4] \\ [(1)4+3] \\ [(1)4+1] \\ [(-1)2+3] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Permutations}]{\begin{matrix} [2 \leftrightarrow 3] \\ [2 \leftrightarrow 4] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B}$  then  $|\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{E}| = |\mathbf{B}|$ , with determinant equal to negative one  $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{A}| = \frac{-1}{|\mathbf{E}|}$ .

From the permutations and Type II elementary operations that we have taken we can see that,  $|\mathbf{E}| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{24}$ , so  $|\mathbf{A}| = -24$ . □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 4(a)** For a real-symmetric matrix, its eigenvectors are orthogonal to each other. So, by inspection, in order for  $\mathbf{v}_3$  to be perpendicular to  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , we need its first two components same. Hence, we should take  $\mathbf{v}_3$  to be  $(1, 1, -2, )$ . □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 4(b)**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_1 &= \mathbf{v}_1 / \|\mathbf{v}_1\| = (1, 1, 1, ) / \sqrt{3} \\ \mathbf{q}_2 &= \mathbf{v}_2 / \|\mathbf{v}_2\| = (1, -1, 0, ) / \sqrt{2} \\ \mathbf{q}_3 &= \mathbf{v}_3 / \|\mathbf{v}_3\| = (1, 1, -2, ) / \sqrt{6}\end{aligned}$$

Hence 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0/\sqrt{2} & -2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}.$$
 □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 4(c)**  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ . The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^4$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  are the same. □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 5(a)** **False.** If those matrices are similar, they have the same eigenvalues, and therefore they have the same trace and determinant. But  $\det \mathbf{B} = 5 = -\det \mathbf{A}$  and  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = 4$  and  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{B}) = 6$ . □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 5(b)** **False.** If the column space is spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , then, the matrix has rank one (the second vector is twice the first one). But the row vector  $(2, \quad 2,)$  is not a multiple of  $(1, \quad 4,)$ , so the matrix must have rank 2. Hence both conditions are incompatible. □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 6.**  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = 10\mathbf{v}.$  □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 7.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & -4 \\ 6 & 4 & a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \tau \\ [1 \leftrightarrow 2] \\ [(-3)\tau^{1+2}] \\ [(-1)\tau^{1+3}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & -16 & -8 \\ 4 & -6 & a-4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1/2)\tau^{2+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -16 & 0 \\ 4 & -6 & a-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

They are linearly dependent when  $a = 1$  (rank 2). □

**(Grupo A curso 14/15) Exercise 8.**

Puesto que el determinante es negativo independientemente del valor de  $b$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16 + 6b^2 - 18 - 6b^2 = -2 < 0;$$

esta matriz nunca puede tener sus tres autovalores positivos. □

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & -2\alpha \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & -3\alpha \\ 6 & 2 & 3 & -2\beta \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{[1} \tau \text{=3]} \\ \text{[(-1)} \tau \text{+2]} \\ \text{[(-2)} \tau \text{+3]} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2\alpha \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -3\alpha \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2\beta \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{[(-1)} \tau \text{+2]} \\ \text{[(-3)} \tau \text{+1]} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2\alpha \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -3\alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2\beta \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{[(2}\alpha \tau \text{+4)} \\ \text{[(2}\beta \tau \text{+4)} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 6\alpha - 2\beta \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & -4\alpha + 2\beta \end{array} \right]$$

The system is solvable if  $\alpha = 0$ .



(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 1(b)

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2\beta \\ 2\beta \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 2.

The column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is contained in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and the column space of  $\mathbf{B}$  is contained in  $\mathbb{R}^M$ . If  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ , this means they are contained in the same Euclidean space, so  $M = m$ . The dimension of the column space is the rank of the matrix, so if  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ , this means  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ , hence  $r \leq R$ . There are no relations between  $N$  and  $n$ ; for example  $n = N$  if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ ,  $N \leq n$  if  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{A}]$ , and  $n \leq N$  if  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{B}|\mathbf{B}]$ .

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(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 3(a)

For example  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 3(b)

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has a characteristic polynomial of degree 5, we know that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix. Since 0 is not a root of  $p(\cdot)$  and so is not an eigenvalue, we know  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible so  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 5$ .

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(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 3(c)

Following the Hint, we get  $-3\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 3(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}) = 3(-\mathbf{u}) + 2(3\mathbf{v}) = 3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ -6 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \\ -24 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where we have used the given fact that  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are eigenvectors to get  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{v}$ .

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(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 4(a)

The answer is  $\det \mathbf{A} = -x^2 - y^2 - z^2$ . But before we discuss how to get this answer, I'd like to call your attention to that fact that the expression  $-x^2 - y^2 - z^2$  is symmetric in the three variables  $x$ ;  $y$ ;  $z$ . That is to say, if we swap the roles of any two of these variables, the expression as a whole is unchanged. Why might we have predicted that  $\det \mathbf{A}$  has this property? Well, if we swap rows 2 and 3 of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and then swap columns 2 and 3 of the result, we end up with

$$\mathbf{A}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & y & x & z \\ y & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is the same as  $\mathbf{A}$ , but with the roles of  $x$  and  $y$  swapped. In performing one row swap and one column swap, we have multiplied the determinant by  $(-1)^2 = 1$ , so  $\mathbf{A}'$  has the same determinant as  $\mathbf{A}$ . From this we conclude that  $\det \mathbf{A}$ , whatever it is, must be an expression that's symmetric in  $x$  and

$y$ . Similar considerations show that it's symmetric in all three variables  $x, y, z$ . Anyway, let's actually compute  $\det \mathbf{A}$ .

By Type I elementary operations we reach the echelon form. From column 1 of  $\mathbf{A}$ , we subtract  $x$  times column 2,  $y$  times column 3, and  $z$  times column 4. These operations do not change the determinant, so

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} -x^2 - y^2 - z^2 & y & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -x^2 - y^2 - z^2.$$

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 4(b)**

A square matrix is singular if and only if its determinant equals zero. So we are asked to find all triples  $(x, y, z,)$  such that

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 0,$$

or in other words

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0.$$

So far, we have been talking about real numbers  $x, y, z$  in this course, so the left-hand side is just the square of the distance from  $(x, y, z,)$  to the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since only the origin is at a distance 0 from the origin, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular if and only if  $x = y = z = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 5.**

$$|-2| < 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} > 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 & a \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ a & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2a^2 + 2a + 4; \quad \text{parabolic function that cross the } x \text{ axis in } 1 \text{ and } -2.$$

- If  $-2 < a < 1$  Negative definite
- If  $a = -1$  or  $a = 2$  negative semi-defined
- Not definite in other cases.

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 6(a)**

The eigenvalues of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

are the solutions to the characteristic equation

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 4 \\ 4 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - 16 = 0; \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = 5; \lambda_2 = -5.$$

We can also use

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = \det \mathbf{A} = 25 \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{A} = 0 \end{cases}$$

with the same result.

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 6(b)**

- for  $\lambda_1 = 5$ , the null space of

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - 5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 - 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

consists of all multiples of the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- for  $\lambda_2 = -5$ , the null space of

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3+5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

consists of all multiples of the eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 7.**

If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then we have that  $\mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v}$ . Similarly  $\mathbf{A}^3 = \lambda^3 \mathbf{v}$ . Thus  $\lambda$  must satisfy  $\lambda^3 = 2\lambda^2 - \lambda$ , which means that is either 0 or 1.

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 8(a)**

$\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) &= \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I}) &= \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo C curso 14/15) Exercise 8(b)**

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{u}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $\mathbf{u}_0 = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = (a-b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\begin{cases} c + 0 \cdot d = 1 \\ c + 1 \cdot d = 2 \\ c + 2 \cdot d = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 1(b)**

The normal equations  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cuya solución es

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(1/3)\mathbf{1}]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} } \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 1(c)**

$\mathbf{y} \notin \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  so  $y = \frac{5}{3} - x$  is the best fit, and

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \frac{5}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the closest point in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  to  $\mathbf{y}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 1(d)**

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\|\mathbf{e}\|^2 = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{9} (-2, 4, -2) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{24}{9}; \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|\mathbf{e}\| = \frac{\sqrt{24}}{3}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 2(a)**

Trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$ ; determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 2(b)**

$\mathbf{A}$  can be diagonalized, since the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  are linearly independent.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 2(c)**

We can recover  $\mathbf{A}$  using  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a matrix whose columns are  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ ,

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{x}_1; \mathbf{x}_2; \mathbf{x}_3]$$

and  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 2(d)**

If we want  $\mathbf{A}$  to be symmetric, the third eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_3$  had better be orthogonal to the other two.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\tau_{1+2}] \\ [(-1)\tau_{1+3}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

You could also just notice the first and last entries match and guess the answer from that. Either way,  $\mathbf{x}_3$  should be a multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . As for the eigenvalue, to get a matrix that's positive semidefinite but not positive definite, we need to use  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .

It doesn't actually ask you to compute  $\mathbf{A}$ , but here's one that works:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 5 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 8 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 3(a)**

Because  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 3(b)**

When  $a > 0$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{vmatrix} = ab - 1 > 0$ ; that is, when  $a > 0$  and  $b > \frac{1}{a}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 4(a)**

Any value except zero.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 4(b)**

Since the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  are the square of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the only possible eigenvalues are zero or one. Therefore the determinant is either zero or one.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 4(c)**

Determinant equal to 6.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 5(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 5(b)**

Since the determinant is not zero, the matrix has full rank, that is, the rank is 3.

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 6(a)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

El elemento (1,1) de la inversa de  $\mathbf{A}$  es el primer elemento de la matriz adjunta  $\text{Adj}(\mathbf{A})$  dividido por el determinante.

$$\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{11}}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 6(b)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 2 = 2.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 14/15) Exercise 6(c)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1-x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 2x.$$

Por tanto,  $\det \mathbf{A} = 2x + 2$ ; y cuando  $x = -1$  la matriz es singular ( $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ ).

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 1(a)** The rank of  $\mathbf{P}$  is 2. Any vector perpendicular to the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$  is in the nullspace of  $\mathbf{P}$ , and the orthogonal complement of the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$  is 3-dimensional (that is, there are three independent vectors that project to  $\mathbf{0}$  by  $\mathbf{P}$ ). This is exactly the nullspace of  $\mathbf{P}$ , and since  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{P}) = \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}) = 5 - \dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{P})$ , the rank of  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $5 - 3 = 2$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 1(b)** The nullspace of  $\mathbf{P}$  is the left nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

□



**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 1(c)** Since  $\mathbf{P}$  is a projection matrix, we have  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^\top$ . To show that  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix, we need to check that  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^\top &= (\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P})^\top \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{I}^\top - 2\mathbf{P}^\top) \\
 &= (\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P}) && \mathbf{I} \text{ and } \mathbf{P} \text{ are symmetric} \\
 &= \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P}) - 2\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P}) \\
 &= \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P} - 2\mathbf{P} + 4\mathbf{P}^2 \\
 &= \mathbf{I} && \text{Since for a projection matrix we have } \mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 2.** Any row in the coefficient matrix is Ok. But the easiest way to do this is to realize that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^\top$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , including all solutions.

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 3(a)**  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)1+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-4)3+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}.$

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 3(b)** Swapping columns 1 and 2 corresponds to

$$\mathbf{I}_{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Subtracting column 1 from column 3 corresponds to

$$\mathbf{I}_{[(-1)1+3]} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Subtracting 4 times column 3 from column 2 corresponds to

$$\mathbf{I}_{[(-4)3+2]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Putting them together, we get

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \left(\mathbf{I}_{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]}\right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{I}_{[(-1)1+3]}\right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{I}_{[(-4)3+2]}\right) = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \left(\mathbf{I}_{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]}\right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{I}_{[(-1)1+3]}\right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{I}_{[(-4)3+2]}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 4.**  $\det \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} = 1$

□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 5(a)** Use

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{P}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{L}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{U}),$$

where we make two uses of the rule  $\det(\mathbf{MN}) = \det(\mathbf{M})\det(\mathbf{N})$ , for any two  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ . We will compute each of the determinants on the right-hand side. The determinant of a triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries; this is true whether the matrix is upper or lower triangular. Thus

$\det(\mathbf{U}) = 1$  and  $\det(\mathbf{L}) = d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot \dots \cdot d_n$ . The determinant changes sign whenever two columns or rows are swapped. Thus

$$\det(\mathbf{P}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbf{P} \text{ is even (even number of column exchanges)} \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{P} \text{ is odd (odd number of column exchanges)} \end{cases}$$

and so

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \pm d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot \dots \cdot d_n$$

where the sign depends on the parity of  $\mathbf{P}$ . □

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 6(a)**  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with characteristic polynomial  $\lambda^2$  (so the only eigenvalue is  $\lambda = 0$ ) and noted that all eigenvectors are the multiples of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . □

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 6(b)**  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 4 + 1 + 0 + 16 + 4 = 25$  so we take  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = (2/5, -1/5, 0.4/5, -2/5)$ . □

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 7.** The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  are the same as those of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Its eigenvalues are the inverses of those of  $\mathbf{A}$ : 1, 3, and 2. □

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 8(a)** since it is a triangular matrix, the numbers on the main diagonal are the eigenvalues (Note that this is only true when the matrix is triangular!)

$$\lambda_1 = 1; \quad \lambda_2 = 3.$$
□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 8(b)** First we need to find an eigenvector for each eigenvalue (there are no repeated ones).

For  $\lambda_1 = 1$   $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 3$   $(\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$
□

**(Grupo H curso 14/15) Exercise 8(c)**  $\mathbf{A}^5 = (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^5 = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^5\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  First we need  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

And now  $\mathbf{D}^5$

$$\mathbf{D}^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 3 \end{bmatrix}^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1^5 & \\ & 3^5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 243 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{A}^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 243 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 121 \\ 0 & 243 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 1(a)** When an odd permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_1$  multiplies an even permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_2$ , the product  $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$  is *odd*.

$\mathbf{P}_1$  applies an odd number of column exchanges to  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  applies an even number of column exchanges to  $\mathbf{I}$ . Hence the permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$  applies an (even+odd)= odd number of column exchanges.

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 1(b)**  $\mathbf{AB}$  is the zero matrix.

Let  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{b}_n]$ , where  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$  are the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$ . Since each  $\mathbf{b}_i$  is in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  we have  $\mathbf{Ab}_i = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\mathbf{AB} = [\mathbf{Ab}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{Ab}_n] = [\mathbf{0} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{0}] = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 1(c)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 8 & c \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & c-3 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-3)\mathbf{2}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & c-21 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{When } c = 0, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & -21 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\dot{\mathbf{U}}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 1(d)** That matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible unless  $c = 21$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 2.**

$$\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-3)\mathbf{2}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $(\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I})$  is a singular matrix, and therefore 3 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The vectors in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I})$  are the corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 & 7 \\ -3 & -1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-3)\mathbf{2}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{3} & 1 & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Hence,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (or any multiple of this vector) is a corresponding eigenvector.

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 3(a)** By Type I elementary *column* operations we get

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & N & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-3/2)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & N-8 & -5 \\ 3 & -5 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

And now, by Type I elementary *row* operations we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & N-8 & -5 \\ 3 & -5 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-10)\mathbf{2}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -26 & N+42 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since we have used only Type I elementary *row* operations, and since we can find positive and negative pivots, this matrix is not definite.

We can also check whether the upper-left determinants are positive:

- $1 \times 1$ : This is 2, which is always greater than 0.
- $2 \times 2$ : This is  $2N - 16$  which is greater than 0 if  $N$  is really large (in particular if  $N > 8$ ).
- $3 \times 3$ : Use the method of your choice to compute the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ , in terms of  $N$ .

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -N - 42.$$

This is going to be very negative if  $N$  is really large. So the matrix will not be positive definite. □

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 3(b)**

1.  $\mathbf{B}^\top = (\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q})^\top = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{Q}^\top)^\top = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{B}$ , since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric.
  2. Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite,  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y} > 0$ ; where  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}$  is a vector  $\mathbf{y}$ .
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**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 4(a)**

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 4(b)**  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 4(c)**  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix}.$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 5(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{5}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-4)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{5}] \\ [(3)\mathbf{4}+\mathbf{5}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 5(b)**  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 6(a)** **True.** Matrices  $\mathbf{A}^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , share the same eigenvectors, since

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 6(b) False.** Any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is an eigenvector of the 2 by 2 identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ . For example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

but that vector is not an eigenvector of the permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

although it is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ . Another example is  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , whose eigenvectors are the multiples of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , nevertheless, note that  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{0}$  so any non-zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 6(c) False.** If  $\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x} = \lambda^2\mathbf{x}$ , so in this case  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}$  are linearly dependent vectors (not a basis).

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 7(a)** We are looking for matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + (ad - bc) = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 6) = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 24$ . It is required that  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = a + d = 10$  and  $\det \mathbf{A} = ad - bc = 24$  (compare coefficients!). One possible solution is  $a = d = 5$ ,  $b = c = 1$ . Thus  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  does the job.

□

**(Grupo E curso 13/14) Exercise 7(b)** We are looking for matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$  such that fails to be diagonalizable, so  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  (repeated eigenvalues, otherwise the matrix must be diagonalizable). Hence  $2\lambda = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = a + b$ , or

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{a + b}{2} > 0,$$

since both,  $a$  and  $b$  are positive. But also  $\lambda^2 = ad - bc$ , or

$$\lambda = \pm\sqrt{ad - bc} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -\lambda_2.$$

Therefore, there is no such matrix, since conditions  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$ , and  $\lambda_1 = -\lambda_2$  are incompatible.

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 1(a)** Trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$ ; determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 1(b)**  $\mathbf{A}$  can be diagonalized, since the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  are linearly independent.

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 1(c)** We can recover  $\mathbf{A}$  using  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a matrix whose columns are  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ ,

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3]$$

and  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 1(d)** If we want  $\mathbf{A}$  to be symmetric, the third eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_3$  had better be orthogonal to the other two.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{T}+2] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{T}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

You could also just notice the first and last entries match and guess the answer from that. Either way,  $\mathbf{x}_3$  should be a multiple of  $(1 \ 0 \ -1)$ . As for the eigenvalue, to get a matrix that's positive semidefinite but not positive definite, we need to use  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .

It doesn't actually ask you to compute  $\mathbf{A}$ , but here's one that works:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 5 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 8 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 2(a)** NO. Since the columns are linearly independent,  $\mathbf{Q}$  is invertible only if  $m = n$ . Otherwise, it is a non-square matrix.

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 2(b)** Since the columns are linearly independent, the only solution to  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ; hence  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{Q}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 2(c)** Since  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{Q}) = n$ , then  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$  and

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^\top.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 3(a)** 
$$\begin{cases} c + 0 \cdot d = 1 \\ c + 1 \cdot d = 2 \\ c + 2 \cdot d = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 3(b)** The normal equations  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cuya solución es

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{T}+2] \\ [(1/3)\mathbf{T}]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)\mathbf{T}+3] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{T}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 3(c)**  $\mathbf{y} \notin \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  so  $y = \frac{5}{3} - x$  is the best fit, and

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{A} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \frac{5}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the closest point in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  to  $\mathbf{y}$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 3(d)**

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so, } \|\mathbf{e}\|^2 = \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{24}{9}; \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}\| = \frac{\sqrt{24}}{3}.$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 4(a)** **False.** Example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 4(b)** **True.** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable,  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}) = n$ . Hence the  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})$  has  $n$  zero columns, so  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$  is the zero matrix  $\mathbf{0}$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 4(c)** **False.** If the rank is 5, there are 5 pivot columns, and 5 free columns, so the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is also 5.

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 4(d)** **True.** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then its eigenvalues are not zeros. Since  $\mathbf{B}$  has the same eigenvalues, it is also invertible.

□

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 5(d)} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 6 \end{vmatrix} &= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \left( 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \right) = \\ &-6(-20 + 18) = 12. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 6(a)** We are looking for matrices  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+2b \\ c+2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

or  $a = -2b$  and  $c = -2d$ . The general element of  $\mathcal{V}$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2b & b \\ -2d & d \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis of  $\mathcal{V}$ , and  $\dim \mathcal{V} = 2$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 13/14) Exercise 6(b)** The space  $\mathcal{V}$  of part (a) is a subspace of  $\mathcal{W}$  (if  $(1, 2)$  is in  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $(1, 2)$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ ). Since not all  $2 \times 2$  matrices are in  $\mathcal{W}$ , then  $\dim \mathcal{W} < 4$ ; since there are matrices in  $\mathcal{W}$  that do not belong to  $\mathcal{V}$  (for example the identity matrix), then  $\dim \mathcal{W} > 2$ . Therefore  $\dim \mathcal{W}$  must be 3.

□

**(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 1(a)** Since the two first columns are equal,  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ .

□

$$\text{(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 1(b) } \det \mathbf{B} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

1.

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 1(c)  $\det \mathbf{C} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 + x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} =$

$$1 - x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - x.$$

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 2(a) Because  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 2(b) When  $a > 0$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{vmatrix} = ab - 1 > 0$ ; that is, when  $a > 0$  and  $b > \frac{1}{a}$ .

Or diagonalizing by congruence

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} \tau \\ (-\frac{1}{a})^{2+1} \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 1 & b - \frac{1}{a} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} \tau \\ (-\frac{1}{a})^{2+1} \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b - \frac{1}{a} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow b - \frac{1}{a} > 0.$$

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 3(a)

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{v} \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

And, since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is orthogonal to the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0\}.$$

Note that when  $\mathbf{x}$  is orthogonal to the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  (when  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ ), then  $\mathbf{Ax} = [\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{v}]^\top \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{u}]^\top \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 3(b) Puesto que  $[\mathbf{v}]^\top \mathbf{u} = \sum u_i ([\mathbf{v}]^\top)_i = \sum u_i (v_i) = \left( \sum u_i v_i, \right) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v},)$  es un vector de  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , tenemos

$$\mathbf{Au} = [\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{v}]^\top \mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{u}] \left( \sum u_i v_i, \right) = [\mathbf{u}] (\lambda, ) = \lambda \mathbf{u}, \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}.$$

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 3(c) Since all columns are multiples of  $\mathbf{u}$ , and skew-symmetric matrix has zeros on the main diagonal, then all the entries must be zero. Hence, the zero vector is either  $\mathbf{u}$  or  $\mathbf{v}$ , or both.

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 3(d) Since  $[\mathbf{v}]^\top [\mathbf{u}] = [\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}] = \lambda \mathbf{1}_{1 \times 1}$  then

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = [\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{v}]^\top [\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{v}]^\top = [\mathbf{u}] \left( [\mathbf{v}]^\top [\mathbf{u}] \right) [\mathbf{v}]^\top = \lambda [\mathbf{u}][\mathbf{v}]^\top = \lambda \mathbf{A}.$$

Hence, if  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ ; then  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \lambda = 1$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 4(a) For all  $c$ , since  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  are linearly independent.

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 4(b) For all  $c$ , since  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  are perpendicular one to each other.

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 4(c) The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can't be positive definite since one eigenvalue is zero,  $\lambda_1 = 0$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 5.



The eigenvalues are 5 and 15. For  $\lambda = 5$  we get

$$\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

For  $\lambda = 15$  we get

$$\mathbf{A} - 15\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \\ & 15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}.$

□

**(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 6(a)** Since the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is one, the dimension of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is three; so rank three. Since the matrix is singular (not full rank), then  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 6(b)** Since the system is solvable only if the right hand side vector is in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ , and since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , we just only need to find a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  orthogonal to  $(-1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 1)$ ; By gaussian elimination we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(1)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(1)\mathbf{1}+4] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  must be a linear combination of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -b+c+1 \\ b \\ c \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

or  $\boxed{a = -b + c + 1}.$

□

**(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 6(c)** Since there is only one linear restriction in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ( $a + b - c = 1$ ), it is a plane (two free columns in the system  $a + b - c = 1$ ).

□

**(Grupo E curso 12/13) Exercise 6(d)** Since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ ,

this right hand side vector is not in the column space. Therefore the set of solutions is the empty set.

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 1(a)** Any value except zero.

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 1(b)** Since the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  are the square of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then the only possible eigenvalues are zero or one. Therefore the determinant is either zero or one.

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 1(c)** Determinant equal to 6.

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 2.** The eigenvalues are 5 and 15. For  $\lambda = 5$  we get

$$\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

For  $\lambda = 15$  we get

$$\mathbf{A} - 15\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \\ & 15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}.$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 3(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad a \neq 0.$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 3(b) Since the determinant is not zero, the matrix has full rank, that is, the rank is 3.

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 4(a)  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R}\}.$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 4(b) Since there are 3 eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $3 \times 3$ . Since there are no repeated eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent. Since only one eigenvalue is zero, the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2, and since  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  with eigenvalue 1 and 2, then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{w}/2) = \mathbf{w}$$

so  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  belong to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ; therefore

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w} \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 4(c) Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is perpendicular to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ ,

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0\}.$$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 4(d) Since

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = 2\mathbf{w}$$

then

$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}/2).$$

Hence, a particular solution is  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}/2)$ , and the complete solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}/2) + a\mathbf{u}, \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 5(a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b \\ b & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - b^2 > 0 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{4} < b < \sqrt{4}$$

and

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & 0 \\ b & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16 - 4 - 4b^2 = 12 - 4b^2 = 4(3 - b^2) > 0 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{3} < b < \sqrt{3}.$$

Since  $\sqrt{3} < \sqrt{4}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite only if  $-\sqrt{3} < b < \sqrt{3}$ .

□

(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 5(b) The eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  are the square of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , therefore  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ . Hence  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . On the other hand  $\mathbf{I}$  is positive definite, and then

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \underbrace{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{x}}_{> 0} > 0 \quad \text{for every } \mathbf{x}.$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 5(c)** The matrix  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive definite unless  $\mathbf{M}$  is not full column rank.

If  $\mathbf{M}$  has linearly dependent columns, then  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive **semi**-definite, since  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = 0$  when  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{M})$ .

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 6(c)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -a \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -b \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -c \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)^T 1+2] \\ (-1)^T 1+3 \\ (-2)^T 1+4 \\ (2)^T 1+5 \\ (a)^T 1+6 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & -3 & 3 & 2a-b \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & a-c \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -1 & -2 & 2 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)^T 2+4] \\ (1)^T 2+5 \\ (\frac{2a-b}{3})^T 2+6 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (a+b-3c)/3 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & (2b-a)/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & (2a-b)/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 6(a)** We have seen that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)^T 1+2] \\ (-1)^T 1+3 \\ (-2)^T 1+4 \\ (-1)^T 2+4 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Since } \dot{\mathbf{U}} = \dot{\mathbf{E}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{we get } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

$$\text{(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 6(b)} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + e \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for all } d, e \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 12/13) Exercise 6(c)** The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  if and only if  $a + b - 3c = 0$ .

□

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 1(a)** Using column elementary operations:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right| = -|\mathbf{I}| = -1.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 1(b)** Puesto que la matriz es simétrica, sabemos que es invertible, es decir, que es posible encontrar 5 autovectores linealmente independientes.

Para el autovalor  $\lambda = 1$ , cuatro autovectores linealmente independientes son:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Puesto que la traza es 10, el quinto autovalor es  $\lambda = 6$ . En tal caso

$$\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix};$$

y puesto que la suma de las columnas de dicha matriz es  $\mathbf{0}$ , un quinto autovector es  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ . Nótese que los cinco autovectores son ortogonales. □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 1(c)** El elemento  $(3, 1)$  de  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  es  $\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{1,3}}{\det \mathbf{A}}$ ; es decir

$$\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{1,3}}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3 \cdot \lambda_4 \cdot \lambda_5 \cdot \lambda_6} = \frac{-1}{6}.$$

Y como el menor  $(3,1)$  de la matriz del enunciado,  $M_{31}(\mathbf{A})$ , es igual a la traspuesta del menor  $(1,3)$ ; entonces los cofactores  $\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{1,3}$  y  $\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{3,1}$  son iguales, y por tanto también son iguales los elementos  $(3,1)$  y  $(1,3)$  de  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ; ambos iguales a  $\frac{-1}{6}$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 2(a)** The column space is spanned by the vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We then put them in a matrix and do a Gaussian elimination to find independent vectors. This tells us that a basis for the column space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$
□

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 2(b)** The column space can be described by

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \middle| x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\};$$

so the basis of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is the set of any two independent vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . This means that the

matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_3 \\ x_2 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

has full rank (in other words  $x_4 - x_2x_3/x_1 \neq 0$  or  $x_1x_4 - x_2x_3 \neq 0$  must hold). □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 2(c)** We observe that  $(-3, 0, 1, 0,)$  and  $(0, -3, 0, 1,)$  are two independent vectors belonging to the null space. Since the column space has dimension 2, the null space has dimension  $4 - 2 = 2$ , so any basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  has two elements. Hence,  $\{(-3, 0, 1, 0,); (0, -3, 0, 1,)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 2(d)** We start by looking for  $\mathbf{x}_{particular}$  via elimination. Note that the matrix is already in a reduced row echelon form:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So  $\mathbf{x}_{particular} = (5; 4; 0; 0)$ . Then the complete solution is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{particular} + \mathbf{x}_{nullspace} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5-3a \\ 4-3b \\ a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

for any  $a; b \in \mathbb{R}$ . □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 3(a)** La traza debe valer 0; por tanto  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ x & -a \end{bmatrix}$  y el determinante -1; por tanto

$$-a^2 - x = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 1 - a^2;$$

es decir

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 - a^2 & -a \end{bmatrix}.$$
□

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 3(b)** Porque los autovalores son distintos. □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 3(c)** Los que hacen la matriz simétrica, es decir, aquellos para los que  $1 - a^2 = 1$ , por tanto, sólo para  $a = 0$ . En tal caso

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{que tiene los autovectores ortogonales} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
□

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 4(a)**  $\begin{bmatrix} .1 & .7 & .1 & .7 \\ .5 & .5 & .5 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y \quad \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2} = 1.$  □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 4(b)** Puesto que la matriz de coeficientes tiene rango 2 (los vectores fila apuntan en direcciones distintas), el conjunto de soluciones al primer sistema de ecuaciones es un espacio vectorial de dimensión 2 (hay todo un plano de puntos posibles, es decir, hay infinitas posibilidades para la elección de estos números). Así pues, hay infinitos vectores de longitud uno en el plano, que son los situados en la circunferencia de radio uno, centrada en el origen. □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 5(a)**  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w}; \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$  □

**(Grupo E curso 11/12) Exercise 5(b)** We just need an orthogonal vector to  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y & z & \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y-x & z & \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} x & y-x & z-2y+2x & \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \end{array} \right]; \quad \text{hence} \quad 2x - 2y + z = -1.$$
□

(Grupo E curso 11/12) **Exercise 6.**  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  so  $\mathbf{A}$  has full column rank  $r = n = 3$ : the columns are linearly independent. □

(Grupo H curso 11/12) **Exercise 1.**

$$[\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{d}]$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

(Grupo H curso 11/12) **Exercise 2(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+1]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

por tanto, el conjunto de “soluciones especiales” está compuesto por los siguientes tres vectores:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

□

(Grupo H curso 11/12) **Exercise 2(b)**

Empezaremos por la pregunta:

- **c)** Las dos cosas a probar son que el conjunto de vectores genera el conjunto de todas las soluciones del sistema  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  (que es un sistema generador); y que los vectores del sistema generador son linealmente independientes.
- **b) Primera parte de la demo** (*El conjunto genera todo el espacio de soluciones*). Lo que hay que demostrar es que todo vector  $\mathbf{x}$  combinación de las soluciones especiales es una solución a  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  (pertenece a  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ ); es decir:

$$\text{Si } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{entonces} \quad \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Veamoslo

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

**Segunda parte de la demo** (*los vectores son linealmente independientes*). Por eliminación Gaussiana es inmediato ver que las cuatro columnas de

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

son columnas pivote, y por tanto que en el sistema  $\mathbf{N}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  no hay columnas libres; así pues, la única combinación de dichas columnas que es igual al vector cero  $\mathbf{0}$  es la solución trivial ( $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ), es decir, los vectores columna de  $\mathbf{N}$  son linealmente independientes. □

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

El elemento (1,1) de la inversa de  $\mathbf{A}$  es el primer elemento de la matriz adjunta  $\mathbf{Adj}(\mathbf{A})$  dividido por el determinante.

$$\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{11}}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$
□

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 3(b)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 2 = 2.$$
□

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 3(c)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1-x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 2x.$$

Por tanto,  $\det \mathbf{A} = 2x + 2$ ; y cuando  $x = -1$  la matriz es singular ( $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ ). □

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 4(a)**

Debemos resolver la ecuación característica:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -2-\lambda & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-\lambda)(-2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 4(-2-\lambda) = 0$$

Evidentemente una raíz es  $\lambda = -2$ ; y dividiendo el polinomio por  $(-2-\lambda)$  obtenemos las otras dos

$$0 = (-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 4 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 4 \\ \lambda = -1 \end{cases}.$$
□

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 4(b)**

Y ahora calculamos un autovector para cada autovalor:

- Para  $\lambda = -2$

$$[\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)3+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{(-2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Para  $\lambda = 4$

$$[\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I}] = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1/2)3+1]} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Para  $\lambda = -1$

$$[\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(2)3+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{(-1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 4(c)**

Por ejemplo:

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{x}_{(4)}, \mathbf{x}_{(-2)}, \mathbf{x}_{(-1)}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & -2 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

de manera que

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & -2 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & -2 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 0 & -2/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2/5 & 0 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

ya que

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{[(2)\tau_1+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{[(1/5)\tau_3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/5 & 0 & 1/5 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{[(-2)\tau_3+1]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/5 & 0 & -2/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/5 & 0 & 1/5 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Grupo H curso 11/12) Exercise 5.** Por una parte

$$\text{Si } \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \text{ no tiene solución } \Rightarrow \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) < m.$$

$m \times n$

Por otra

$$\text{Si } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \text{ tiene sólo una solución } \Rightarrow \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = m.$$

$m \times n$

Y por tanto ambas condiciones son incompatibles.

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 1(a)** Norma es  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$ .

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 1(b)** *Sólo se le pide encontrar un vector ortogonal de norma dos, pero aquí vamos a desarrollar una respuesta un poco más extensa (en el enunciado no se le pide tanto...)*Mediante la eliminación de Gauss podemos calcular el espacio nulo por la izquierda de  $[\mathbf{v}]$ 

$$[\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{v}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Por tanto cualquier combinación lineal de los vectores  $(-2, 1, 0)$  y  $(-2, 0, 1)$  es perpendicular al vector dado; y puesto que ambos tienen norma 5, tomando por ejemplo el doble de la versión normalizada del primero, tenemos  $2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-2, 1, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-4, 2, 0)$  que tiene norma 2 y es perpendicular al vector del enunciado.

Pero ésta no es la única solución posible. Sabemos que cualquier vector de la forma

$$a(-2, 1, 0) + b(-2, 0, 1) = (-2(a+b), a, b)$$

es perpendicular; y que sólo queremos vectores de norma 2. Es decir

$$(-2(a+b))^2 + a^2 + b^2 = 4;$$

por tanto

$$5a^2 + 5b^2 + 8ab = 4$$



es la condición que deben cumplir los valores de  $a$  y  $b$  para que el vector perpendicular  $(-2(a+b), -a, -b)$  tenga norma 2.

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 1(c)**

Es sencillo ver que la respuesta es  $a = -b$ .

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 2.**

Entonces

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$$

y por tanto el vector diferencia  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$

$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

es una solución al sistema homogéneo  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Así pues

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Es otra solución.

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 3(a)**

Ecuación característica:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - (3-\lambda) = (3-\lambda)((4-\lambda)^2 - 1) = 0$$

Por tanto una raíz es  $\lambda_1 = 3$ .

Las otras dos raíces las obtenemos de

$$0 = (4-\lambda)^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 15 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_2 = 3 \\ \lambda_5 = 5 \end{cases}$$

Para  $\lambda = 5$

$$\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Por lo que

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

es un autovector para  $\lambda = 5$ .

Para  $\lambda = 3$

$$\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Por lo que

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{y} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

son dos autovectores linealmente independientes para  $\lambda = 3$ .

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 3(b)**

La matriz  $\mathbf{A}$  es diagonalizable, ya que es posible encontrar un número suficiente (en este caso 3) de autovectores linealmente independientes (algo que ya sabíamos antes responder al primer apartado, ya que  $\mathbf{A}$  es simétrica).

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 3(c)**

$$\mathbf{A}^{10} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^{10}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^{10} & & \\ & 3^{10} & \\ & & 3^{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}.$$

donde  $\mathbf{S}$  es una matriz cuyas columnas son los autovectores, y  $\mathbf{D}$  es una matriz diagonal con los correspondientes autovalores.

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 3(d)**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^4 = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^4\mathbf{S}^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^4 & & \\ & 3^4 & \\ & & 3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 625 & & \\ & 81 & \\ & & 81 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 353 & 0 & -272 \\ 0 & 81 & 0 \\ -272 & 0 & 353 \end{bmatrix}; \end{aligned}$$

donde  $\mathbf{S}$  es una matriz cuyas columnas son los autovectores, y  $\mathbf{D}$  es una matriz diagonal con los correspondientes autovalores.

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 3(e)**

$$f(x, y, z) = (x \ y \ z) \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4x^2 + 3y^2 + 4z^2 - 2xz.$$

Y sabemos que es definida positiva, ya que los autovalores de  $\mathbf{A}$  son mayores que cero (3, 3 y 5).

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 4(a)**

Es subespacio vectorial, ya que el conjunto es cerrado para la suma

$$(a, \ b, \ a) + (c, \ d, \ c) = (a+c, \ b+d, \ a+c)$$

y también es cerrado para el producto por un escalar

$$a(b, \ c, \ d) = (ab, \ ac, \ ab)$$

en concreto  $S_1$  es un plano en  $\mathbb{R}^3$  que pasa por el origen, y constituye el conjunto de soluciones del sistema homogéneo

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}; \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0};$$

es decir, que  $S_1 = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 4(b)**

No es un subespacio. Por ejemplo el vector  $\mathbf{x} = (2, \ 0, \ 0)$  pertenece a  $S_2$ , pero  $2\mathbf{x}$  no. Así pues, el conjunto  $S_2$  no es cerrado para el producto por un escalar (es fácil comprobar que tampoco lo es para la suma).

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 5(a)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -11.$$

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 5(b)**

Se han intercambiado las dos primeras filas, por tanto

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -\det \mathbf{A} = 11.$$

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 5(c)**

Se ha multiplicado la primera fila por 3, por tanto

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & -9 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \det \mathbf{A} = -33.$$

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 5(d)**

Se han multiplicado todas las filas por 2, por tanto

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 \\ 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 2^3 \det \mathbf{A} = -88.$$

□

**(Grupo A curso 10/11) Exercise 5(e)**

$$\det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{-1}{11}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 1(a)**

Since  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$ :

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = (-1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = \lambda^2 - 1.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 1(b)**

Trace  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$  must be equal to 0; therefore  $b = -2$ . In addition  $\det \mathbf{A} = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = -1$ , so  $-4 - a = -1$ , or  $a = -3$ . Then

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

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 1(c)**

For  $\lambda_1 = 1$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with eigenvector} \quad \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -1$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with eigenvector} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 1(d)**

Since, in this case,  $\mathbf{D}^{101} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{101} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{\text{odd number}} = \mathbf{D}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{101} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}^{101} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}.$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 1(e)**

Suppose  $\mathbf{z} = c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\mathbf{Az} = c\mathbf{Ax} + d\mathbf{Ay} = c\mathbf{x} - d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\mathbf{Az} = \mathbf{A0} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{cases} c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \\ c\mathbf{x} - d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad \text{but, since} \quad \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0} \implies \quad \text{the only possibility is} \quad c = d = 0.$$

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 2(a)

No.  $\mathbf{A} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \mathbf{0}$ . So  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 2(b)

No. From part (a),  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) > 0$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 2(c)

Yes because the eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix are linearly independent (all symmetric matrices are diagonalizable!).

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 2(d)

$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  gives 2 times the first column and  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  gives -1 times the second column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

By the symmetry condition (iii), we get  $a_{13} = a_{31}$  and  $a_{23} = a_{32}$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -6 \\ -3 & -6 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $a_{33}$ , we know that  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = 1 + 4 + a_{33} = 0$  so  $a_{33} = -5$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 3(a)

True. Since the matrix is not full rank,  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) > 0$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 3(b)

False. Since the matrix is not full rank,  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is smaller than  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , that is, there are some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that do not belong to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 3(c)

False. For example

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}; \quad \text{and then} \quad \det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \neq \det \mathbf{B} = 1.$$

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 3(d)

False.  $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{B} = 0 \cdot \det \mathbf{B} = 0$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 3(e)

True. Since the matrix is not full rank, there are some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that do not belong to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ; therefore there are linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , such as  $\text{rg}([\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}]) = 3$ .

□

(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 4(a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 0 = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 4(b)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top) = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{A}^\top = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{A} = 1$$

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 4(b)** $\mathbf{B}^4\mathbf{A}$  is not defined.

□

**(Grupo E curso 10/11) Exercise 4(b)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} = -1$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2 + a = -10 \\ -4 + b = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -8 \\ b = 9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -8 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(b)**La suma de los autovalores ( $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ) debe ser igual a la traza de la matriz (10), por tanto  $\lambda_2 = 5$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(c)**

La matriz no es simétrica, veamos si es diagonalizable;

$$\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -8 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

que es de rango 1. Así pues  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I}) = 1$ , y entonces sólo podemos encontrar un autovector linealmente independiente para el autovalor  $\lambda = 5$  (de multiplicidad 2): por tanto la matriz no es diagonalizable.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(d)**

$$f(x, y) = (x, \ y) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -8 \\ 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = (x, \ y) \begin{bmatrix} x - 8y \\ 2x + 9y \end{bmatrix} = x^2 - 8yx + 2xy + 9y^2 = x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2.$$

La matriz asociada a esta forma cuadrática es

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix};$$

que es singular, y por tanto sus autovalores son  $\lambda_1 = 0$  y  $\lambda_2 = 10$  (la suma debe ser igual a la traza). Así pues, es *semi*-definida positiva.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(e)**

No, sólo podría serlo si la forma cuadrática fuera definida positiva.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 1(f)**

Un valle. En ciertas direcciones la función crece, pero en la dirección del autovector correspondiente al autovalor cero ( $\mathbf{x} = (3, \ 1)$ ), la función es siempre cero.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}$$

Por tanto el rango es dos, y dos es el máximo número de columnas linealmente independientes.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 2(b)**

La dimensión es dos (el número de columnas libres). Las dos soluciones especiales constituyen una base de  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 2(c)**

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 3.**

If  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution, the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  must have dimension less than  $m$ . The rank is  $r < m$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  has exactly one solution, the columns of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  are independent. This means that the rank of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is  $r = m$ . This contradiction proves that we cannot find  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 4.**

Entonces

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{Av} - \mathbf{Aw} = \mathbf{0}$$

y por tanto el vector diferencia  $(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w})$

$$\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

es una solución al sistema homogéneo  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ . Así pues

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Es otra solución.

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 5(a)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -4$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 5(b)**

$$\det \mathbf{AA}^T = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{A}^T = \det \mathbf{A} \cdot \det \mathbf{A} = (\det \mathbf{A})^2 = (-4)^2 = 16$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 5(c)**

$$\det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 5(d)**

$$\det 2\mathbf{A} = 2^n \det \mathbf{A} = 2^5 \det \mathbf{A} = 32 * (-4) = -128$$

□

**(Grupo G curso 10/11) Exercise 5(e)**

$$2(-\det \mathbf{A}) = 8.$$

□

**(Grupo F curso 09/10) Exercise 1.**

$$\det(-\mathbf{A}^\top) = \det(-\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^n \det \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{A}$$

since  $n$  is an even number.*(MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Fall, 2008)*

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**(Grupo F curso 09/10) Exercise 2(a)**Since  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  has 3 columns.

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**(Grupo F curso 09/10) Exercise 2(b)**

Any number greater (or equal) than one.

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**(Grupo F curso 09/10) Exercise 2(c)**

Three columns and two special solutions (2 free columns) means rank 1 (only one pivot column).

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{W}$ , the vectors of  $\mathcal{W}$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , therefore,  $\boxed{n=3}$ .Since the dimension of  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is 1, the  $\boxed{\text{range of } \mathbf{A} \text{ is } 2}$ . It is impossible to know the number of rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ , we can only say that  $\boxed{m \geq 2}$  (otherwise the range could not be 2).

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 1(b)** The solution set is  $\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\},$ since  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_{|1}$  and  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{W}$ .

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 1(c)** It is enough that its rows (of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) are perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$ . For example  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 1(d)** Given that  $\mathbf{BAx} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  we have  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{BA}) \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . And since  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{B0} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{BA})$ .Hence,  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{B})$ , so  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{V}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{W} = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$ 

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 1(e)** Dado que el rango es 2, la dimensión de su espacio fila es 2. Dado que las filas deben ser perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{u}$ , unas ecuaciones cartesianas son  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (0,0) \}.$ 

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 2(a)** Using the first clue:

$$n = \text{rg}(\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}) \leq \text{rg}(\mathbf{C}) \leq n \Rightarrow \text{rg}(\mathbf{C}) = n.$$

Using the second clue: *Since the columns of  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}$  are a linear combination of those of  $\mathbf{C}^\top$ :*

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top) \Rightarrow n = \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}) \leq \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top) \leq n \Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top) = \text{rg}(\mathbf{C}) = n.$$

□

**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C})^{-1}(\mathbf{C}^\top) \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{C}^\top) \mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C}_{|j} \perp \mathbf{z} \text{ for } j = 1 : n.$$

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 2(c)** Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is orthogonal,  $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{C}^\top) = \mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{C}$ ; therefore

$$\|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u}\|^2 = \|(\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{z}\|^2 = (\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{z} \cdot (\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{C})(\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{z} = \|\mathbf{z}\|^2.$$

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 2(d)** It is diagonalizable because *it is symmetric*, since  $((\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{C})^\top = (\mathbf{C}^\top)((\mathbf{C}^\top)^\top) = (\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{C}$ .

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 2(e)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow ((\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{C})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 3(a)** Since  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal, each of its columns has the following form:  $\mathbf{D}_{|j} = d_{jj}(\mathbf{I}_{|j})$ . So, multiplying by  $\mathbf{P}$  on both sides of  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  we get  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}$ . Therefore

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{|j} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}_{|j} = d_{jj}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}_{|j}) = (d_{jj})\mathbf{P}_{|j};$$

that is, when multiplying  $\mathbf{A}$  by each column of  $\mathbf{P}$  we obtain a multiple of that column.

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**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 3(b)** Since the first two columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ , it is enough to change one of them to a linear combination of both, so that the first two columns are no longer perpendicular to each other. For example, adding the second column to

$$\text{the first } \mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{P}_{|1}; (\mathbf{P}_{|2} + \mathbf{P}_{|1}); \mathbf{P}_{|3}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 3(c)** Simply divide each column of  $\mathbf{P}$  by its length so that the new

$$\text{columns have length 1. Therefore } \mathbf{Q} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\mathbf{P}_{|1}); \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{P}_{|3}); \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\mathbf{P}_{|3}) \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 22/23) Exercise 3(d)** It is enough to show that  $\mathbf{B}$  is symmetric.. We know that  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric as it can be factored as  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top$ . And because the inverse of a symmetric matrix is symmetric, we have that  $\mathbf{B}^\top = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top - (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}$ . So that,

$$q_{\mathbf{B}}(x, y, z) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{D}^{-1})\mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{D}^{-1})\mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{x};$$

that is to say

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x}\mathbf{Q} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x, y, z) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}(x+y+z)}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}(-x+y)}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}(x+y-2z)}{6} \end{pmatrix} = \left( 0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{6}(x+y-2z)}{4} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}(x+y+z)}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}(-x+y)}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{6}(x+y-2z)}{6} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{(x+y-2z)^2}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

□



**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 1(a)** Given that the matrix  $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$  is diagonal and that  ${}_i(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B})_{ij} = (\mathbf{B}_{|i}) \cdot (\mathbf{B}_{|j})$ , we know that  $\mathbf{B}_{|i} \perp \mathbf{B}_{|j}$  when  $i \neq j$  (the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are orthogonal to each other). Furthermore, since the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $3 \geq \text{rg}(\mathbf{B}) \geq \text{rg}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}) = 3$ . Therefore the 3 columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  formed by vectors perpendicular to each other.  $\square$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 1(b)**  $(\mathbf{A} - \beta \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution if and only if  $(\mathbf{A} - \beta \mathbf{I})$  is invertible. Since the  $\lambda$  values that satisfy the characteristic equation are those that make the matrix  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$  singular, the values of  $\beta$  have to be such that  $\beta(\beta - 1)(\beta^2 - 4) \neq 0$ . In particular  $\beta$  has to be different from 0, different from 1, different from 2 and different from -2.  $\square$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 1(c)** Since the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linear combinations of the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ . And  $\mathbf{B}$  (with two columns) and  $\mathbf{C}$  (with two rows) have rank 2, hence  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}) = 2$ . Consequently, the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .  $\square$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 2(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ x & y & z \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ x & -x+y & -x+z \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (0,) \}. \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ x & y & z \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \tau \\ [(3)\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(3)\mathbf{3}] \\ [(-4)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ x & -2x+3y & -4x+3z \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (0,) \}. \end{aligned}$$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 2(b)** They are the vectors at the intersection of the planes  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ . That is, they are those vectors that simultaneously satisfy their corresponding Cartesian equations.

Thus, the requested vectors must satisfy the system of equations:  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; therefore

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \tau \\ [(2)\mathbf{2}] \\ [(3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \tau \\ [(3)\mathbf{3}] \\ [(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right)}$$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 3(a)**  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-a \end{bmatrix}$  therefore  $\boxed{a \neq 1}$ .  $\square$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 3(b)** Since  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}) = \mathbf{I}$  we know that  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}^{-1})_{lj} = \mathbf{I}_{lj}$ . Therefore, it is enough to multiply  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}$  and check if there are values of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}$  is the second column of the identity matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} - \frac{a}{3} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{when } a = 4, \text{ we get } \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{P}^{-1})_{l3}.$$

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 3(c)** Necessarily  $\boxed{a > 1}$ . We can see it diagonalizing by congruence:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-a \end{array} \right]$$

or by leading principal minors, since if  $\mathbf{P}$  is negative definite, then  $-\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix}$  is positive definite:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$ ;  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1$ ;  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$ ;  $\det(-\mathbf{P}) = a - 1$ .

□

**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 4(a)** It's false. For example if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ , we always have that  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .

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**(Final June 22/23) Short questions set 4(b)** It is impossible. Both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  have rank 2 at most. The product cannot be rank 3.

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**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has 5 columns and the dimension of its null space is 2:  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 5 - 2 = 3$ ,

Given that the particular solution indicated in the parametric equations of the statement is the first column of the identity matrix of order 5, we have  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I})_{11} = \mathbf{A}_{11} = \mathbf{b}$ .

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**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 1(b)** Since  $\mathbf{B}_{1j} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{E}_{1j} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{E}_{1j})$ , each column of  $\mathbf{B}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , that is,  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . And since  $\mathbf{A}_{1j} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{E}^{-1})_{1j} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{E}^{-1})_{1j}$ , each column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$ , ie  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B})$ .

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**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 1(c)** Given that each row of  $\mathbf{A}$  has 5 components and that the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3, a basis of the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  consists of three linearly independent vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  which are perpendicular to the null space  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . The three given vectors belong to  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and are linearly independent (just look at their last three components). They are also perpendicular to the two special solutions used in the parametric equations of the statement, therefore those three vectors form a basis of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 1(d)** It is enough to use the vectors of section (c) as rows of the coefficient matrix

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \left| \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \right. \right\}.$$

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 1(e)**  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  because  $\mathbf{v}$  satisfies the Cartesian equations found in

the previous section:  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

As a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  we can use the special solutions provided in the parametric equations of the problem statement. We only need to know which linear combination of the basis vectors is equal to  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Coordinates: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 2(a)** Applying elimination by columns:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a & -b_1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a & -b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & -b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\tau_1+3] \\ [(-a)\tau_1+4] \\ [(b_1)\tau_1+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & -b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-b_1+b_2)\tau_2+5]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c & -b_1 + b_2 - b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

or, applying elimination by rows:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a & -b_1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a & -b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & -b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\tau_1+2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a & -b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & -b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\tau_2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a & -b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c & -b_1 + b_2 - b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

we conclude that whether  $c \neq 0$  or  $-b_1 + b_2 - b_3 = 0$  the system of equation is solvable.  $\square$

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & a & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\tau_1+3] \\ [(-a)\tau_1+4] \\ [(2)\tau_1+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -a & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_2+3] \\ [(-1)\tau_2+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -a & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

When  $c \neq 0$  the solution set is  $\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$

And when  $c = 0$  the solution set is  $\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -a \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$   $\square$

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 2(c)** The subspace of solutions of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  must be of dimension 2. So  $c = 0$ . Furthermore, the vectors of  $\mathbf{B}$  have to be perpendicular to the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Therefore, the product of  $\mathbf{A}$  by the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  whose columns are the vectors of  $\mathbf{B}$  must be a zero matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & a+1 \\ 0 & a+1 \\ 0 & c \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c = 0 \\ a = -1 \end{cases}.$$

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**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 2(d)** Basta ver cómo deben ser los parámetros para que las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$  sean combinación lineal de las filas de  $\mathbf{C}$ . Podemos hacerlo mediante eliminación por columnas (transponiendo las matrices  $\mathbf{C}$  y  $\mathbf{A}$ ) It is enough to see how the parameters must be so that the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  are a linear combination of the rows of  $\mathbf{C}$ . We can do this by column elimination (transposing the matrices  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$ ).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & a & a & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\tau_1+2] \\ [(-1)\tau_1+3] \\ [(-1)\tau_1+4]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & a-4 & a-4 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_2+3] \\ [(2)\tau_2+4] \\ [(1)\tau_2+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & a-4 & a-4 & c \end{array} \right],$$

or by row elimination:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\tau_1+4] \\ [(-1)\tau_1+3] \\ [(-1)\tau_1+2]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & a-4 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & a-4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & c \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_2+5] \\ [(2)\tau_2+4] \\ [(1)\tau_2+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \end{array} \right]. \text{ so}$$

The answer is  $a = 4$  and  $c = 0$ .  $\square$

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 3(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}) = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . It is enough to check that by elementary transformations we get the identity matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{1}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2-b & b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(b-2)\mathbf{4}+\mathbf{1}] \\ [(-b)\mathbf{4}+\mathbf{2}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\frac{1}{2})\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 3(b)** Given that if the columns of the full rank matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  we have that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SD}(\mathbf{S}^{-1})$ , then if  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank, we have that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{SD}(\mathbf{S}^{-1}))^{-1} = \mathbf{SD}^{-1}(\mathbf{S}^{-1})$ ; that is,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is also diagonalizable, it has the same eigenvectors as  $\mathbf{A}$  and its eigenvalues are the inverse of those of  $\mathbf{A}$ . So we can deal directly with  $\mathbf{A}$ . As the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  are the numbers on the diagonal (because  $\mathbf{A}$  is triangular), we can see that  $\lambda = 1$  has algebraic multiplicity 3, let's see in which cases  $\mathbf{A}$  (and thus  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ) is diagonalizable:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - (1)\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(2)\mathbf{2}] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2b-2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

so, for the dimension of the eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1}$  to be 3, the parameter must be  $\boxed{b=1}$ .

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 3(c)** We already know that  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1}$

when  $b=1$ .

On the other hand, since  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - (2)\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final May 22/23) Exercise 3(d)**

- $|2\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{B}| = |2\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{B}| = 2^4 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^6 = 64$ .
- $|\mathbf{AB} - \mathbf{B}| = |(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{B}| = 0 \times 2 = 0$ .
- $\text{tr}(\mathbf{BAB}^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = 5$  since  $\mathbf{BAB}^{-1}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 1(a)** True: Since  $\mathbf{AB}_{|j} = \mathbf{BD}_{|j} = \mathbf{B}\lambda_j(\mathbf{I}_{|j}) = \lambda_j\mathbf{B}_{|j}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix, whose diagonal contains the corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$ , and since  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ba}$ , then

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{ABa} = \mathbf{BDa} = \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 a_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Another proof: Since the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BDB}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal with the correspondent eigenvalues in its main diagonal, so  $\mathbf{Da} = (\lambda_1 a_1, \dots, \lambda_n a_n)$ . Therefore, since  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ba}$ , then  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{BDB}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{BDB}^{-1}\mathbf{Ba} = \mathbf{B(Da)}$ . □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 1(b) **False:** Let  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  (that is, a basis for the subspace of vectors whose **last** component is zero) and let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ; then,

$$B^* = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for the subspace of vectors whose **first** component is zero. □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 1(c) **True:** Since  $_{jl}\mathbf{C} = _{jl}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^\top) = _{jl}\mathbf{A} + _{jl}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = (\mathbf{A}^\top)_{lj} + \mathbf{A}_{lj} = \mathbf{C}_{lj}$ , The matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is symmetric and, therefore, diagonalizable. □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 1(d) **True:** As  $\mathbf{Av} = 3\mathbf{v}$ , we have that  $12 = f(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{vAv} = \mathbf{v} \cdot (3\mathbf{v}) = 3(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = 3\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ ; so  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = 4$ ; hence  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 2$ . □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 1(e) **True:** Since  $1 = |\mathbf{A}| = \lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 \times \lambda_3 = 1 \times 2 \times \lambda_3$ , we have  $\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{2}$ . And since the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  are the inverses of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , we know that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  have the same eigenvalues. Therefore, they have the same trace. □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 2(a) Since  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)) = 3$ , it is necessary that  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3$ . □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 2(b) On the one hand,  $\left| (\mathbf{B}^\top)\mathbf{B} \right|_{4 \times 4} = 0 = \left| (\mathbf{B}^\top)\mathbf{A} \right|_{4 \times 4}$  (since the rank can't be 4), on the other hand  $|\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}^\top)| = |(\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}^\top))^\top| = |\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)| = 2$ . □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 2(c) Given that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}^\top)$  has full rank (invertible), the only solution is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . □

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 2(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \det [\mathbf{C}_{|2}; (\mathbf{C}_{|2} - \mathbf{C}_{|1}); (2\mathbf{C}_{|2} + \mathbf{C}_{|3}); ] &= \det [\mathbf{C}_{|2}; -\mathbf{C}_{|1}; \mathbf{C}_{|3}; ] = -\det [\mathbf{C}_{|2}; \mathbf{C}_{|1}; \mathbf{C}_{|3}; ] \\ &= \det [\mathbf{C}_{|1}; \mathbf{C}_{|2}; \mathbf{C}_{|3}; ] = |\mathbf{C}| = |\mathbf{AB}^\top| = 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

(Final May 22/23) Short questions set 3(a) Diagonalizing by congruence, we can determine the signs of the eigenvalues. Hence, since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{I}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & b-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{I}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  we conclude that

- when  $b < 1$ , it can take both positive and negative values.
- when  $b = 1$ , it is positive semidefinite.
- when  $b > 1$ , it is negative semidefinite.

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 1(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(-3)\mathbf{1}+4] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{2}+3] \\ [(-4)\mathbf{2}+4] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 & -7 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+4]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 & -7 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 therefore, they are 4 linearly independent vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 1(b) From above we have  $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Hence, if  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})$ , since, from the first section, we know that  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible.

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 1(c) Since  $\mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{B}^{-1}))^\top = (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top(\mathbf{C}^\top)$ , where  $(\mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top = (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1}$  is full rank; and since  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ , then, the solution set of  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is the same as the solution set of  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus, taking  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B}^\top$  we have that the set of vectors that are solution of  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is the same as the set of vectors that are solution of  $\mathbf{B}^\top(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}^\top((\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1}(\mathbf{C}^\top))\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{C}^\top)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . So

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & \\ 0 & 0 & \\ 5 & 10 & \\ 1 & 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & \\ 5 & 0 & \\ 1 & 0 & \\ \hline 1 & -2 & \\ 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \text{a basis of } \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \text{ is: } \left[ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 1(d) Since  $\mathbf{A} = \underset{2 \times 4}{\mathbf{C}} \underset{4 \times 4}{(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}$  we must have  $m = 2$  and  $n = 4$ . From above, the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is 1, but this must equal  $m - r$ , so we obtain  $r = 1$ .

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 2(a) 
$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since off-diagonal components are null ( ${}_i\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}_j = 0$  with  $i \neq j$ ), columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are orthogonal to each other.

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 2(b) 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$
 So,  $\boxed{\det \mathbf{A} = 4}$

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 2(c) Since  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{I}$  then  $(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ .

□

(Final July 21/22) Exercise 2(d) Since  $\mathcal{S}$  is a subspace, the vectors in  $\mathcal{S}$  must be solutions of a homogeneous system of equations. The rows of the coefficient matrix of that homogeneous system must

be orthogonal to the first two columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since the last two columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are perpendicular to the first two columns, we have that

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 2(e)**

$$\mathbf{A}^9 = (\mathbf{A}^4)(\mathbf{A}^4)\mathbf{A} = (-4\mathbf{I})(-4\mathbf{I}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 & 16 \\ -16 & 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & -16 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 3(a)**  $\mathbf{A}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1-a \\ 1-b & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; therefore the associated eigenvalue is  $\lambda = 1$ . On the other hand  $(1, -1)$  is not an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  unless  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric because

$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-b+1 \\ -a+b+1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a multiple of } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow a-b = -a+b \Rightarrow 2a = 2b.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 3(b)** On the one hand, since the components of  $\mathbf{A}$  are non-negative, and since the components of  $\mathbf{v}$  are also non-negative:  $v_i \geq 0$

$$_{i|}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}) = _{i|}((\mathbf{A}_{|1})v_1 + (\mathbf{A}_{|2})v_2) = (_{i|}\mathbf{A}_{|1})v_2 + (_{i|}\mathbf{A}_{|2})v_2 \geq 0$$

since it is a sum of non-negative numbers. On the other hand, since  $v_1 + v_2 = 1$  and since the dot product of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  by a vector of ones is the sum of the components of  $\mathbf{v}$ , we have that

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 + v_2 = 1.$$

Thus, since  $\mathbf{A}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; and since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , the sum of the components of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  is:  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 3(c)** The trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $(a+b)$  and hence the sum of eigenvalues is  $1 + \lambda_2 = a+b$ ; that is,  $\lambda_2 = a+b-1$ , where  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ . Thus, the extreme cases are:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_2 = 1 & \text{when } a = b = 1, \text{ in this case } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \lambda_2 = -1 & \text{when } a = b = 0, \text{ in this case } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases},$$

in all other cases  $-1 < \lambda_2 < 1$ . Therefore, in all cases  $|\lambda_2| \leq 1$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 3(d)** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric we already known (part a) that  $(1, -1)$  is an eigenvector, so any nonzero perpendicular vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is another eigenvector, for example  $(-1, -1)$ . But we can compute them:

$$\begin{cases} \text{For } \lambda_1 = 1: & \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} a-1 & 1-a \\ 1-a & a-1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(1)}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \right] \right) \\ \text{For } \lambda_2 = 2a-1: & \mathbf{A} - (2a-1)\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-a & 1-a \\ 1-a & 1-a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{(2a-1)}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \right] \right). \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{B} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that consists of eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Exercise 3(e)**  $\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^k(\alpha \mathbf{v} + \beta \mathbf{w}) = \alpha(\mathbf{A}^k) \mathbf{v} + \beta(\mathbf{A}^k) \mathbf{w} = \alpha(\lambda_1^k) \mathbf{v} + \beta(\lambda_2^k) \mathbf{w}$ . Since  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and since  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ , then:  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{v} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . And since the elements of  $\mathbf{z}$  add up to 1, then  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , therefore

$$\mathbf{z} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 1(a)** Such a matrix must be an  $m$  matrix whose nullspace is one dimensional. In other words, the rank is  $3 - 1 = 2$ . We may take  $\mathbf{A}$  to be an  $2 \times 3$  matrix whose rows are linearly independent. As an example, we take

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 1(b)** To find all solutions, we do elimination:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)1+3] \\ [(1)1+4] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 2(a)** We will use the upper left determinants:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a \end{bmatrix} = a > 0; \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 \\ 2 & a \end{bmatrix} = (a-2)(a+2) > 0; \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2(a-2)(a+1) > 0.$$

So the condition is  $a > 2$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 2(b)** Since there is a positive element in the main diagonal,  $\mathbf{A}$  could never be negative definite.

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**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 2(c)** Since  $|\mathbf{A}| = 2(a-2)(a+1) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  is singular if  $a = -1$  or  $a = 2$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 3(a)**  $\mathbf{A}$  is upper triangular, so the eigenvalues are the entries in the diagonal:  $0, 0, 0, 0$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 3(b)**  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank 3, so there is only one linearly independent

eigenvector.  $\begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 4(a)**  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}.$

□

**(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 5(a)** **False.** If the solution set of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is a line, then the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2. Therefore, the only solution of  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is the point  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□



(Final July 21/22) Short questions set 5(b) True.  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{P})^{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{P}^{-1})^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^\top = (\mathbf{P}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^\top$ .

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 1(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{1}+3] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(1)\mathbf{2}+3] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{2}+4] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{3}+4]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3, then  $\mathbb{R}^3 \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  and therefore  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  will have infinitely many solutions for any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  (since there are free columns). But since  $\mathbb{R}^4 \not\subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , then  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  may have no solution for some  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , but if it does, it will be unique (since there are no free rows in  $\mathbf{A}$ ).

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 1(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the last row belongs to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ , and only two of its components are non-zero, this vector is a possible answer is  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{c} = (0, 0, 2, 2)$ .

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 1(c) From the elimination in part (a) we deduce that a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$

is  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 1(d) Such orthogonal complement is the set of vectors orthogonal to  $(5, -2, -1, 1)$ , i.e.

$$\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid [5 \ -2 \ -1 \ 1] \mathbf{v} = (0,)\}.$$

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 1(e) Obviously some Cartesian equations of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  are

$$\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}, \text{ es decir } \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}).$$

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 2(a) Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is  $3 \times 3$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  must have 3 columns so that  $\boxed{n = 3}$ . The column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  is spanned by 3 orthonormal vectors, so  $\boxed{\text{the rank of } \mathbf{A} \text{ is } 3}$ . The number of rows must be greater than or equal to the rank, so  $\boxed{m \geq 3}$ .

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 2(b)  $\mathbf{A}_{|3} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}_{|3} = \mathbf{Q} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{A}_{|3} = 0\mathbf{Q}_{|1} + 1\mathbf{Q}_{|2} + 1\mathbf{Q}_{|3}$ .

□

(Final May 21/22) Exercise 2(c) Since the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are *orthonormal*

$$\|\mathbf{A}_{|3}\|^2 = (\mathbf{Q}_{|2} + \mathbf{Q}_{|3}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2} + \mathbf{Q}_{|3}) = (\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) + (\mathbf{Q}_{|3}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|3}) = 1 + 1 = 2.$$

Therefore  $\|\mathbf{A}_{|3}\| = \sqrt{2}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 2(d)** Since  $\mathbf{A}_{|1} = \mathbf{Q}_{|1}$ , since  $\mathbf{A}_{|3} = \mathbf{Q}_{|2} + \mathbf{Q}_{|3}$ , and since columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are orthogonal, then we know that the first and third columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are perpendicular.

$$(\mathbf{A}_{|1}) \cdot (\mathbf{A}_{|3}) = (\mathbf{Q}_{|1}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2} + \mathbf{Q}_{|3}) = (\mathbf{Q}_{|1}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) + (\mathbf{Q}_{|1}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|3}) = 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}_{|1} \perp \mathbf{A}_{|3}.$$

However, all other dot products between columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are non-zero; e.g.

$$(\mathbf{A}_{|2}) \cdot (\mathbf{A}_{|3}) = (-3\mathbf{Q}_{|1} + 2\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2} + \mathbf{Q}_{|3}) = 2(\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) \cdot (\mathbf{Q}_{|2}) = 2.$$

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 2(e)** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square, so it is  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal matrix, that is to say  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ . Consequently  $\det(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q}) = (\det \mathbf{Q})^2 = 1$ . Therefore  $\det \mathbf{Q}$  can only be 1 or  $-1$ . Thus,

$$|\det \mathbf{A}| = |\det(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R})| = |\det \mathbf{Q} \cdot \det \mathbf{R}| = |\det \mathbf{R}| = 2.$$

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-a)\mathbf{2}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -a^2 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(a^2)\mathbf{3}+1] \\ [(-a)\mathbf{3}+2] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{L}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ a^2 & -a & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 3(b)** Note that  $\mathbf{L}$  is invertible no matter what  $a$  is, and  $\mathbf{D}$  is invertible so long as  $d \neq 0$ . So  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}^T$  will be invertible whenever  $d \neq 0$ . If  $d = 0$ , then of course  $\mathbf{A}$  can't be invertible.

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 3(c)** The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is always symmetric, since  $\mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}^T)^T = (\mathbf{L}^T)^T \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{L}^T = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}^T = \mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Exercise 3(d)**  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite if and only if  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ . If we call  $\mathbf{y}$  the vector  $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{x}$ , we have that

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d^3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y},$$

which is greater than zero if and only if  $d > 0$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are similar, they have the same eigenvalues. And since  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable, then  $\mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{D}^k)(\mathbf{X}^{-1})$ . Therefore

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A}^4 - 2(\mathbf{A}^2) - 8\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{D}^4 - 2(\mathbf{D}^2) - 8\mathbf{I})\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \mathbf{X} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -9 \end{bmatrix} (\mathbf{X}^{-1}).$$

Thus, the eigenvalues are  $-9$  (double) and  $0$  (double).

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 1(b)** The nonzero solutions of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ . Therefore, a basis of the corresponding eigenspace is formed by the columns 2 and 3 of  $\mathbf{X}$ , so that

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(a) True:** We know that  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ , and substituting  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$  we have  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \mathbf{I}$ ; by transposing we have that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top = \mathbf{I}$ , that is,  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(b) False:** The rank of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is  $n$ , since its  $n$  columns are linearly independent because they are perpendicular to each other. Therefore the  $m$  rows of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are linearly dependent (since  $m > \text{rg}(\mathbf{Q})$ ); that is, there is  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $\mathbf{y}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e., the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)$  are linearly dependent (i.e., the square matrix  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^\top)$  is singular).

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(c) True:** If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{A} - 0\mathbf{I}$  is singular, i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular. Therefore the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly dependent, i.e., there exists  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(d) True:** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is orthogonally diagonalizable:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}$ ; Therefore  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{Q}^\top (\mathbf{D}^2) \mathbf{Q}$  is an orthogonal diagonalization of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  where the elements of the diagonal of  $\mathbf{D}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2$ ; which are necessarily all positive since they are the square of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  (all nonzero since  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible).

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(e) False:** For example,  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(f) False:** For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 2(g) False:** It is possible to find linear combinations of  $\mathbf{0}$  other than the trivial one,  $0(\mathbf{0})$ , that are the null vector. For example:  $1492(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore, this set is linearly dependent.

□

**(Final May 21/22) Short questions set 3(a) Diagonalizing by congruence:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(a)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(a)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[2 \leftrightarrow 3] \\ [2 \leftrightarrow 3]}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 - 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Quadratic form  $f(x, y, z) \begin{cases} \text{is negative semi-definite if} & |a| \leq 2 \\ \text{is neither positive nor negative definite if} & |a| > 2 \end{cases}$ .

□

**(Final July 20/21) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\mathbf{1}+5] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{2}+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{3}+4] \\ [(3)\mathbf{3}+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right];$$

therefore, the solution set is  $\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}$ .

□

**(Final July 20/21) Exercise 1(b)** It is a line, since  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ .

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 1(c) For example,  ${}_1\mathbf{A}$ ,  ${}_3\mathbf{A}$ , and  ${}_4\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\text{a basis for } \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) : \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 1(d) Solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are perpendicular to the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$ , hence,

$$\text{a basis for } \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\perp \left( \text{is basis for } \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \right) : \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 2(a) The eigenvalues are  $-1$ ,  $0$ , and  $1$ , since  $\mathbf{A}$  is triangular.

$$\text{for } \lambda = -1: \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \mathbf{I} & & & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2)\tau + 3]} \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & 2 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 3 & \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right]; \quad \mathcal{E}_{-1} = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right)$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 0: \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \mathbf{I} & & & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} -1 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 5 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(2)\tau + 2] \\ [(4)\tau + 3] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 5 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right]; \quad \mathcal{E}_0 = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right)$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 1: \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \mathbf{I} & & & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} -2 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 0 & -1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(1)\tau + 2] \\ [(2)\tau + 3] \\ [(5)\tau + 3] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} -2 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline 0 & -1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ 1 & 1 & 7 & \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right]; \quad \mathcal{E}_1 = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 2(b) Since  $\mathbf{D}^{1001} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{1001} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D}$  and

$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  then

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A}^{1001} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^{1001}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{I}$  is full rank but  $\mathbf{A}^{1000}$  can't be full rank (since  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular), then  $\mathbf{A}^{1000} \neq \mathbf{I}$ .

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 2(c)  $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}$  has 2 positive eigenvalues (it has rank 2, its eigenvalues can never be negative since  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \sum_i (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})_i^2 \geq 0$ ). One eigenvalue is zero because  $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}$  is singular.

(Or:  $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, so the eigenvalues have the same signs as the entries in the main diagonal after diagonalization by congruence:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & -4 & & & \\ -2 & 4 & 8 & & & \\ -4 & 8 & 42 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(2)\tau + 2] \\ [(4)\tau + 3] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ -4 & 0 & 26 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(4)\tau + 3] \\ [(2)\tau + 2] \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 26 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[2 \rightleftharpoons 3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 26 & 0 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[2 \rightleftharpoons 3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 26 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \end{array} \right]$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 2(d) No, for example:  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^\top \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . □

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 3(a)  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  has eigenvalues  $\frac{1}{\lambda_j}$  with the same eigenvectors. Proof:

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_j = \lambda_j \mathbf{q}_j \iff (\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}_j = (\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \lambda_j \mathbf{q}_j \iff \mathbf{q}_j = \lambda_j (\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{q}_j \iff \boxed{(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{q}_j = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} \mathbf{q}_j}.$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 3(b) Multiply  $\mathbf{b} = c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{q}_n$  by  $\mathbf{q}_1$ . Orthonormality gives

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{q}_n) \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1 = c_1 \quad \text{so} \quad \boxed{c_1 = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}.$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Exercise 3(c) Multiplying  $\mathbf{b}$  by  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  will multiply each  $\mathbf{q}_j$  by  $\frac{1}{\lambda_j}$  (part (a)).

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} (c_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{q}_n) = c_1 (\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + c_n (\mathbf{A}^{-1}) \mathbf{q}_n = \frac{c_1}{\lambda_1} \mathbf{q}_1 + \cdots + \frac{c_n}{\lambda_n} \mathbf{q}_n.$$

So  $d_1$  becomes

$$\boxed{d_1 = \frac{c_1}{\lambda_1}} \quad \text{or using part (b):} \quad d_1 = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\lambda_1}.$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 1(a) Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has three orthonormal columns :  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3}$ . □

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 1(b) Since  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rg}(\mathbf{B})$ , then

$$\boxed{\text{rg}(\mathbf{AA}^\top) \leq \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3}$$

(so  $\mathbf{AA}^\top$ , of order 5, is singular).

In fact,  $\boxed{\text{rg}(\mathbf{AA}^\top) = \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = 3}$ , let's see why: on the one hand,  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  and  $\mathbf{AA}^\top$  have 5 columns, and on the other hand  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{AA}^\top) = \dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = 2$  since both subspaces are equal: if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  then

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{AA}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{AA}^\top)$$

and if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{AA}^\top)$  then

$$\mathbf{AA}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{xAA}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{0} = 0 \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x}\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top).$$

□

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 1(c)  $\det(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top) = \det \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{A}^\top = \det \mathbf{AA}^\top = 0$  since  $\mathbf{AA}^\top$ , of order 5, is singular. □

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 2(a) **False:** Neither  $\mathbf{u}$  nor  $\mathbf{w}$  are solutions of these Cartesian equations; therefore those Cartesian equations do not correspond to subspace corresponding to subspace  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})$ . □

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 2(b) **True:**  $((\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top) \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ . □

(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 2(c) **True:** Eigenvectors of a matrix are also eigenvector of its inverse. Hence, if  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{v} = \gamma \mathbf{v}$ , then:  $\mathbf{AB}^{-1} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbf{v} \right) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\lambda}{\gamma} \mathbf{v}$ . □

**(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 2(d) False.** The set is not close under scalar multiplication.

For example:  $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in the set.

□

**(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 3(a)** It is **indefinite** since  $q(x, y) = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{2}}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{2}}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(2)\bar{\mathbf{2}}]} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{2}}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D}.$$

□

**(Final July 20/21) Short questions set 3(b)** We have already seen that

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{matrix} & & \mathbf{A} & \\ [(-1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2] & [(\bar{\mathbf{2}})\bar{\mathbf{2}}] & [(\bar{\mathbf{2}}+1) & [(\bar{\mathbf{2}})\bar{\mathbf{2}}] & [(-1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2] \end{matrix} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} \begin{matrix} & & \\ [(\bar{\mathbf{2}}+1) & [(\bar{\mathbf{2}})\bar{\mathbf{2}}] & [(-1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2] \end{matrix}.$$

Applying the inverse transformations to the columns of  $\mathbf{I}$  we get

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{2}}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B}^{-1};$$

since  $\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \\ -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ ; and since  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^{-1}$ , we conclude that

$$q(x, y) = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} (\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}, & -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \\ -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{4 \left( \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \right)^2 - 4 \left( -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \right)^2}.$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is diagonalizable for any  $a$ . In the case of  $\mathbf{B}$  we must find the set of values of  $a$  that makes the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  have dimension 2.

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\bar{\mathbf{2}})\bar{\mathbf{2}}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 - \frac{2}{a} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, only when  $a = 1$  the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{I})$  is 2.

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 1(b)** Matrices  $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  are similar so they have the same trace:

$\text{tr}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^{-1}) = 2 + a$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular ( $\mathbf{A}_{11} = \mathbf{A}_{33}$ ), so it is  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^2$  and therefore

$$|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^2| = 0.$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 1(c)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & a & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & a-1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a \geq 1 & \text{Positive semidefinite} \\ a < 1 & \text{Indefinite} \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 1(d)**

$$\text{for } \lambda = 2: \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} - 2\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\bar{\mathbf{1}}+2]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathcal{E}_2 = \mathcal{L} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 1: \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{2}+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathcal{E}_1 = \mathcal{L} \left( \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 1(e)** Since eigenspaces  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\mathcal{E}_2$  are not perpendicular, it is not possible to find an orthonormal basis formed by eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{B}$ .

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 2(a)** Since  $\mathbf{b}$  is a multiple of  $(\mathbf{A}_5)_1$ , this system of equations is always solvable.

Since there are less rows than columns, the rank is less than the number of columns, hence, columns are linearly dependent, and therefore, *there are infinite solutions for this system regardless of the value of the parameters.*

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 2 & 1 & 1 & -c \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{5}+1] \\ [(-a)\mathbf{5}+2] \\ [(-2)\mathbf{5}+3] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{5}+4] \\ [(c)\mathbf{5}+6] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -a & -2 & -1 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{4}+1] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{3}+2] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-a & -2 & -1 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the set of solutions is

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-a \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 2(c)**

A) No, since in any solution  $x_3 = -x_2$ .

B) Only when  $a \neq 2$ . Then we can divide the second special solution by  $2-a$  and subtract  $c$  times that vector from the particular solution; thus we get the following parametric equations:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{c}{a-2} \\ -\frac{c}{a-2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{a-2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{a-2} \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}$$

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 2(d)** Since the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3 and the order of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is 5, matrix  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is singular, and therefore its determinant is 0.

□

**(Final June 20/21) Exercise 3(a)**  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; since  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1}|_2 = (\mathbf{I}_2)|_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Exercise 3(b)  $\boxed{d = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}$ ; since  $d = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})|_2 = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{B})|_2 = (\mathbf{B}_2)|_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Exercise 3(c) To get  $\mathbf{c}$  we can just solve the system  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{d}$ . But that system is equivalent to any system  $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{d}$  for any non-singular  $\mathbf{E}$ . Hence, we can multiply by  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(3)\tau+2] \\ [(-7)\mathbf{1}+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{U}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{c}$  verifies

$$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{d} \Rightarrow \mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{f};$$

so we can just solve  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{f}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} | -\mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{I} | \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 5 & -12 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+4]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 5 & -12 & 1 & | & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(5)\mathbf{3}+4]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 5 & -12 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{c}$  (i.e., the second column of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ) is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(a) The answer to the first question is **NO**: since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  (of order 2) is full rank, then  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  has 2 linealy independent columns (i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ )

The answer to the second question is **YES**: The 5 columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly dependent since the rank is only 2.

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(b) Since the order of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  is 2, then  $|2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1}| = 2^2|(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1}| = \frac{4}{|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top|} = \frac{4}{3}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(c) Since the order of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = [\mathbf{c}_1; \mathbf{c}_2]$  is 2, then:

$$\det[\mathbf{c}_2; (3\mathbf{c}_1 + 2\mathbf{c}_2)] = \det[\mathbf{c}_2; 3\mathbf{c}_1] = 3 \det[\mathbf{c}_2; \mathbf{c}_1] = -3 \det[\mathbf{c}_1; \mathbf{c}_2] = -3|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top| = -9.$$

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(d) Since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  is 2 by 2 with rank 2, its columns are linearly independent; hence,  $\boxed{\dim \mathcal{S} = 0}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(e) Since  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is 5 by 5 with rank 2,  $\boxed{\dim \mathcal{W} = 5 - 2 = 3}$ .

□

(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(f) Since the rank of  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$  is 2,  $\boxed{\dim \mathcal{Z} = 2}$ .

□



**(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(g)** We know dimension of  $\mathcal{W}$  is 3; and  $\mathcal{W}$  is the eigenspace for  $\lambda = 0$ . Hence, 3 is the geometric multiplicity for  $\lambda = 0$ .

Since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is diagonalizable. It follows that geometric and algebraic multiplicities are equal, so 3 is also the algebraic multiplicity.  $\square$

**(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 1(h)** Both,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T$  have two columns, and both have rank two. So columns of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  are linearly independent, thus  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  when  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

If we denote  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}$  with  $\mathbf{v}$ , it is clear that for any  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum v_i^2 > 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \text{when} \quad \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

 $\square$ 

**(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 2(a)** For example  $P = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} = (1,)\}$

since

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ x & y & z & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)1+2] \\ [(-1)1+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -3 & 0 \\ x & x+y & -x+z & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1)2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ x & x+y & y+z & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

 $\square$ 

**(Final June 20/21) Short questions set 2(b)** Vector  $\mathbf{c}$ , since it is the only one that satisfies the Cartesian equations.  $\square$

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 1(a)**  $\mathbf{C}_{|3} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})_{|3} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}_{|3}) = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_{|1}.$   $\square$

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 1(b)** On the one hand, since

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}$$

$3 \times 5 \quad m \times n \quad 3 \times 5$

then  $\mathbf{A}$  has three columns ( $n = 3$ ); and  $\mathbf{A}$  has as many rows as  $\mathbf{C}$  ( $m = 3$ ); so  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix. On the other hand, since  $\mathbf{C}$  has rank three, then the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  can not be less than 3; Hence  $\boxed{\mathbf{A} \text{ is invertible}}.$

*Although not required, we can find the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**By columns:** from the first three columns we can see that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_{|3} = 2\mathbf{I}_{|1} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_{|2} = \mathbf{I}_{|2} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}_{|1} = \mathbf{I}_{|3} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{B}_{|3} & \mathbf{B}_{|2} & \mathbf{B}_{|1} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3}. \text{ So } \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{B}_{|3} & \mathbf{B}_{|2} & \mathbf{B}_{|1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**By rows:** Since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ , we known that  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}$ . Therefore, if we start from  $[\mathbf{C} \mid \mathbf{I}]$  and if, by elementary row operations, we transform  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\mathbf{I}$  becomes  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(\frac{1}{2})1]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1)3+1]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)2+1]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2)3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(4)2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 0 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(6)2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 0 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{B} \mid \mathbf{A}^{-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 1(c)** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{C}_{|5}$  implies  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}_{|5}$ . But,

since  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = \left(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\right)_{|5} = \mathbf{B}_{|5} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  (the fifth column of  $\mathbf{B}$ ).

If you already know  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , you can also compute:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}_{|5} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 1(d)** Yes. Since the rank of  $\mathbf{B}$  is three, then  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}^T) = 3$ . And since  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$ , rows of  $\mathbf{C}$  are linear combinations of rows of  $\mathbf{B}$ , but rows of  $\mathbf{C}$  are linearly independent, since  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{C}) = 3$ . Therefore, rows of  $\mathbf{C}$  are a basis for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{B}^T)$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 1(e)** Note that

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}_{|3}) = 2 \cdot (\mathbf{B}_{|3}); \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}_{|4}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{B}_{|4}); \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B}_{|5}) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot (\mathbf{B}_{|5});$$

Hence, the three last columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , corresponding respectively to the eigenvalues 2,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , y  $\frac{1}{6}$ . Since each eigenvector correspond to a different eigenvalue, they are linearly independent and form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 2(a)** Puesto que la matriz es de orden 3 y de rango 2 (pues dos autovalores son distintos de cero y solo uno igual cero), el conjunto de soluciones son todos los múltiplos del autovector asociado al autovalor 0; es decir Since the 3 by 3 matrix has rank 2 (only two eigenvalues are nonzero) then  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ , and the set of solutions is the set of multiples of  $\mathbf{v}_2$  (eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ ),

$$\left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{p} \right\}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 2(b)**  $\mathbf{A}$  tiene dos autoespacios, el asociado al autovalor  $\lambda = 0$ , y generado por  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , y el asociado al autovalor  $\lambda = 1$ , y generado por  $\mathbf{v}_1$  y  $\mathbf{v}_3$  (que es de dimensión 2 por ser  $\mathbf{v}_1$  y  $\mathbf{v}_3$  linealmente independientes) There are two eigenspaces, one for  $\lambda = 0$  and another one for  $\lambda = 1$  (this one with geometric multiplicity 2, since  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly independent).

A matrix is symmetric if and only if eigenspaces corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal. Hence,  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric if  $\mathbf{v}_2$  is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ . Lets see:

$$\mathbf{v}_2 [\mathbf{v}_1; \mathbf{v}_3] = (-1, 2, 1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (0, 1)$$

so  $\boxed{\mathbf{A} \text{ is NOT symmetric}}$ .

To prove that  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable we need to check that  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  are linearly independent, and therefore they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$[\mathbf{v}_1; 2\mathbf{v}_2; \mathbf{v}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)1+2] \\ [(-1)1+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 2(c)** Aunque podríamos aplicar la proyección ortogonal de un vector sobre el espacio generado por el otro y tomar el vector diferencia; tenemos otra forma más sencilla de hacerlo. El segundo autovector  $\mathbf{w}$  asociado a  $\lambda = 1$  tiene que ser combinación lineal de  $\mathbf{v}_1$  y  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , es decir  $\mathbf{w} = a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_3$ , por tanto Although we could apply the orthogonal projection of one vector onto the span

of the other, and then we can take the difference vector; we are going to proceed in other way. We need a vector  $\mathbf{w}$  in the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  (a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  y  $\mathbf{v}_3$ )

$$\mathbf{w} = [\mathbf{v}_1; \mathbf{v}_3] \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix};$$

and we want  $\mathbf{w}$  to be perpendicular to one of them, for example perpendicular to  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ; hence

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0; \Rightarrow (2, 1, 0) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 0; \Rightarrow 5a + 5b = 0; \Rightarrow b = -a.$$

So, for all  $a \neq 0$ , the vector  $(a\mathbf{v}_1 - a\mathbf{v}_3)$  is an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  and orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_1$ . If, for example,  $a = 1$ , then we get  $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 0, -1)$ . Now, we only need to normalize in order

to get an orthonormal basis:  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 2(d)** Since  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  belong to the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$ , any linear combination of both belongs that eigenspace. Therefore  $\mathbf{A}(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3) = 1(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3)$  and

$$\mathbf{A}^k(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3) = 1^k(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3) = (2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 2(e)**  $(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3)\mathbf{A}(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_3) = (2, 1, -1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 6$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 3(a)** False:

- $\mathbf{P}$  is the matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$ ; so it is of order  $m$ , but it is the product of matrices  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{X}^\top$ , and all these matrices have rank  $n < m$ . It follows that rank of  $\mathbf{P}$  can't be  $m$ .
- $\mathbf{X}$  has rank  $n$ , so  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) = n < m$ . Hence, there are non-null vectors  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  orthogonal to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$ , whose projection is  $\mathbf{0}$ . That is,  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  for some  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . So  $\mathbf{P}$  is singular.

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 3(b)** True:

$$\mathbf{P}^\top = \left( \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \right)^\top = (\mathbf{X}^\top)^\top ((\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1})^\top \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{P};$$

where  $\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}$  is symmetric, so its inverse is also symmetric  $\Rightarrow ((\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1})^\top = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 3(c)** True:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \cdot \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{P}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Exercise 3(d)** True: We only need to check that  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v})$  is zero:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P}^\top \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P} \mathbf{v} = 0.$$

where  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{P}^\top$ , where  $\mathbf{P}^\top = \mathbf{P}$  and therefore  $\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}$ .

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{C}^2 &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^\top && \text{since } \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^\top \\
&= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^\top = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top && \text{since } (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^\top = \mathbf{B}^\top\mathbf{A}^\top \\
&= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{A}^\top && \text{because } \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{I} \text{ since } \mathbf{B} \text{ is orthogonal} \\
&= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{I} && \text{since } \mathbf{A} \text{ is also orthogonal.}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 1(b)** **YES.** The coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2 by 4, and it has rank 2. Hence  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$ . And both vectors satisfy the system since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

so both vectors belong to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ ; and both are linearly independent (note the location of the null components in both vectors). Since both are linearly independent vectors in a subspace of dimension 2, they are a basis for that subspace.

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 1(c)** The span is following the set:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

By gaussian elimination we can find the required equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ x & -2x+y & z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(\mathbf{3})\mathbf{3}] \\ [(\mathbf{1})\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ x & -2x+y & -2x+y+3z \end{bmatrix}$$

hence  $\Rightarrow \boxed{-2x + y + 3z = 0}.$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 1(d)**

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid \exists a \in \mathbb{R} : \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid \exists a \in \mathbb{R} : \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 2(a)** Since  $\det \mathbf{A} = 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \neq 0$ , the matrix is invertible. Using cofactors is easy to find the component (3, 2) of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ :

$$\frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \cdot C_{23} = \frac{-1}{4} \cdot (-1)^5 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-2}{4} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{2}}.$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 2(b)** We can find that coordinate using the Cramer's rule:

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-1}{4} \cdot 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-1}{4} \cdot 2 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-2}.$$

□

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 3(a)** Since  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$ ; is simétrica, it is always diagonalizable. □

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 3(b)** Since

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (a+1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

both are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , the first corresponding to the eigenvalue  $(a+1)$  and the second corresponding to  $a$ . □

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 3(c)** Since  $(a+1)$  and  $a$  are two out of the three eigenvalues, and since the trace is  $3a$ , the third eigenvalue must be  $(a-1)$ , so:  $(a+1) + a + (a-1) = 3a$ . Hence, the three eigenvalues for  $\mathbf{A}$  are:  $(a-1)$ ,  $a$  and  $(a+1)$ :

$$\begin{cases} a > 1 & q(\mathbf{x}) > 0 & \text{positive definite} \\ a = 1 & q(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 & \text{positive semi-definite} \\ -1 < a < 1 & q(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & \text{nothing (indefinite)} \\ a = -1 & q(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & \text{negative semi-definite} \\ a < -1 & q(\mathbf{x}) < 0 & \text{negative definite} \end{cases}$$

where  $\leq$  means “less, equal or greater than”. □

**(Final June 18/19) Short questions set 3(d)** We can diagonalize by congruence: since

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-\frac{1}{2})_{1+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 - \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\frac{1}{2})_{1+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 - \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D};$$

then  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{1+3} & & \\ & \mathbf{D} & \\ & & \tau_{1+3} \end{bmatrix}$  and therefore

$$q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{2\left(x - \frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + 2(y)^2 + \frac{3}{2}(z)^2}.$$

Or we can find an orthogonal diagonalization of  $\mathbf{A}$ . To do so, we need a third eigenvector that, since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it must be orthogonal to the both eigenvectors in part b).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)_{1+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And now we can use an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  whose columns are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We known that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal with eigenvalues 3, 2, 1 in the main diagonal (see part c); therefore

$$\begin{aligned} q(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{3}{2}(x+z)^2 + 2(y)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-x+z)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 1(a)** Since  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are not perpendicular, we need a linear combination  $(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v})$ , orthogonal to one of them, for example orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . Hence:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}) = 0 \Rightarrow (1, -1, 0) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2, -1) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow b = -2a.$$

For example, if  $a = 1$ , then vector  $(\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . Finally, we

need to normalize both vectors  $\rightarrow$  Orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ :  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 1(b)** We need to solve  $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , (where  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}]$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)2+3]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \forall a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 1(c)** If  $\mathbf{S}$  is the matrix  $[\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v}]$ , then  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T$ . Since the non-null vectors in  $\mathcal{S}$  are  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}$  (with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ), then:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}.$$

And since the non-null vectors  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$  satisfy  $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ , then:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}\mathbf{z}.$$

*Resolución alternativa*, si tomamos una matriz  $\mathbf{X}$  cuyas columnas son una base ortonormal de  $\mathcal{S}$  [como la del apartado a)]; entonces la matriz proyección es

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Con esta matriz es inmediato comprobar que  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ , donde  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}^\perp$  [por ejemplo la solución especial encontrada en el apartado b)].

Y también que  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ ; Así, si  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$  existen  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  tales que  $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$  y entonces  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P}(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}$ .

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 1(d)** The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  consists of all non-null vectors in  $\mathcal{S}$ , and the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$  consists of all non-null vectors in  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$ . We already known an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ ; and we already known that  $(1, -1, 1)$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & -b \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -0 \\ a & 1 & 1 & 2 & -0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[( -2)3+4] \\ (1)1+2 \\ (-1)1+3 \\ (b)1+5}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b \\ a & 1+a & 1-a & 0 & ab \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[( -b)2+5]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1+a & 1-a & 0 & -b \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Discussion:

$$\begin{cases} b = 0 & \text{solvable (with infinite solutions)} \\ b \neq 0 & \begin{cases} a \neq 1 & \text{solvable (with infinite solutions)} \\ a = 1 & \text{unsolvable} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \left| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right. \right\}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 2(c)** The set  $\{(-1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, -2, 1)\}$  is a basis for the set of solutions since: both vectors are linearly independent and both are solutions (two linearly independent vectors in a subspace of dimension 2)

On the other hand

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

So the coordinates are  $(-1, -1)$ , that is,  $(-1) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 2(d)**

**Yes.** Applying a different sequence of transformations of the columns of the coefficient matrix we get a different description of the same solution set:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[( -1)3+1] \\ [(-2)3+4]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \left| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right. \right\}$$

hence,  $\alpha = x_1$  and  $\beta = x_4$  and therefore  $\begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -x_1 - 2x_4 \end{cases}.$

**Una discusión un poco más larga.** Nótese que si formamos una matriz cuyas columnas son los vectores de la base empleada para describir del conjunto de soluciones en el apartado (b), y la ampliamos con una solución particular, podemos expresar las soluciones en función de aquellas variables para las que (tras una serie de transformaciones elementales de las columnas) el correspondiente coeficiente alguna de las columnas es 1 y cero en el resto. Así, para comprobar que  $x_3$  y  $x_4$  pueden ser simultáneamente exógenas (algo que ya sabemos) realizamos la siguiente transformación:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2)1+2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

De donde se deduce (recordando que  $b = 0$ ) que las soluciones se pueden expresar como

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (\alpha = x_3, \beta = x_4) \begin{cases} x_1 = -x_3 - 2x_4 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Es decir, hemos despejado  $x_1$  y  $x_2$  (variables endógenas) en función de  $x_3$  y  $x_4$  (variables exógenas).

Pero en el enunciado nos piden despejar  $x_2$  y  $x_3$  (variables endógenas) en función de  $x_1$  y  $x_4$  (variables exógenas). Esto será posible si mediante transformaciones elementales podemos convertir el coeficiente correspondiente a cada una de ellas en un 1 en alguna de las columnas y en cero en el resto,

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(\tau_1)1]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

De donde se deduce (recordando que  $b = 0$ ) que las soluciones se pueden expresar como

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (\alpha = x_1, \beta = x_4) \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -x_1 - 2x_4 \end{cases}$$

Es decir, hemos despejado  $x_2$  y  $x_3$  (variables endógenas) en función de  $x_1$  y  $x_4$  (variables exógenas).

Por tanto la respuesta es que  $x_1$  y  $x_4$  **si** pueden ser simultáneamente exógenas.

**Otra alternativa:** El rango de  $\mathbf{A}$  es dos, y también es dos el rango de la submatriz formada la segunda y tercera columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$ , luego para cualquier valor de las variables  $x_1$  y  $x_4$  se cumple que es

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 3(a)** The solution set is a subspace if the system is homogeneous. Since

(S1) is equivalent to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , the solution set is a subspace if  $\mathbf{b} = -\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 3(b)** 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)4+3] \\ (1)3+2 \\ (-1)2+1 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 3(c)** We are asked to verify if  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Lets see

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2\mathbf{v}; \quad \text{y} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0\mathbf{w}.$$

Hence  $\mathbf{v}$  is a solution when  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is a solution when  $\alpha = 0$ .

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 3(d)** We are asked to prove that  $\mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{u}$  is a multiple of  $\mathbf{v}$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 0$  respectively, we get

$$\mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}^3(p\mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{w}) = p\mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{w} = p(2^3 \cdot \mathbf{v}) + q(0^3 \cdot \mathbf{w}) = (8p)\mathbf{v}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Exercise 3(e)** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y & z & w \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z & w \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{y^2 + z^2 + 2xz + 2xw + 2yw}.$$



Diagonalizing by congruence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau_{4+1}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau_{4+1}]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{2+1}] \\ (-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{3+1} \\ (-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{4+1} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{4+1}] \\ (-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{3+1} \\ (-\frac{1}{2})\tau_{2+1} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(+1)\tau_{3+2}] \\ (-1)\tau_{4+2} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\tau_{4+2}] \\ (+1)\tau_{3+2} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

So it is Indefinite

**Alternativamente:** de la expresión polinómica se observa que si  $y = z = 0$ , la forma cuadrática se reduce a  $q(x, 0, 0, w) = 2xw$ , que evidentemente puede tomar valores tanto positivos como negativos. □

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 1(b)**  $(x, y, x) = (0, 0, 1) + \alpha(1, 2, 4)$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . □

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 1(c)** The product must be  $\mathbf{E}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 4 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Since matrix multiplication is **associative**, then:  $(\mathbf{E}_1 \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{E}_2 = \mathbf{E}_1 (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}_2)$  (hence, we always get the same result).

*(Mostrar un ejemplo no es suficiente, es necesario aludir a la propiedad asociativa del producto)* □

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 1(d)** Evidentemente  $(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  is

singular,  $\lambda = 2$  is an eigenvalue for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\tau_{1+3}] \\ (1)\tau_{1+4} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau_{2+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) - \mathbf{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding eigenspace is set of non-null vectors in the span of  $(-1, 1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 0, 1)$ . □

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(a)** **False.** Since  $(\mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top = (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{B})^{-1}$ ; the inverse of a symmetric matrix is also symmetric. But the product of two symmetric matrices is not symmetric in general. For example:

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

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(b) True.** An orthogonal matrix is square with orthonormal columns. If columns are orthogonal, they are linearly *independent*. But  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinite many solutions, and therefore the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly *dependent* (so they can not be orthogonal).

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(c) True.**

- $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})^\top = (\mathbf{I}^\top - \mathbf{P}^\top) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$ .
- $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})^2 = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}) = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{I} - 2\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$ .

If  $\mathbf{P}$  is the projection matrix onto a subspace  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$  is the projection matrix onto the orthogonal complement  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$ .

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(d) False.** Since  $[v, w, u] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [2v, (w+u), (v+w+u)]$

and the numeric matrix has rank 2, that system is dependent (It can't be a basis). We get the same conclusion by gaussian elimination:

$$[2v, (w+u), (v+w+u)] \xrightarrow{[(1/2)\mathbf{1}]} [v, (w+u), (v+w+u)] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+3] \\ [(-1)\mathbf{2}+3] \end{matrix}} [v, (w+u), \mathbf{0}]$$

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(e) True.** Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is orthogonally diagonalizable ( $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QDQ}^\top$ ). Since all numbers in the main diagonal of  $\mathbf{D}$  are non-zero,  $\mathbf{D}$  is invertible; hence  $\mathbf{A}$  (a product of non-singular matrices) is invertible:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{QDQ}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{Q}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{QD}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^\top \quad (\text{since } \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q}^{-1})$$

where  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$  is diagonal and the entries in the main diagonal are the reciprocal of the entries in the main diagonal of  $\mathbf{D}$ , therefore all are positive. Hence,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is symmetric (since it is orthogonally diagonalizable) and positive definite.

□

**(Final May 18/19) Short questions set 2(f) False.** Row operations preserve the row space but, in general, row operations change the column space. For example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{subtracting the first row from the second one}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The column space in the first matrix is the span of  $(1,1)$ , but the column space of the second matrix is the span of  $(1,0)$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 1(a)** We know the rank of a matrix do not change after some elementary transformations, hence

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, (\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_4)] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1}+4] \\ (-2)\mathbf{2}+4 \end{matrix}} [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4],$$

indicates that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is a linear independent set.

Hence, since  $(\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_4)$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, (\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_4)\}$  is a linear independent set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (that is a subspace of dimension 4).

Therefore, the set is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 1(b)** Since both are linearly independent, the span has dimension 2.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 1(c)** We can answer using determinants:  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1(1) = -1 \neq 0$ . hence, we have 4 vectors linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and therefore, since the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is 4, the set is a basis. Now, applying Cramer's rule we get:  $x_3 = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 1(d)** The linear span is  $\left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

Since it is a two dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , we only need to multiply (using dot products)  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  by two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ . We already know that when applying gaussian elimination by columns, if we get zero columns is because we are multiplying the rows by perpendicular vectors ("the special solutions"). Hence, if we write  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  as rows and then we apply gaussian elimination we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & (z+x) & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x + z = 0 \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 1(e)** Now we need to find three linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are orthogonal to  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ . Again, we can find an answer applying gaussian elimination by columns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the following is a parametric equation of this hyperplane

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

*Observación adicional:* Nótese que  $(1, -1, 0, 1)$  es perpendicular a  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$  y que por tanto el punto  $(1, -1, 0, 1)$  es combinación lineal de los tres vectores perpendiculares a  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ . En particular, si tomamos  $a = b = c = -1$  comprobamos que  $\mathbf{0}$  pertenece a dicho hiperplano. Esto quiere decir que el conjunto es un *subespacio* de  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , y en consecuencia podemos escribir unas ecuaciones paramétricas más sencillas:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[\mathbf{1} \rightleftharpoons \mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{I} \xrightarrow[\substack{[1 \leftrightarrow 2] \\ [(1)2+3]}]{\tau} \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{I} \xrightarrow{[(1)2+3]} \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 2(b)** On the one hand,  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible if  $|\mathbf{A}| = 6a - a - 2 = 5a - 2 \neq 0$ .

On the other hand we also need  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; therefore  $\boxed{a = 0}$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 2(c)**  $|\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} a-3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -(a-4) = 0$ , so  $\boxed{a = 4}$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 2(d)** Since the addition of all eigenvalues equals the trace,  $7 = 3 + \lambda_3$ .

Therefore  $\boxed{\lambda_3 = 4}$ , and  $\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)2+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)1+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so}$$

the eigenspace for  $\lambda = 4$  is the linear span of  $(-1, 2, 1)$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 2(e)**  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite if and only if all principal minors  $D_1 = a$ ,  $D_2 = 3a - 1$ ,  $D_3 = 5a - 2$  are positive, so  $\boxed{a > \frac{2}{5}}$ .

We find the same result analyzing the pivots of the echelon form if we do not multiply columns by negative numbers.  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite if and only if all pivots are positive

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{with } a > 0]{\begin{matrix} [(a)2] \\ [(1)1+2] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & (3a-1) & 1 \\ 0 & a & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{with } 3a-1 > 0]{\begin{matrix} [(3a-1)3] \\ [(-1)2+3] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & (3a-1) & 0 \\ 0 & a & (5a-2) \end{bmatrix};$$

hence,  $a > 0$ ,  $(3a - 1) > 0$ ,  $(5a - 2) > 0 \Rightarrow a > 0$ ,  $a > \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $a > \frac{2}{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{a > \frac{2}{5}}$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 3(a)**

There are three rows ( $m = 3$ ). Since the first system has no solution, the rank is less than three, and since the second system has only one solution, all columns are pivot columns. Therefore  $n = 1$  or  $n = 2$ , and so is the rank.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 3(b)**

Since there is no free column, the only solution is the zero vector:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 3(c)** Two possible examples are  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ ; where  $a, c \neq 0$ ; but also any matrix obtained by elementary column operations from those two examples.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Exercise 3(d)**

The rank is the maximum number of column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  that we can take, keeping a linearly independent set; that is, in such way that the only linear combination of those vectors

$$a_1 \cdot \text{column}_1 + a_2 \cdot \text{column}_2 + \cdots + a_p \cdot \text{column}_p$$

that equals the zero vector is when all parameters are equal to zero. But in this definition the order of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  is irrelevant.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & a & -b_1 \\ -1 & 1 & -b_2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-a)1+2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -b_1 \\ -1 & 1+a & -b_2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{When } a \neq -1]{[(\frac{1}{1+a})^{2+1}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -b_1 \\ 0 & 1+a & -b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

The system is solvable in two cases:

$$\begin{cases} \text{If } a \neq -1 \\ \text{If } a = -1 \text{ and } b_2 = -b_1 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 1(b)** When  $b_1 = b_2 = 0$  (when is homogeneous) and simultaneously  $a = -1$  (the rank is less than two).

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 1(c)** When both vectors are orthogonal one to each other:  $a = 1$ .

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 1(d)** Using the trace, the determinant, and the fact that both eigenvalues should be the same number:  $\begin{cases} 2\lambda = 2 \\ \lambda^2 = 1 + a \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 1 \\ 1 = 1 + a \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = 0$ .In this case  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable since it is rank 1.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(a)** True. When the determinant is non-zero the matrix is non-singular. Hence, the matrix is full rank... with 4 pivots in this case.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(b)** True. Since there is a basis of eigenvectors for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the matrix is diagonalizable, so

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{D},$$

where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  on the main diagonal.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(c)** False. If  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector,  $a\mathbf{v}$  is another one. If  $a \neq 1$  both vectors are distinct but dependent.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(d)** False. For example de  $n \times n$  identity matrix (with  $n > 1$ ).

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(e)** True. That  $-3$  is an eigenvalue means that the nullspace of  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})$  is nontrivial (dimension  $> 0$ ) so, as  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) + \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = n$ , one must have  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ : there must be vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  not in the range.

□

**(Final June 17/18) Short questions set 2(f) Verdadero:** Una base ortonormal de  $\mathcal{V}$  la forman las dos primeras columnas de la matriz identidad. Si tomamos la matriz  $\mathbf{Q}$  cuyas columnas son dicha baseortonormal, tenemos que **True:** The two first columns of  $\mathbf{I}_4$  form an orthogonal basis for  $\mathcal{V}$ . If we consider  $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \ \mathbf{e}_2]$ , we get $4 \times 2$ 

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 = 2c_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + 5c_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 1(b)** Since the that eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal, and hence  $[\mathbf{v}_1]^\top [\mathbf{v}_2] = 0$ ; therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= (c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) \cdot (2c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + 5c_2\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= 2c_1^2 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_1]^\top [\mathbf{v}_1] + 5c_2^2 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_2]^\top [\mathbf{v}_2] \\ &= 2c_1^2 \cdot \|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 + 5c_2^2 \cdot \|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2\end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 1(c)** Since  $[\mathbf{v}_i]^\top [\mathbf{v}_i] = \|\mathbf{v}_i\|^2 > 0$  and  $c_i^2 > 0$  unless  $c_i = 0$ , we conclude that

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 2c_1^2 \cdot \|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 + 5c_2^2 \cdot \|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 > 0$$

unless  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 1(d)** We have

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_1 = \left(2 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_1][\mathbf{v}_1]^\top + 5 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_2][\mathbf{v}_2]^\top\right)\mathbf{v}_1 = 2[\mathbf{v}_1][\mathbf{v}_1]^\top \mathbf{v}_1 + 5[\mathbf{v}_2][\mathbf{v}_2]^\top \mathbf{v}_1 = 2[\mathbf{v}_1](1) + 5[\mathbf{v}_2](0) = 2\mathbf{v}_1.$$

because  $[\mathbf{v}_1]^\top [\mathbf{v}_1] = \|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = 1$ , and  $[\mathbf{v}_i]^\top [\mathbf{v}_j] = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Thus  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{B}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 2$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_2 = 5\mathbf{v}_2$ :

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_2 = \left(2 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_1][\mathbf{v}_1]^\top + 5 \cdot [\mathbf{v}_2][\mathbf{v}_2]^\top\right)\mathbf{v}_2 = 2[\mathbf{v}_1][\mathbf{v}_1]^\top \mathbf{v}_2 + 5[\mathbf{v}_2][\mathbf{v}_2]^\top \mathbf{v}_2 = 2[\mathbf{v}_1](0) + 5[\mathbf{v}_2](1) = 5\mathbf{v}_2.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 1(e)** Puesto que ambas  $\mathbf{A}$  y  $\mathbf{B}$  tienen la misma diagonalización Since both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have diagonalization

$$[\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \\ & 5 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2]^{-1},$$

they are the same matrix.

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 2(a)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 3 by 3 matrix with 3 non-zero eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank. Hence, the complete solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 2(b)**

The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Applying gaussian elimination we find such a system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_3]} \begin{bmatrix} x & y-2x & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \text{ such that } \{-2x + y = 0\} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 2(c)**

$\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric if, and only if, its eigenspaces are orthogonal, but

$$(1 \quad 1 \quad 0) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = (3 \quad 0) \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=1}$  is not perpendicular to  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=2}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not symmetric.

But, since  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  are linearly independent (because  $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[( -1)1+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{it is fullrank);}$$

matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 2(d)**

Since  $\mathbb{R}^3$  has dimension 3, and  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  are three linear independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (see part (c)),  $B$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

By gaussian elimination we get

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)2+1] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ \hline 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(1)1+4] \\ [(1/2)3+4] \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{array} \right]$$

Hence, the coordinates of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to  $B$  are  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -1$  and  $z = 1/2$ ; since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_3.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 2(e)**

$$\mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^3(2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_3) = 2 \cdot \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{v}_3 = 2 \cdot 2^3\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_3;$$

that is

$$\mathbf{A}^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 16 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 14 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 3(a)**

Since

$$\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

columns of  $\mathbf{H}$  are perpendicular and therefore **they are an orthogonal basis** of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ; but since they are nor unit vectors **they are NOT an orthonormal basis** of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (the two first columns have norm  $\sqrt{2}$  and the last one has norm 3).

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 3(b)**

Since the two first columns have norm  $\sqrt{2}$  and the last one has norm 3, then

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \\ -1 & 1 & \\ & & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1} = (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{D})^{-1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{H}^{-1}$ , and then, multiplying by  $\mathbf{D}$  we get:  $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}$ . But, since  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal,  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^T$ , so finally we get  $\mathbf{H}^{-1} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^T$ :

$$\mathbf{H}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ & & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & \\ & & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 3(c)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau_{1+2}]} \begin{bmatrix} x & (y+x) & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x+y & = 0 \\ z & = 0 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Exercise 3(d)**

Projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$ , where  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{H}_{|1} \quad \mathbf{H}_{|3}]$ ; therefore

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \\ & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(a)**

For example:

$$C_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(b)**

If we consider gaussian elimination by rows, we must subtract two times the first row from the second one. And then two times the third row from the forth

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-2)\tau_{3+4}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-2)\tau_{2+3}] \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} :$$

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

If we consider gaussian elimination by columns, we need three elementary transformations:

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-2)\tau_{1+2}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-1)\tau_{1+4}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ [(-1)\tau_{3+4}] \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L} :$$

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

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(c)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{1+2} \\ (-1)\tau_{1+4} \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\tau_{3+4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$  and a basis for this subspace is

$$\text{Basis for } \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□



**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(d)**

$\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable if the eigenspace corresponding to the double eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$  has dimension 2:  $\dim(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=2}) = \dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})) = 2$ .

$$[\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)1+2] \\ (2)3+2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)1+4] \\ (-1)3+4}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})$  has rank 3, then  $\dim(\mathcal{E}_{\lambda=2}) = \dim(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I})) = 1$  and therefore  $\mathbf{A}$  is NOT diagonalizable. □

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(e)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^\top) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 \\ -7 & -7 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 49.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 1(f)**

Since rows  $(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)$  and  $(0 \ 0 \ 2 \ 3)$  are linearly independent, that subspace consist in all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  whose two first components are zero, that is, all vector with the form:  $(0 \ 0 \ a \ b)$ .

Hence, it is enough if we find a vector  $(0 \ 0 \ a \ b)$  perpendicular to  $(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)$ . For example  $(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ -1)$ .

Now we just only need to normalize those two vectors. Since both have length  $\sqrt{2}$ , an orthonormal basis is

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 2(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{B}| &= \det \left[ (2\mathbf{A}_{|1}), (\mathbf{A}_{|2} + 7\mathbf{A}_{|1}), (-\mathbf{A}_{|3}) \right] = 2 \det \left[ \mathbf{A}_{|1}, (\mathbf{A}_{|2} + 7\mathbf{A}_{|1}), (-\mathbf{A}_{|3}) \right] \\ &= 2 \det \left[ \mathbf{A}_{|1}, \mathbf{A}_{|2}, (-\mathbf{A}_{|3}) \right] = -2 \det \left[ \mathbf{A}_{|1}, \mathbf{A}_{|2}, \mathbf{A}_{|3} \right] = -2|\mathbf{A}| = -20. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 2(b)**

$$\det \left[ (\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \right] = \det \left[ (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1}\mathbf{A} \right] = \det \left[ \mathbf{B}^{-1} \right] \cdot \det \left[ \mathbf{A} \right] = \frac{(10)}{(-20)} = \frac{-1}{2}.$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 3(a)**

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the corresponding symmetric matrix such that  $f(x, y) = f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ ; by gaussian elimination (if  $a \neq 0$ ) we get

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 3 \\ 3 & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 3 & a - \frac{9}{a} \end{bmatrix}; \quad (\text{if } a \neq 0)$$

On the one hand, when  $a = 0$  the trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is zero but the determinant is not, therefore one eigenvalue is positive and the other one is negative. When  $a > 0$  at least one eigenvalue is positive, and when  $a < 0$  at least one eigenvalue is negative.

On the other hand, an eigenvalue is zero when  $a - \frac{9}{a} = 0$ , that is, when  $a^2 - 9 = 0$ . In other words, one eigenvalue is zero when  $a = \pm 3$

Summarizing:

$$\begin{cases} a < -3 & \text{negative definite} \\ a = -3 & \text{negative semidefinite} \\ a \in (-3, 3) & \text{not positive nor negative} \\ a = 3 & \text{positive semidefinite} \\ a > 3 & \text{positive definite} \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final May 17/18) Short questions set 3(b)**

The set of solutions is the set of points that satisfy  $x = y$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{A}$  must be singular, and therefore,  $a$  must be equal to 3 or  $-3$ . We only need to guess which value is the right one.

The set of points such that  $x = y$ , is the set of multiples of  $(1, 1)$ . So  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ , and therefore

$$\boxed{a \text{ must be equal to } -3} \text{ so } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 1(a)**

Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has 4 columns, but one of them is free (since  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ ), hence, there are three pivot columns. Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is full row rank, there are three pivot rows (no free rows in this matrix). So:  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$3 \times 4$

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 1(b)**

We only need to find three row vectors orthogonal to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ (-3)\mathbf{1}+3 \\ (1)\mathbf{1}+4}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  fulfills the conditions; but note that applying elementary transformations on the rows we can get another example:  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is an invertible matrix.

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 1(c)**

The system is solvable for any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  since  $\mathbf{A}$  is a full row rank.

$3 \times 4$

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 1(d)**

For any matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the null space  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is the orthogonal complement to the row space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ . Hence, any solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , that is, any non-zero multiple of  $(-1, 2, -3, 1)$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is not in the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 2(a)**

Since we need to solve a linear system in part b), it is a good idea work with the augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4 | -\mathbf{b}] \equiv [\mathbf{B} | -\mathbf{b}]$ , where  $\mathbf{b}$  is the right hand side vector of linear system in part b) and  $\mathbf{B}$

is its coefficient matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_1+2] \\ [(-1)\tau_1+4]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -7 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_1+1] \\ (-1)\mathbf{2} \\ (-1/2)\mathbf{3} \\ (-1/7)\mathbf{4}}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -0 & -0 & 0 \\ -0 & -1 & -0 & -0 & 0 \\ -0 & -0 & -1/2 & 1/7 & 0 \\ -0 & -0 & -0 & -1/7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
 & \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_2+1] \\ [(2)\tau_2+3]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/14 & 1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2/7 & -1/7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_1+5] \\ [(1)\tau_2+5] \\ [(1)\tau_3+5]}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3/14 & 1/7 & 1/7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2/7 & -1/7 & -1/7 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

since all columns in  $\mathbf{B}$  are pivot columns, all vectors in  $B$  are linearly independent. Since vectors in  $B$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (a four dimensional vector space),  $B$  must be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 2(b)**

The coordinates are  $x = -3$ ,  $y = -2$ ,  $z = \frac{1}{7}$ ,  $w = -\frac{1}{7}$ ; in other words,

$$-3\mathbf{u}_1 - 2\mathbf{u}_2 + \frac{1}{7}\mathbf{u}_1 - \frac{1}{7}\mathbf{u}_1$$

as you can check:

$$-3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 2(c)**

Using the information above we have

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{A} [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \mathbf{u}_3 \quad \mathbf{u}_4] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are full rank matrices, then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be full rank. Noticing that column 3 of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is twice the third column of  $\mathbf{I}$  and column 4 of  $\mathbf{AB}$  is  $-1$  times the fourth column of  $\mathbf{I}$ , it is easy to see that  $\mathbf{A} [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}_3 \quad -\mathbf{u}_4] = \mathbf{I}$ . Therefore

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2 \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}_3 \quad -\mathbf{u}_4] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 2(d)**

On the one hand

$$f(\mathbf{u}_1) = \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -1 < 0$$

on the other hand

$$f(\mathbf{u}_4) = \mathbf{u}_4 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{u}_4 (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_4) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 > 0$$

Hence, this quadratic form is neither positive defined nor negative defined, since it can take both positive and negative values. □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 3(a)**

When computing  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}$  we get  $4\mathbf{v}$ . Matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is rank one symmetric with trace 4, so the eigenvalues are 4 and 0 (with algebraic multiplicity 3). □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 3(b)**

$$(\mathbf{B} + b\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{I}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{x} = (\lambda + b)\mathbf{x},$$

so  $\mathbf{A}$  has the same eigenvectors and its eigenvalues are  $b$ ,  $b$ ,  $b$  and  $4 + b$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 3(c)**

The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 2, 2, 2, and  $2 + 4 = 6$  so the determinant is  $2 * 2 * 2 * 6 = 48$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 3(d)**

We need  $b > 0$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Exercise 3(e)**

Since  $\mathbf{B}^2 = 4\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{I} + c\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} + 4c\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{I} + c\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} + (1 + 5c)\mathbf{B}$  so  $(\mathbf{I} + c\mathbf{B})$  is the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  if  $(1 + 5c) = 0$ . Therefore  $c = -1/5$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 1(a)**

**False:**  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ . Therefore, its coordinates are  $(1, -1, 0)$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 1(b)**

**True:** since it is a linear combination of vectors from basis  $B$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 1(c)**

It is *symmetric* since  $\mathbf{P}^\top = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top)^\top = (\mathbf{X}^\top)^\top \mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{P}$ .

Since  $B$  is an orthonormal basis then  $\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{P}$  is *idempotent* since  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top = \mathbf{P}$ , □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 1(d)**

We need to prove that  $(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}^\top) \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y})$  is zero. Let's see...

$$(\mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}^\top) \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y} = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{P}^\top = \mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 2(a)**

Since we are not asked to compute  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , it is enough to get a triangular matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  using elementary transformations. Analyzing  $\mathbf{L}$  we can then find the determinant

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & -a & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & -a & a-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since we have used Type I elementary transformations only, then  $\det \mathbf{A} = \det \mathbf{L} = a - 1$ . So there exists  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  if and only if  $a \neq 1$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 2(b)**

We need to solve

$$\det [(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top] = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}^\top}{\det \mathbf{A}^\top \det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{\det \mathbf{A}}{(\det \mathbf{A})^2} = \frac{a-1}{(a-1)^2} = \frac{1}{a-1} = \frac{1}{4},$$

so  $a - 1 = 4$ . Therefore:  $a = 5$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 2(c)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank 3 when  $a = 1$ , the answer is  $a = 1$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 3(a)**

Let's find the roots of the characteristic polynomial:

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 3 & 0 \\ a & -\lambda & b \\ 0 & 4 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-\lambda)^3 + 4b\lambda + 3a\lambda = 0$$

Zero is an eigenvalue. The other two roots come from:  $-(\lambda)^2 + 4b + 3a = 0$ ; that is  $\lambda^2 = 3a + 4b$ . Those roots are real only if  $3a + 4b \geq 0$ . Hence, there are two cases:

- When  $3a + 4b = 0$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is **not diagonalizable**: three eigenvalues equal to zero, but  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) < 3$ .
- **When  $3a + 4b > 0$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable** since there are three different eigenvalues: 0 and  $\pm\sqrt{3a + 4b}$ .

Therefore, for any  $b$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $a > -\frac{4}{3}b$ . □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 3(b)**

Since  $\pm\sqrt{3a + 4b} = \pm\sqrt{25}$ , the three eigenvalues are 0, -5 and 5; hence this quadratic form  $\mathbf{xAx}$  is neither positive defined nor negative defined. □

**(Final July 16/17) Short questions set 3(c)**

Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  must be symmetric, so  $a = 3$  and  $b = 4$ . First, we find an eigenvector with eigenvalue 5...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - 5\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_{[(3)1]} \\ \tau_{[(5)2]} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 15 & 0 \\ 9 & -25 & 4 \\ 0 & 20 & -5 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau+2]} \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & -16 & 4 \\ 0 & 20 & -5 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau_{[(4)3]} \\ (1)2+3 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} -15 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & -16 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector with correspondent eigenvalue 5. Now, since the length is  $\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 25 + 16} = \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$ , an answer could be:  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . The other answer (switching the sign) is:  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{-1}{5\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . □

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 1 & b-a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & b-a-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

They form a basis when  $b - a \neq 1$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 1(b)**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 1 & a \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{12}} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & a \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(-1)1+2] \\ (-1)2+4 \\ (-1)3+4 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(-1)4] \\ (-1)4+3 \\ (-a)4+2 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1-a & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & a-1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
& & \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(1)3+2] \\ (-1)3+1 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & -a & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -a & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a+1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -a & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a+1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{array}$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 1(c)**

$\dim \mathcal{S} = 3$ ; the set  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 1(d)**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(-1)1+2] \\ (1)1+4 \end{smallmatrix}} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1/2)2+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]
\end{array}$$

Hence, the coordinates are  $(1/2, 1/2, 0)$ , that is,  $\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_2 + 0\mathbf{v}_3$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 2(a)**

Suppose  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$  for some non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v}$ . Then  $\mathbf{H}^2\mathbf{v} = \lambda^2\mathbf{v} = (4\mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{v}$ , so  $\lambda^2 = 4$ , and thus every eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{H}$  is equal to either 2 or  $-2$ . The trace of  $\mathbf{H}$  is 0, hence the sum of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{H}$  is 0. We conclude that  $\mathbf{H}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 2, 2, -2, -2$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 2(b)**

From  $\mathbf{H}^2 = 4\mathbf{I}$  we obtain

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = 4\mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H}\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H}^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{H}$$

The determinant of a matrix is the product of its eigenvalues:  $\det \mathbf{H} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-2) = 16$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 2(c)**

Since  $\mathbf{H}$  is symmetric and the three given eigenvectors are pairwise orthogonal, any non-zero vector

perpendicular to them is automatically a fourth eigenvector. Hence, by gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \\ (1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \\ (2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we conclude that another eigenvector is

$$\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand, the first two eigenvectors correspond to  $\lambda = 2$ , so  $\mathbf{v}_4$  corresponds to  $\lambda = -2$ . Since the eigenspace associated to  $\lambda = -2$  has dimension 2, the new eigenvector doesn't have to be orthogonal to the three given eigenvectors: we could have chosen any vector

$$a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = a\mathbf{v}_3 + b\mathbf{v}_4$$

with  $b \neq 0$ . □

### (Final May 16/17) Exercise 3(a)

A) Vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is the element of  $S$  for  $a = b = 0$ , so it is a solution to the linear system.

B) On the one hand, it is clear that  $S$  is a plane, so the set of solutions to the homogeneous system has to be also a plane (dimension 2).

On the other hand, when two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are solutions to the linear system, its difference  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$  is a solution to the associated homogeneous system since

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence, if we subtract  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , from each  $\mathbf{x} \in S$  we get a solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . But it is clear that if we apply this operation to all vectors in  $S$  we get  $\mathcal{N}$ .

Hence we have:

1. All vectors in  $\mathcal{N}$  are solutions to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
2.  $\mathcal{N}$  is a subspace of dimension 2

therefore  $\mathcal{N}$  must contain all solutions to the homogeneous system. □

### (Final May 16/17) Exercise 3(b)

We have already shown that

$$\mathcal{N} = \left\{ \mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{z} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \}.$$

Hence, we just only need to find a basis for the orthogonal complement, and then multiply the parametric equations by the vectors of that basis. Let's do it using the Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ (-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & (-x+y-z) & z \end{bmatrix}$$

hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \alpha 0 + \beta 0 \Rightarrow -x + y - z = 0$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 3(c)**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Exercise 3(d)**

It is easy to see that

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

has no solutions. If you can't see it try gaussian elimination:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -5 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

or compute the determinant of the augmented matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 5.$$

Aunque lo mejor y más sencillo es ver que el vector  $(3, 2, 4)$  sencillamente no verifica la ecuación cartesiana que define al conjunto  $-x + y - z = 0$ .

Hence, we have to find the orthogonal projection. Using the matrix projection we get:

$$\mathbf{P}d = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 11 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 1(a)**

**True:** When columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues on its main diagonal. If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal, then  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ , so, multiplying by  $\mathbf{Q}^\top$  we get  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top$ ; therefore

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top)^\top = (\mathbf{Q}^\top)^\top \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}^\top = \mathbf{A}.$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 1(b)**

**True:** When a matrix is positive definite its determinant is positive, but for this matrix  $\det \mathbf{A} < 0$ . When a matrix is negative definite, the determinants of its principal minor with odd order are positive, but for this matrix  $a_{11} < 0$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 1(c)**

**True:** Both eigenspaces are orthogonal since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

and its dimensions sum up 3.



□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 1(d)**

**True:** When  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank its eigenvalues are non null, and then eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  are positive.

Another answer:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$  so  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ ; then  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{y}]^\top [\mathbf{y}]$ , where  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank,  $[\mathbf{y}]^\top [\mathbf{y}] > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 2(a)**

Looking at the first row of  $\mathbf{A}$  we deduce that

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = 3.$$

Of course,  $\det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 2(b)**

$$(\mathbf{A}^{-1})_{12} = \frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{21}}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{-1}{3} \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1(-9)}{3} = 3.$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 3(a)**

Since  $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}$ , and  $\mathbf{M}$  is invertible, we can multiply both sides by  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  in order to get

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}.$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 3(b)**

Since  $P(\lambda) = \lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 = \lambda^2(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2)$ ; polynomial  $P(\lambda)$  has roots 0, 0, 1 and 2.

Since eigenvalue 0 is repeated and since we don't know the dimension of the associated eigenspace, we don't know if  $\mathbf{N}$  is diagonalizable.

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 3(c)**

$$\mathbf{B}^\top = (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\top)^\top = (\mathbf{A}^\top)^\top \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{B}.$$

□

**(Final May 16/17) Short questions set 3(d)**

The four eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{B}$  are 0, 2, 2 and 4. So the eigenvalues of  $(\mathbf{B} - 2\mathbf{I})$  are -2, 0, 0 and 2. Since two eigenvalues are non zero, the rank is two.

□

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & -2\alpha \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & -4\alpha \\ 6 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \tau \\ [1 \leftrightarrow 3] \\ (-1)1+2 \\ (-2)1+3 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2\alpha \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -4\alpha \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-1)2] \\ (-3)2+1 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2\alpha \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -4\alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(2\alpha)1+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 6\alpha \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & -4\alpha \end{array} \right]$$

therefore, it is solvable for any  $\alpha$ .

□

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 1(b)**

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6\alpha \\ -4\alpha \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 1(c)**

We have seen that rank is 2 (just only two pivots), so it is singular, and its determinant is zero. □

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{L}) = 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) = 1$ . □

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \tau \\ [(-1)\mathbf{3}] \\ (2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{2} \\ (-2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \tau \\ [(-1)\mathbf{2}] \\ (-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{1} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
□

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 2(c)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is full row rank, the system is solvable for any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is full column rank, the system could have just only one solution. Never infinite. □

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 2(d)**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b}.$$
□

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 3(a)**

Yes, since it is a symmetric matrix. □

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 3(b)**

$\lambda = 1, 1, 1, 6$ .

Since  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$  has all equal columns, it has rank one. It follows that has the eigenvalue 1 with multiplicity four. The trace of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals 10 so  $10 - 4 = 6$  is the other eigenvalue. □

**(Final June 15/16) Exercise 3(c)**

For  $\lambda = 1$ , since  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}$  has all equal columns, we get:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

For the eigenvalue,  $\lambda = 6$ , we get

$$\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix};$$

and, since the sum of columns of  $\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I}$  is zero, a fifth linearly independent eigenvector is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 1(a)**

Since we are searching a representation of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , a linear system with two equations is enough. On the one hand, rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  must be orthogonal to the set of solutions of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  (a parallel line that goes through the origin); on the other hand, the line must go through  $\mathbf{p}$  (so  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b}$ ). Hence, if we choose a coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  whose rows are  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , and we compute the right hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  multiplying  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\mathbf{p}$ ;

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix};$$

then, an implicit (or cartesian) representation is  $\begin{cases} 7x + 3y = -2 \\ 4x + 3z = 4 \end{cases}$ .

□

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 1(b)**

We just need to find a perpendicular vector to  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \tau \\ [(3)1] \\ \tau \\ [(7)2] \\ \tau \\ [(4)3] \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 21 & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & 12 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)2+1] \\ (-1)3+1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 7 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, a parametric representation is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + a \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 2.**

Consider the following linear combination:  $\mathbf{0} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + c_3\mathbf{u}_1$ . Then, multiplying by  $\mathbf{u}_1$  we conclude that

$$0 = \mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}_1(c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + c_3\mathbf{u}_1) = c_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0.$$

Do something similar for  $c_2$  and  $c_3$ .

□

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 3(a)**

**False.** For example  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

□

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 3(b)**

**True.** If rank equals the number of columns, then all columns have a pivot after gaussian elimination. So in the search of a solution  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , the only linear combination of pivot columns that equals  $\mathbf{0}$  is the trivial one.

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 3(c)**

**False.** For example  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & \\ & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 3(d)**

**True.**  $1 = \det(\mathbf{I}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^\top) \cdot \det(\mathbf{A}) = \left(\det(\mathbf{A})\right)^2$ , hence, the only possible values for  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  are 1 or  $-1$ .

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 3(e)**

**True.** At most five of them  $(\lambda_5, \dots, \lambda_n)$  are non-zero (since they are distinct). And hence, the corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_5, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are independent, and they are in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  since  $\mathbf{A} \frac{\mathbf{v}_i}{\lambda_i} = \mathbf{v}_i$ . So that  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = \dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \geq 5$ .

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 4(a)**

We need a rank 3 matrix; by Gaussian elimination we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)4+3] \\ (-1)4+1}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ a-2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)3+2] \\ (-2)3+1}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ a & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

therefore, if  $a \neq 0$  the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3, and the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is one.

**(Final June 15/16) Short questions set 4(b)**

When  $a = 0$ ; in that case  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$ .

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 1(a)**

A parametric representation of the line is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} + \alpha(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 1(b)**

Since  $(-3, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 0)$  are orthogonal to  $(\frac{4}{3}, 0, 4)$ , a cartesian representation of the line is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3x & + z = 0 \\ & y = 0 \end{cases}.$$

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 1(c)**

Yes. It is the set of solutions of the homogeneous system

$$\begin{cases} -3x & + z = 0 \\ & y = 0 \end{cases};$$

i.e., it is a line through the origin.

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 1(d)**

The line is the span of  $\begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  or dividing by 4 and multiplying by 3, it is the line span by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ; then

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 1(e)**

It is the projection of  $\mathbf{z}$  on the line spanned by  $(1, 0, 3)$ :

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 2(a)**

$$|A| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (1-m) \begin{vmatrix} 1-m & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 2(1-m)^2 = (4-2m)m. \mathbf{A} \text{ is singular when } m = 0 \text{ or } m = 2.$$

□

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\text{Since } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1-m & 0 \\ 1-m & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ for } \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-m & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-m & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1-m & 0 \\ 1-m & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

their determinants are  $|\mathbf{B}| = -|\mathbf{A}|$  and  $|\mathbf{C}| = \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{A}|$ .

□

**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 2(c)**

For  $m = 1$ , determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2. Using the Cramer rule we get

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\det(\mathbf{A})} = \frac{3}{2}; \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\det(\mathbf{A})} = \frac{2(6)}{2} = 6; \quad x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\det(\mathbf{A})} = \frac{2(-2)}{2} = -2.$$

□

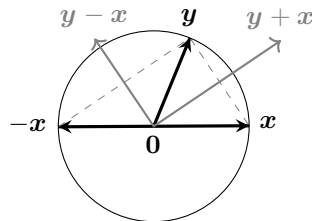
**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 3(a)**

Since  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{y}\|$  means  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ ; we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{since } \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \\ &\text{since } \|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{y}\|. \end{aligned}$$

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**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 3(b)**

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**(Final May 15/16) Exercise 3(c)**

On the one hand, segment  $[ab]$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$ , and segment  $[bc]$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$ ; on the other hand, both segments have length equal to the radius of the circle (so  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{y}\|$ ); therefore, by part (a), they must be perpendicular.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 1(a)**

Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is symmetric:

$$\mathbf{M}^\top = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C}^\top (\mathbf{A}^\top)^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 1(b)**

Since  $\mathbf{C}$  is symmetric and positive defined, then  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}^\top$ ; where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix and all entries in the main diagonal are greater than zero. So

$$\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}.$$

If we denote  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{A}$  we get

$$\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}) \geq 0,$$

since it is a sum of squares. Quadratic form  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x}$  will be defined (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ) if  $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , that is, when  $\mathbf{B}$  is a full rank matrix.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 1(c)**

If  $\mathbf{M}$  is not positive definite, then it is positive semi-definite, that is, at least one eigenvalue is zero, and the other are positive or equal to zero. Therefore, the answer is  $\lambda = 0$ .

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 2(a)**

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 4$ . For  $\lambda = 2$  it is easy to check that  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) = 1$  (only one free column), but there are two eigenvalues equal to 2. Hence,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 2(b)**

It is invertible since  $|\mathbf{A}| = 16 \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1/2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(1/2)\mathbf{1}] \\ (1/4)\mathbf{2} \\ (1/2)\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 3(a)**

**True.** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  are linearly independent, then, they are a basis, so  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) = k$ . Otherwise, we can span  $\mathcal{V}$  with less than  $k$  vectors, and therefore  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) < k$ .

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 3(b)**

**True.** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  span  $\mathcal{V}$ , then, they are a basis, so  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) = k$ . Otherwise, there are vectors in  $\mathcal{V}$  that are not a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  and therefore  $\dim(\mathcal{V}) > k$ .

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 3(c)**

**True.** There is at least one free column, so, if the system is solvable, the solution set has infinite vectors.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 3(d)**

**False.** For example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has infinite solutions.

□

**(Final May 15/16) Short questions set 3(e)**

**False.** The scalar product (dot product) is an scalar (a real number).

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 1(a)**

The system could have no solution; for example  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Note that rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

one, but the rank of the augmented matrix is two.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 1(b)**

Since there are more equations than unknowns, if the system has a solution, that solution is not unique.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 1(c)**

The right hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  must be a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ ; in other words, the matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $[\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}]$  must have the same rank.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 1(d)**

Since  $\mathbf{b}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  must be 3.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 1(e)**

The answer is YES. If some columns of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  are linearly dependent, and  $\mathbf{c}$  is a linear combination of those dependent columns, then the system has an infinite number of solutions. For example:

$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has multiple solutions, for example  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , or  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , or  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , etc...

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{sum of the columns} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\mathbf{A}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 2(c)**

The dimension is at least 1 (because  $\mathbf{A}$  is square and we know that  $(1; 1; 1)$  is solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ).

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 2(d)**

$\mathbf{A}$  is singular, and therefore  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence,  $\lambda^3 = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^3$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(1-\lambda)\lambda, \text{ so the eigenvalues of } \mathbf{A} \text{ are } 1, 1, \text{ and } 0.$$

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 3(b)**

On the one hand,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{has special solution } \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{has special solutions } \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So one such basis is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 14/15) Exercise 3(c)**First method. We solve  $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{S} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1}] \\ (-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{2}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ (3)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3} \\ (1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}] \\ (1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{2}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 & -5 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} & \mathbf{x}_p \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 6\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 - 5\mathbf{v}_3 = 6\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 5\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . So,  $\mathbf{A}^{99} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{99}(6\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 - 5\mathbf{v}_3)$ , and therefore,

$$\mathbf{A}^{99} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{99}(6\mathbf{v}_1) + \mathbf{A}^{99}(\mathbf{v}_2) + \mathbf{A}^{99}(-5\mathbf{v}_3) = 0^{99}(6\mathbf{v}_1) + 1^{99}(\mathbf{v}_2) + 1^{99}(-5\mathbf{v}_3) = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{v}_2 - 5\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Second method. In this case the factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ , is:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .

$$\mathbf{A}^{99} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{99} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 0^{99} & & \\ & 1^{99} & \\ & & 1^{99} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}.$$

So

$$\mathbf{A}^{99} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}.$$



□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 1(a)**

There are not enough independent eigenvectors to form an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  with eigenvectors as its columns.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 1(b)**

$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \sqrt{2}$ . The set of all the eigenvectors is:  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A} - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{I}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 1(c)**

$|2| > 0$ ;  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} > 0$ ;  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & b \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ b & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2b^2 + 2b + 4$ ; parabolic function that cross the  $x$  axis in  $-1$  and  $2$ .

- If  $-1 < b < 2$  positive defined
- If  $b = -1$  or  $b = 2$  positive semi-defined
- Not-definite in other cases

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 2(a)**

$\det \mathbf{A} = 2 + c^2 + 2c^2 - 4 - c^2 - c^2 = -2 + c^2$ , so  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$  for  $c = \pm\sqrt{2}$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 2(b)**

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{array}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-\mathbf{1})\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1}] \\ (1/2)\mathbf{2} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A}^{-1} \end{array}\right].$$

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 2(c)**

From part a), we already know  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank when  $c = 1$ . Hence the system has only one solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{x}_p \end{array}\right]$$

Hence, the solution is  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = -1$ ,  $x_3 = 2$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 3(a)**

True.  $(\mathbf{A}^2)^\top = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^2$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 3(b)**

False.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not symmetric, but  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 3(c)**

False. The squared matrix is singular, so there is a free column.

□

**(Final June 14/15) Short questions set 3(d)**

**False.** Example: If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ , but its corresponding eigenspace is only the line spanned by  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 1(a)**

$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  but, since the system has a solution for every vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , each vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^5$  is also in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{R}^5$  and therefore the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are a generating system of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . So  $\dim(\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})) = \text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 5$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 1(b)**

Since the rank is 5, rows must be linearly independent.

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 1(c)**

Since there are 7 columns, and the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 5, the nullspace must have dimension  $7 - 5 = 2$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 1(d)**

Since that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  have rank 5, the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  is the only solution to  $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 1(e)**

**False.** There are 7 columns, but the rank is only 5. Therefore, those columns are linearly dependent.

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 2(a)**

On the one hand,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_3$  is equal to the third column of  $\mathbf{A}$ , meaning  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{A}_{|3}$ .

On the other hand,  $\mathbf{x}_3$  is the eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue 0, meaning  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_3 = 0\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ .

Hence, the third column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the zero vector:  $\mathbf{A}_{|3} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 2(b)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has three not repeated eigenvalues, it must be a 3 by 3 matrix. Since we already know three linearly independent eigenvectors, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable; so  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  where:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We first need to find  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-1)\mathbf{3}+1] \\ (-1)\mathbf{3}+2 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

So

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 2(c)**

$$\mathbf{D}^\top = (\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S})^\top = (\mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{S}^\top)^{-1}) = \mathbf{D}$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{S}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^\top$$

it follows that columns of  $(\mathbf{S}^\top)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ :

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{y}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & -a \\ 1 & a & c & -0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{I}_1+2] \\ (-1)\mathbf{I}_1+3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & -a \\ 1 & a-2 & c-1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1/3)\mathbf{I}_2] \\ (a)\mathbf{I}_2+4}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & (2-a)/3 & c-1 & a(2-a)/3 \\ \hline 1 & 2/3 & -1 & 2a/3 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 0 & -a/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

On the one hand, in order to have more than one solution, the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  should be 2; meaning that  $c$  should be equal to one ( $c = 1$ ).

On the other hand, if  $a = 0$  the system is homogeneous (so it is solvable): (for example the third column minus the first one); But there is also a solution when  $a = 2$ , (for example 4/3 of the first column minus 2/3 of the second one).

Hence,  $c = 1$ ; and  $a = 0$  or  $2$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 3(b)**

We need a rank 2 coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , but rank 3 augmented matrix; so  $c = 1$ , and  $a \notin \{0, 2\}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 3(c)**

In this case matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  should be rank 1. But the coefficient matrix has two pivots. So it is not possible.

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 3(d)**

Here the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  should be rank 3. So  $c \neq 1$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Exercise 3(e)**

The second column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is not a linear combination of the other columns, since the second column will always have a pivot.

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 1(a)**

$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 5x^2 - 6x + 0 - 9x + 10x - 0 = 5x^2 - 5x = 5x(x - 1) = 0$ . Therefore,  $x = 0, x = 1$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 1(b)**

The main sub-determinants must be positive, therefore

- $|x| > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$ .
- $\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{vmatrix} > 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 > 0 \Rightarrow |x| > 1$ . Since  $x$  must be positive, then  $x > 1$ .
- $\det(\mathbf{B}) = x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x - 1)(x - 1) > 0$ ; so  $x > 1$ .

From all those three conditions the matrix is positive definite if and only if  $x > 1$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 1(c)**

The first and third sub determinants should be negative, and the second one should be positive

- $|x| < 0 \Rightarrow x < 0$ .
- $\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{vmatrix} > 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 > 0 \Rightarrow |x| > 1$ . Since  $x < 0$ , then  $x < -1$ .

- $\det(\mathbf{B}) = x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x-1)(x-1) = (x-1)^2$ ; But this cannot be negative. It follows that the matrix cannot be negative definite.

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 2(a)**

**True.** Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has 7 distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0, 1, -1, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 2(b)**

**True.** Suppose  $-3$  is the eigenvalue with a 3-dimensional eigenspace. Then it must occur with multiplicity (at least) 3 in the characteristic polynomial  $p(\cdot)$  so  $p(\lambda)$  contains the factors  $(\lambda+3)^3(\lambda-2)(\lambda-7)$  and, since we know the degree of  $p(\cdot)$  must be 5, there can be no other roots. In particular, 0 cannot be a root so 0 is not an eigenvalue and  $\mathbf{A}$  must be invertible. [Obviously, the same idea works whichever of the eigenvalues has a 3-dimensional eigenspace].

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 2(c)**

**True.** Since  $0 \neq \det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{B})$ ; neither  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  is zero, nor  $\det(\mathbf{B})$ . Hence, both are invertible.

Another reasoning, since  $\mathbf{AB}$  is invertible, then there exist a matrix  $\mathbf{E}$  such that  $\mathbf{ABE} = \mathbf{I}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{BE}$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 3(a)**

We first have to find a vector in the direction of the line. We let

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A parametric representation of the line is therefore

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_P + a\mathbf{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 + a \\ x_2 = 4 + a \\ x_3 = 1 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 3(b)**

We need to eliminate the “parametric” part ( $a\mathbf{v}$ ). To do that, we need to find two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$ . And then we need to multiply the parametric equation by those vectors to find two equations. An easy way to compute all this calculations is by... Gaussian Elimination!:

$$\begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{v}]^\top \\ [\mathbf{x}]^\top \\ [\mathbf{x}_P]^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_1 & x_2 - x_1 & x_3 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 - x_1 = 2 \\ x_3 = 1 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 4(a)**

This set is closed under addition, since for any  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathcal{W}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ bu_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ bv_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ u_3 + v_3 \\ bu_1 + bv_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ u_3 + v_3 \\ b(u_1 + v_1) \end{pmatrix};$$

and it is closed under scalar multiplication:

$$k \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ bu_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ ku_3 \\ kbu_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ku_1 \\ ku_2 \\ ku_3 \\ b(ku_1) \end{pmatrix};$$

it follows that  $\mathcal{W}$  is a subspace for any  $b$ .

□

**(Final May 14/15) Short questions set 4(b)**

When  $b = 1$ , vectors in  $\mathcal{W}$  have the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ a \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, dimension is 3 and a basis is:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 1(a)**

The corresponding symmetric matrix is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix};$$

and **it is not definite** for any  $a$ , since there are positive and negative numbers on the main diagonal; and therefore:

$$(0 \quad 1 \quad 0) \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 4 > 0; \quad \text{but} \quad (0 \quad 0 \quad 1) \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 < 0.$$

We can also check this by gaussian elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(we get positive and negative pivots); or computing the subdeterminants

$$|a| = a; \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4a; \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = a(-8 - 16) = -24a.$$

(we get positive and negative subdeterminants).

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 1(b)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 4 \\ 4 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda [\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 24] \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ \lambda = 6 \\ \lambda = -4 \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 1(c)**

For  $\lambda_1 = 0$

$$\mathbf{A} - 0\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector.}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 6$

$$\mathbf{A} - 6\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector.}$$

For  $\lambda_1 = -4$

$$\mathbf{A} + 4\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector.}$$

Since each eigenvector is associated to a different eigenvalue, they are linearly independent. □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 1(d)**

It is easy to check that  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  are perpendicular:

$$[\mathbf{v}_1]^\top [\mathbf{v}_1] [2]v = (1 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0; \quad [\mathbf{v}_1]^\top [\mathbf{v}_1] [3]v = (1 \ 0 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0; \quad [\mathbf{v}_2]^\top [\mathbf{v}_2] [3]v = (0 \ 2 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

We need eigenvectors in those directions with unit length. Since the lengths are

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2 = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{v}_2\|^2 = \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 5, \quad \|\mathbf{v}_3\|^2 = \mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 5;$$

then,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 6 & \\ & & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 1(e)**

No, since this quadratic form is not positive definite. □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})$$

$$\geq 0$$

product of trasposed matrices :  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}^\top$   
the sum of squares of the elements of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 2(b)**

The quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}$  is positive definite only when  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore, the condition is: “ $\mathbf{A}$  must be full column rank”, or in other words “The columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  must be linearly independent”. □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 2(c)**

If  $m < n$ , then its columns are linearly dependent and it is possible to find a vector  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A})\mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{0}]^\top[\mathbf{0}] = 0$ . □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 3(a)**

Since the third vector is  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , and obviously  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are linearly independent, then any two of them is a basis, for example,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 3(b)**

We are asked to solve  $x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v} = (1, 0, -1, 1)^\top$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{1}] \\ (\mathbf{1})\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3} \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Hence, the vector belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$ , and  $x = -1$  and  $y = 3$ ; so the coordinates with respect to the basis in part (a) are  $(-1, 3)$ . □

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 3(c)**

Since:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} \},$$

we need to multiply the parametric equation  $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$  by two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , then the parametric part will disappear. We can do this by gaussian column elimination if we write a matrix whos rows are  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ , and we get a column of **zeros** on the rows corresponding to  $\mathbf{u}$  y  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{I} & \end{array} \right]^T = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ \hline x & y & z & t & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ & & 0 & & 1 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{4}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ \hline x & y & z & t-x & & & & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & & & & \\ & & 0 & & 1 & & & \end{array} \right];$$

and therefore the cartesian equations are:

$$\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ t - x = 0 \end{cases}$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 3(d)**

We multiply the parametric equations  $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$  by two vectors to get the implicit equations, those vectors are a basis of the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{S}$

$$\text{Basis for } \mathcal{S}^\perp = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

.

□

**(Final July 13/14) Exercise 3(e)**

Since  $\dim \mathcal{S}$  is 2, we just only need to find choose one vector that is not linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . Any vector in  $\mathcal{S}^\perp$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

Hence, any linear combination of vectors in the basis of part (d) is a good answer, for example:

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 1(a)**

**True:** since the inverse of a squared matrix is unique, and since  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ , it follows that matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is its own inverse.

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 1(b)**

**True:** Any matrix is orthonormal when has perpendicular columns of length one; therefore, a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is orthonormal if and only if  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ . Hence, when  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \text{Matrix } \mathbf{A} \text{ is orthonormal.}$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 1(c)**

**False.** The null matrix is a counterexample, since  $\mathbf{0}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ ; and  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{0}) = 0$ .

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 1(d)**

**False.** From part (c) we known that matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  could be singular (and then there is no  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ ). Hence, since there is no justification for the use of  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ , the deduction is false.

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 2(a)**

**True.** If 0 is an eigenvalue, then  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is zero, and therefore the matrix is singular.

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 2(b)**

**True:** That  $-3$  is an eigenvalue means that the nullspace of  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})$  is nontrivial (dimension  $> 0$ ) so, as  $\dim(\text{null space}) + \dim(\text{column space}) = n$ , one must have  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I}) < n$ : there must be vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  not in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})$ .

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 3(a)**

For  $a = 1, -1, 2$ , since for those values the matrix is singular (for  $a = 1$  the first and last columns are equal, for  $a = -1$  the second and last columns are equal, for  $a = 2$  the third and last columns are equal).

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 3(b)**

By gaussian row elimination we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & a^2 \\ 1 & -1 & 8 & a^3 \end{array} \right| &= \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & a^2-1 \\ 0 & -2 & 7 & a^3-1 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & a^2-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & a^3-a \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(a+1) \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & a(a-1)(a+1) \end{array} \right| \\ &= \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(a+1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a(a-1)(a+1) - 2(a-1)(a+1) \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(a+1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (a-2)(a-1)(a+1) \end{array} \right| \\ &= -6(a-2)(a-1)(a+1). \end{aligned}$$

We can get the same by gaussian column elimination:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & a^2 \\ 1 & -1 & 8 & a^3 \end{array} \right| &= \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & a^2-1 \\ 1 & -2 & 7 & a^3-1 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(1+a) \\ 1 & -2 & 7 & a^3-1 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(1+a) \\ 1 & -2 & 6 & a^3-a \end{array} \right| \\ &= \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(1+a) \\ 1 & -2 & 6 & a(a-1)(1+a) \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & a-1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & (a-1)(1+a) \\ 1 & -2 & 6 & (a-2)(a-1)(1+a) \end{array} \right| = -6(a-2)(a-1)(a+1). \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 3(c)**

When  $a$  is 1,  $-1$  or 2 the matrix is singular (rank 3), hence  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ . Otherwise the matrix is full rank so  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .

□

**(Final July 13/14) Short questions set 3(d)**

Since  $\mathbf{M}_a$  is full rank when  $a = 0$ , there is only one solution:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 1(a)**

1. Since  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 3 - a$ , matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible when  $a \neq 3$ .
2.  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric for any  $a$ .
3. Since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric, it is diagonalizable for any  $a$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 1(b)**

Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is never definite. We can check this using the subdeterminants test

- first subdeterminant  $= 1 > 0$ ,



- second subdeterminant =  $-1 < 0$ ,

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 1(c)**

Any solution to  $(\mathbf{A} - 0\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 0$ . By gaussian column reduction we get

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & a & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ (-2)\mathbf{1}+3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & a-4 & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+3]} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & a-3 & 0 \end{array}\right].$$

When  $a = 3$ , the matrix is singular, so  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$  and  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  with a corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 1(d)**

Since for any squared matrix

$$\mathbf{Av} = v\lambda \implies \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Av}\lambda = v\lambda^2,$$

the square of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  with the same corresponding eigenvectors, hence  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are respectively an eigenvalue and an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^2$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 1(e)**

When  $a = 3$ , the third column is a linear combination of the two first (and the two first columns are independent), hence, the rank is 2 and so it is  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

The following are parametric equations for  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We must get rid of the parametric part if we want get the implicit equations of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . So we have to multiply the parametric equations by a vector orthogonal to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ .

In part c) we found  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , a vector perpendicular to the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  but, since  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$ , the column space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  equals the row space  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  and therefore, that vector is also perpendicular to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . Hence

$$(-1 \quad -1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a(-1 \quad -1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + b(-1 \quad -1 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \boxed{-x - y + z = 0}$$

The same answer we get by gaussian column reduction:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ (-2)\mathbf{1}+3}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ x & y-x & z-2x & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{2}+3]} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ x & y-x & z-y-x & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

Therefore, the implicit equation of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\{z - y - x = 0\}$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & m & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -n \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ (-m)\mathbf{1}+4 \\ (2)\mathbf{1}+5}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -m & 2-n \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3-2m & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\mathbf{2}+3] \\ (-2)\mathbf{2}+4 \\ (2)\mathbf{2}+5}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -m & 2-n \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3-2m & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & 4-m & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[3\mathbf{1}-4] \\ (-2)\mathbf{4}+5}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -m & 0 & 2-n \\ 2 & 0 & 3-2m & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 4-m & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

If  $m = 0$  the rank is 3, otherwise the rank is 4.

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 2(b)**

When  $m \neq 0$ , the system has a single unique solution ( $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 4$ ).

When  $m = 0$ , two different cases are possible:

- If  $n \neq 2$  the system is not solvable
- If  $n = 2$  the system has infinitely many solutions.

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 2(c)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}] \\ (2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{5} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}] \\ (-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4} \\ (2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{5} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(-3)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}] \\ (-2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{5} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & -2 & -2 & 10 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

In this case the set of solutions is  $\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 2(d)**

Since  $\text{rg}(A) \geq 3$ , there will never be two special solutions. So the set of solution will never be a plane.

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 2(e)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & m \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & m \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & m \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (10) + (5m - 10) - 2(2m) = m.$$

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \hline \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} [(2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}] \\ (2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{4} \\ (1)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4} \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(5/2)\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4}]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5/2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{x}_p \end{array} \right]$$

The system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has the following single unique solution,  $\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ 5/2 \end{pmatrix}.$

□

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 3(b)**

Since the matrix is symmetric, it is possible to get the following  $\mathbf{LDU}$  factorization:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LDU} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 3 & \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\dot{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{E}^{-1}$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = \dot{\mathbf{U}}^\top$ . Therefore, the quadratic form  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\dot{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{D}\dot{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{x}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}\dot{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{D}\dot{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 3 & \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1(x-2z)^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 > 0;$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = [x \ y \ z]$ , so it is positive definite since all pivots (1,3,2) are positive. □

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 3(c)**

$|\mathbf{A}| = 6 \neq 0$  (product of the pivots =  $|\mathbf{A}|$ ), therefore, zero can not be an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  (it is a full rank matrix). □

**(Final May 13/14) Exercise 3(d)**

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 3\mathbf{v}$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector, and  $\lambda = 3$  is the corresponding eigenvalue. □

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 1.**

The parametric equations are

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Again, we must get rid of the parametric part if we want get the implicit equations. So we have to multiply the parametric equations by a basis of the orthogonal complement of that plane. We can do that by gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)1+2] \\ [(-1)1+4]}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ x & (y-x) & z & (w-x) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)3+4]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & (y-x) & z & (w-x-z) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the implicit (or cartesian) equations of this plane are

$$\begin{cases} y - x & = 0 \\ w - x - z & = 1 \end{cases}$$
□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 2(a)**

**True:** If  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ , then  $|\mathbf{A}^2| = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{I}| = 1$ ; hence,  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank matrix. □

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 2(b)**

**False:** For example,  $\mathbf{0}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ , or  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , or any projection matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$ . The matrices  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{B}$  are called *idempotent* matrices. □

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 2(c)**

**False:** If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  the matrix is singular. Hence, the columns are dependent and therefore, there are vectors  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . □

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 3.**

The following equations

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z & = 0 \\ 2y + 4z & = 0 \end{cases},$$

are the implicit equations of  $\mathcal{W}$ . This subspace is the set of solutions to the implicit equations, so we need a set of linearly independent solutions to the system that spans the whole subspace:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(2)3+2] \\ (3)3+1 \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 12 & 10 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(10)1] \\ [(12)2] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 120 & 120 & 4 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 30 & 24 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)2+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 120 & 4 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 \\ -12 & 12 & 0 \\ 6 & 24 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the following set is basis for  $\mathcal{W}$ :  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -12 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 4(a)**

- $x > 0$
- $xy - \frac{1}{4} > 0 \Rightarrow y > \frac{1}{4x}$

□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 4(b)**

- Columns are linearly perpendicular when:  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y$ .
- The length of the columns is one when:  $\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{4}} = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{3/4}$ .

□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 5(a)**

**True:**

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^n) = \det(\underbrace{\mathbf{A} \cdots \mathbf{A}}_{n \text{ times}}) = \underbrace{\det(\mathbf{A}) \cdots \det(\mathbf{A})}_{n \text{ times}} = \left( \det(\mathbf{A}) \right)^n = (-1)^n.$$

□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 5(b)**

**True:** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is idempotent then  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ ; so  $\det(\mathbf{A})^2 = \det(\mathbf{A})$ . But this is only possible if  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  is one or zero.

□

**(Final May 13/14) Short questions set 5(c)**

**True:** When  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite, first entry  $a_{11}$  and  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  are positive.

When  $\mathbf{A}$  is negative definite, first entry  $a_{11}$  is negative, but  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  is positive.

Therefore, this matrix is not definite.

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(c)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -1 & a & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(-1)1+2] \\ (-2)1+3 \\ (1)1+5 \\ (1)1+6 \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & a+2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ [(1)2+3] \\ (1)2+4 \\ (-a-2)2+5 \\ (1)2+6 \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -a & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 & -1 & a+3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -a-2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(a)**

Any of the following answers is correct:

- If you compute by columns, then the column echelon form is:  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -a & 0 \end{array} \right]$ .

- If you compute by rows, the row echelon form is:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -1 & a & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} (-1)3+1 \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} (-2)2+1 \\ \tau \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & a+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} \tau \\ (-1)3+2 \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & a+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -a & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(b)**

The system is consistent for any value of  $a$  (note that  $\mathbf{b}$  equals the second column of  $\mathbf{A}$ ).

When  $a = 0$  the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is two, and then dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is three (three free columns); and therefore, *the set of solutions is a three dimensional hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .*

When  $a \neq 0$  the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is three, and then dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is two (only two free columns); and therefore, *the set of solutions is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .*

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(c)**

When  $a = 1$  the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is three, so only three variables can be consider as pivot (or dependent or endogenous) variables.

*(In the next paragraphs we will refer to gaussian elimination by columns, but it is possible to reach the same conclusion using elimination by rows, or using subdeterminants)*

After the gaussian elimination process the last column has a pivot, and thus this column is linearly independent; therefore  $x_5$  is a pivot (or dependent or endogenous) variable. Let's consider  $x_5$  as the third pivot variable and let's find the other two... Consider the submatrix with the first four columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Any of the first three columns can be taken as pivot; since its first components are non-zero. It is easy to check that after the gaussian elimination process (using any of the first three columns as pivot) the second components of the remaining columns are non-zero, and therefore, any of them can be chosen as second pivot column. Thus,  *$x_5$  is always a pivot variable, but we can choose any two of the remaining variables as pivots variables.*

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(c)**

The dimension is two, because there are only two columns of zeros in the coefficient matrix after Gaussian elimination, and it is easy to see that a basis of the set of solutions to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  is formed by the two vectors appearing below the columns of zeros:

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 1(c)**

A particular solution appears below the last column of zeros corresponding to the right hand side vector of the system; thus, the set of vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  that verifies  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is:

$$\left\{ \text{the set of vectors } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^5 \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + p \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + q \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } p, q \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 2(a)**

Matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is symmetric and therefore diagonalizable. Matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is upper triangular and hence the diagonal elements are the eigenvalues and, since the eigenvalues are not repeated, this matrix is also diagonalizable. It remains to analyze the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Computing the characteristic polynomial  $|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$  we get:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & b \\ 0 & -1-\lambda & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2) = 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 1 & (\text{double}) \\ \lambda = 2 \end{cases}.$$

Since we have a double eigenvalue, the matrix is diagonalizable only if the eigenspace associated to that eigenvalue is two-dimensional, i.e., only if the rank of  $(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & b \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is 1. Hence,  $\mathbf{C}$  is diagonalizable only when  $b = 3$  (since the third column is a multiple of the second in this case).

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 2(b)**

This is only possible for symmetric matrices, hence it is only possible for  $\mathbf{B}$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 2(c)**

The eigenvalues of the  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  are the inverse of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , so the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  are  $\lambda = 1$  (double) and  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  are the same; hence, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable then so is  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  (In part (a) we have seen that  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable only when  $b = 3$ ). We can find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  computing those of  $\mathbf{A}$  (since they are the same). For  $\lambda = 1$  (double):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(3)2] \\ (2)3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 0 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)2+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix},$$

and for  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(2)1+2] \\ (3)1+3}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-1)2+3]} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, an associated diagonal matrix is  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and a basis of eigenvectors is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 2(d)**

We can find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , from the last section, just computing the inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  whose columns are linearly independent eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)1+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[2 \leftrightarrow 3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-3)2+3] \\ (-1)2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)3+2] \\ (-1)3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{S}^{-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

and then computing the matrix product

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Or we can directly find the inverse:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-2)1+2] \\ (-3)1+3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-3)2+3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)3+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)2] \\ (-1/2)3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 3(a)**

First of all,  $m = 3$  since  $\mathbf{Ax} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . In addition,  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  has *one* solution  $\implies \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{0\}$ , so  $r = n$  (where  $r$  is the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ ).

But  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has no solution  $\implies \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ , so  $r < m = 3$ .

There are two possibilities :  $\begin{matrix} m=3 \\ r=n=1 \end{matrix}$  and  $\begin{matrix} m=3 \\ r=n=2 \end{matrix}$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 3(b)**

Since  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{0\}$  (because  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  has 1 solution), there is a unique solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ , which

is clearly  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . (Can be either  $\mathbf{x} = (0)$  or  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  depending on if  $n = 1$  or  $n = 2$ .)

□

**(Final July 12/13) Exercise 3(c)**

$\mathbf{A}$  could be  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $a \neq 0$ ; or  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ a & c \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ c & a \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq d$ , and both columns linearly independent.

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 1(a)**

$\det \mathbf{B} = -5$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 1(b)**

Since the last row is a linear combination of the other two, we know  $|\mathbf{C}| = 0$  and therefore an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $\lambda = 0$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 2(a)**

If, for example, we take as direction vectors of the plane:  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = (-1, -1, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} = (0, 0, 1)$ , and we choose the point  $\mathbf{a}$  in the plane; we find the following parametric equation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} + \alpha \mathbf{v} + \beta \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 2(b)**

$$[\mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{I}]^T = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)1+2] \\ (-1)1+3 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right],$$

so the answer is any multiple of  $(-1 \ 1 \ 0)$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 3(a)**

We just only need the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to be rank one. By (leftwards) column elimination we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)3+2] \\ (-1)3+1 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & c-1 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Hence,  $a = c = 1$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 3(b)**

We just only need to find three pivots after the gaussian elimination. Hence,  $a \neq 1$  and  $c \neq 1$ .

We can get the same result by forcing the determinant to be not zero:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \end{vmatrix} = ac - c - a + 1 = a(c - 1) - c + 1 = (c - 1)(a - 1) \neq 0,$$

so  $a \neq 1, c \neq 1$ .

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 4(a)**

Since 0 and 2 are the roots of  $p(\lambda)$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  could be  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and then

$$\mathbf{D}^2 - 2\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

If we consider  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  we get the same result.

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 4(b)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has no repeated eigenvalues, we can use the diagonalization of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SDS}^{-1}$ :

$$\mathbf{A}^2 - 2\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SD}^2\mathbf{S}^{-1} - 2\mathbf{SDS}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{D}^2 - 2\mathbf{D})\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{0S}^{-1} = \mathbf{0}.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 5(a)**

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 - 2xy + 2xz - 2yz.$$

□

**(Final July 12/13) Short questions set 5(b)**

The minors are:  $D_1 = 1$ ,  $D_2 = 2$  y  $D_3 = 0$ . Hence, the quadratic form is positive semi-definite.

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 1(a)**

By column elimination we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -5 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[1 \leftrightarrow 3]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -5 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(5)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}] \\ (-3)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3} \\ (-3)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{4} \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{x}_p \end{array} \right].$$

Hence, the parametric equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_p + b \cdot \mathbf{v} + c \cdot \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for all } b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 1(b)**

Since the line must be in the plane  $\Pi$ , the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  must be a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

Therefore, solving  $\mathbf{v}x + \mathbf{w}y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & -a \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} [(-1)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}] \\ (1)\mathbf{2} + \mathbf{3} \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 & -a-8 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



This system is only solvable if  $-a - 8 = 0$ ; hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  is only a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  when  $\boxed{a = -8}$ .

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 1(c)**

Applying gaussian elimination by columns we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -8 & 0 \\ x & y & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)1+2] \\ (8)1+3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & x+y & 8x+z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

Thus, the implicit equations of the line are:

$$\begin{cases} x+y &= 0 \\ 8x+z &= -3 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 2(a)**

On the one hand

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 3 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 1 = \lambda_1 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow 12 = \lambda_1 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 4;$$

and then  $3a + b = 4$ .

On the other hand

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 1 = \lambda_2 \cdot 2 \Rightarrow 10 = \lambda_2 \cdot 2 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 5$$

and then  $2a + b = 5$ .

Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ; and therefore

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{12}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-3)1+2] \\ (4)1+3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)2+3]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 7 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{x}_p \end{array} \right].$$

So,  $a = -1$  and  $b = 7$ , and the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So

$$\mathbf{B}^{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^{10} & \\ & 0^{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B}.$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 2(c)**

Since two eigenvalues are equal to one ( $\lambda = 1$ ), the matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is diagonalizable if  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I}) = 2$ . Thus, the two first columns of

$$\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly dependent, and the matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is diagonalizable, only if  $a = -1$ .

□

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 3(a)**

We are in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which is three-dimensional, so any three linearly independent vectors form a basis as shown in class. Thus, we just need to show that these three vectors are linearly independent, which is equivalent to showing that the  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose columns are these vectors has full column rank (null space =  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ ). Proceeding by column elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, there are three pivots, and hence it has full column rank as desired. □

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 3(b)**

The provided equations multiply  $\mathbf{A}$  by three vectors to get three vectors, which by definition of matrix multiplication (recall the column picture) can be combined into a single equation where  $\mathbf{A}$  is multiplied by a matrix with three columns to yield a matrix with three columns:

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 4 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus if we take

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 4 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

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

we have  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{CB}^{-1}$ . Since  $\mathbf{B}$  is precisely the matrix of the basis vectors from part (a), its invertibility follows from above (it is  $3 \times 3$  and has 3 pivots). □

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 3(c)**

Since  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{CB}^{-1}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top.$$

(As in class, because  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible,  $\mathbf{B}^\top$  is too.)

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} &\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} &\Rightarrow (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{0}, \end{aligned}$$

then  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}^\top)$ . That means we just need to find the null space of  $\mathbf{C}^\top$  by elimination:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 10 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}]} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

in which there is only one free column, so there is one special solution (a basis of the null space)

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or any multiple thereof. (You can also find this special solution by inspection, without elimination.) □

**(Final May 12/13) Exercise 3(d)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  times a 3-vector is a 2-vector, we must have  $m = 2$  and  $n = 3$ . Equivalently, from part (b) we saw that  $\mathbf{A}$  was a  $2 \times 3$  matrix multiplied by a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, giving a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Moreover, from above the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  is 1, but this must equal  $m - r$ , so we obtain  $r = 1$ . □

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ -3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot (-15 + 18) = 9$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 1(b)**

Since  $\det \mathbf{A} = 9$ ,

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{9} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-6}{9} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{2}{3}(3 + 2 - 2) = -2$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 2(a)**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 2(b)**

We can prove that in several alternative ways:

- **Checking the signs of the principal sub-determinants:**

$$1 > 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 > 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 2 > 0.$$

- **Checking the signs of the pivots:** Since the first pivot is 1, and the product of the two first pivots equals the second principal sub-determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ , the second pivot is 2. And since the product of the first three pivots equals  $\det \mathbf{A}$ , the last pivot must be 1. Let's check this is true by column elimination.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{[(1)\tau_{1+2}] \\ (-2)\mathbf{1}+3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(1)\tau_{2+3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Completing the square for the quadratic form:** from last checking we can see that we can factorize  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbf{A} = \dot{\mathbf{L}}\dot{\mathbf{D}}\dot{\mathbf{U}}$ , where  $\dot{\mathbf{L}}$  is the transpose of  $\dot{\mathbf{U}}$ , since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric. From the gaussian steps we know that  $\dot{\mathbf{U}}$  is

$$\dot{\mathbf{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And therefore,  $f(x, y, z) = 1(x - y + 2z)^2 + 2(y - z)^2 + 1z^2 > 0$ .

- **Checking the signs of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** but if we try to find the roots of the characteristic polynomial

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 7-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

we get a 3 degree polynomial, so we need a computer to find the roots. This problem is very common, and therefore, it is better to use any of the other alternative checkings if the order of the matrix is 3 or more.

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 3(a)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are orthogonal matrices, then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^\top$ , and therefore  $(\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} = \mathbf{B}$ . Hence, we get

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{I}.$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 3(b)**

The order is  $m \times m$ , so matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is square:

$$\mathbf{C} = \underset{m \times n}{\mathbf{B}} \underset{n \times n}{(\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1}} \underset{n \times m}{\mathbf{B}^\top}.$$

And the matrix  $\mathbf{C}^2$  is:  $\mathbf{C}^2 = \mathbf{B} \underbrace{(\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top \cdot \mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{I}} (\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{C}$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 3(c)**

$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 4 + 1 + 0 + 16 + 4 = 25$  so we take  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = (2/5, -1/5, 0.4/5, -2/5)$ .

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 3(d)**

The simplest example is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 4(a)**

Both vectors satisfy the equation, so they belong to the subspace of solution. And the set is *linearly independent*. Since the set of solutions is a two dimensional subspace, the set  $B$  is a basis.

□

**(Final May 12/13) Short questions set 4(b)**

False. The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$  has repeated eigenvalue  $a$ , and it is diagonalizable.

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 1(a)**

Por una parte,  $\mathcal{V}_1$  es de dimensión 2 (que es la dimensión del conjunto de soluciones de la ecuación homogénea indicado), es fácil ver que una base de dicho espacio es:

$$\text{una base de } \mathcal{V}_1 \text{ es } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Por otra parte,  $\mathcal{V}_{1/2}$  es de dimensión 1 (que es la dimensión del conjunto de soluciones del sistema de ecuaciones homogéneo indicado), es fácil ver que una base de dicho espacio es:

$$\text{una base de } \mathcal{V}_{1/2} \text{ es } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Así pues,

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 1(b)**

Primero necesitamos calcular  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$ :

$$[\mathbf{P}|\mathbf{I}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{P}^{-1}],$$

es decir,

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Por tanto,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 1(c)**

$\mathbf{M}$  es una matriz de ceros, ya que:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= 2\mathbf{A}^4 - 7\mathbf{A}^3 + 9\mathbf{A}^2 - 5\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I} \\ &= 2\mathbf{PD}^4\mathbf{P}^{-1} - 7\mathbf{PD}^3\mathbf{P}^{-1} + 9\mathbf{PD}^2\mathbf{P}^{-1} - 5\mathbf{PDP}^{-1} + \mathbf{PIP}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}(2\mathbf{D}^4 - 7\mathbf{D}^3 + 9\mathbf{D}^2 - 5\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{P}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{P}\mathbf{0P}^{-1} = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 2(a)**

All you can say is that  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} \leq \text{rank } [\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}]$ . ( $\mathbf{A}$  can have any number  $r$  of pivot columns, and these will all be pivot columns for  $[\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}]$ ; but there could be more pivot columns among the columns of  $\mathbf{B}$ ).

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 2(b)**

Now  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = \text{rank } [\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^2]$ . (Every column of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  is a linear combination of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ . For instance, if we call  $\mathbf{A}$ 's first column  $\mathbf{A}_{|1}$ , then  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{|1}$  is the first column of  $\mathbf{A}^2$ . So there are no new pivot columns in the  $\mathbf{A}^2$  part of  $[\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^2]$ ).

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 2(c)**

The nullspace  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  has dimension  $n - r$ , as always. Since  $[\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}]$  only has  $r$  pivot columns — the  $n$  columns we added are all duplicates —  $[\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}]$  is an  $m$ -by- $2n$  matrix of rank  $r$ , and its nullspace  $\mathcal{N}([\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}])$  has dimension  $2n - r$ .

□

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 3(a)**

By gaussian elimination by columns:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & a & -b \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{[(-1)\mathbf{1}+2] \\ (-1)\mathbf{1}+3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & a-2 & -b \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
 &\xrightarrow{[(3)\mathbf{1}+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & a-2 & -b+6 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(1)\mathbf{2}+4]} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & a-2 & -b+4 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

No solution if  $a = 2$  and  $b \neq 4$ ; since it is not possible transforming the fourth column into a zero vector if the third one is also zero. □

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 3(b)**

The number of zero columns (in the coefficient part of the matrix) is the dimension of the space of solutions

If  $a \neq 2$  then there is no zero columns in the coefficients matrix part, and hence the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is 0. When  $a = 2$  there is only one zero column, and the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is 1. In this case the set of solution can't be a plane. □

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 3(c)**

When  $a = 2$  the system has solution only if  $b = 4$  (véase la respuesta al primer apartado). Hence, the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is one, and the set of solutions is a line.

Since the first and the last columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are equal, we can chose as unique free variable ( $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ ) just only one of them: the first or the last variable.

When  $a = 2$  la tercera columna de la parte de la matriz de coeficientes es una columna de ceros.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -4+4 \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

el vector que aparece debajo, es una base del espacio solución del *sistema homogéneo*.

$$\text{basis} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**Pero el sistema que estamos resolviendo no es homogéneo ( $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ )**, y por tanto este conjunto de soluciones no es una recta que pasa por el origen (no es un espacio vectorial); así que no podemos encontrar una base para el conjunto de soluciones de este sistema con  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . □

**(Final September 11/12) Exercise 3(d)**

En este caso, tras la eliminación gaussiana, obtenemos

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

Este sistema es compatible (hemos logrado hacer una columna de ceros en la parte del vector del lado derecho,  $\mathbf{b}$ ) y determinado (no hay columnas de ceros en la parte de la matriz de coeficientes).

El vector solución aparece debajo del vector de ceros de la derecha.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

es decir,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$ , y  $z = 0$ .

Este vector pertenece al conjunto de soluciones del apartado anterior (¡nótese como ya aparecía este vector en el apartado anterior!).

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 1(a)**

We first have to find a vector in the direction of the line. We let

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A parametric representation of the line is therefore

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_P + a\mathbf{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = -a \\ x_2 = 3 - a \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 1(b)**

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

hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -x + y = 3 \end{cases}.$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 2.**

Puesto que el determinante es negativo independientemente del valor de  $b$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & b & 3 \\ b & 2 & b \\ 3 & b & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 16 + 6b^2 - 18 - 6b^2 = -2 < 0;$$

esta matriz nunca puede tener sus tres autovalores positivos.

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 3(a)**

$$\det \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \det \underset{3 \times 3}{\mathbf{I}} = 1$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 3(b)**

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  es de orden 5 por 5 pero su rango es sólo 3 (ya que es una matriz diagonal con tres unos y dos ceros en la diagonal principal); por tanto  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  es singular y  $\det \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = 0$ .

Otro razonamiento para ver que la matriz es singular es:

1. The 3 by 5 matrix  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  has 3 linearly independent (orthonormal!) rows and a nontrivial nullspace of dimension  $5 - r = 5 - 3 = 2$ .
2. Then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$  must have dependent columns because  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}) = 0$  for any nonzero vector  $\mathbf{y}$  in the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}^\top$ .
3. Hence,  $\det \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = 0$ .

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 3(c)**

$$\det \underbrace{\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top}_{\mathbf{I}} = \det \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = 0.$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 4.**

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 5x^2 - 6x + 0 - 9x + 10x - 0 = 5x^2 - 5x = 5x(x - 1) = 0. \text{ Therefore, } x = 0, x = 1.$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 5.**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = 10\mathbf{v}.$$

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 6(a)**

$$(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}^\top)^{-1} = ((\mathbf{AB})^\top)^{-1} = ((\mathbf{AB})^{-1})^\top = (\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{-1})^\top.$$

Es verdadero.

□

**(Final September 11/12) Short questions set 6(b)**

Si  $\mathbf{A}$  y  $\mathbf{B}$  son además ortonormales entonces  $\mathbf{AA}^\top = \mathbf{I}$  y  $\mathbf{BB}^\top = \mathbf{I}$ ; así pues,

$$\mathbf{AB}(\mathbf{AB})^\top = \mathbf{ABB}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{AIA}^\top = \mathbf{AA}^\top = \mathbf{I}.$$

Es verdadero.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 1(a)**

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

The rank is 3; therefore, the columns are linearly dependent.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 1(b)**

$$\mathcal{V} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \text{such as} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

This is a parametric representation of the vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ . For an implicit representation, we must multiply by a vector orthogonal to the three first columns. The set of solutions of the resulting system is also  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$(0 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -x_2 + x_4 = 0.$$

The dimension of this subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is three. Nothing changes if we include also the fourth column, since it is a linear combination of the first three columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 1(c)**

From the first part of this exercise it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \text{such as} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for all} \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

There is one exogenous (or free) variable. Any variable can be chosen in this case. The dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is one.

□



**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 2(a)**

Both are always always diagonalizable, since  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric (and so it is  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ )<sup>3</sup> (but  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  does not exist if  $a = 0$ ).

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2(1-\lambda) - (1-\lambda) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \lambda = 1 \\ \lambda = 1 \\ \lambda = -1 \end{cases}$$

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{Orthonormal basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

For  $\lambda = -1$

$$\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{Orthonormal basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 2(b)**

Same answer since if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ; same matrix  $\mathbf{S}$ .

In addition, in this very particular case  $\lambda = \lambda^{-1}$  (also the same eigenvalues!). Please note that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ , so, in this case  $\boxed{\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}}$  (since  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric permutation matrix when  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ ).

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{u}; \quad \text{hence} \quad \mathbf{A}^{10}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}.$$

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 3(a)**

A set of two vectors is linearly independent if and only if one vector is a multiple of the other. This is not the case, hence, they are linearly independent. We can also check that the matrix:  $[\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2]$  has rank 2.

On the other hand

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 12,$$

therefore this vectors are an orthogonal set.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 3(b)**

No, since the first and the last vector are equal.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 3(c)**

The  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  vectors are not solutions to the system. Therefore, the set is not a basis for the 3-dimensional subspace of solutions.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Exercise 3(d)**

<sup>3</sup>If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$  then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ ; therefore  $\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is also symmetric.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & q \\ 4 & 2 & 12 & 3 \\ 6 & 2 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & q \\ 0 & 2 & 16 & 3-4q \\ 0 & 2 & 16 & 1-6q \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & q \\ 0 & 2 & 16 & 3-4q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2-2q \end{bmatrix}.$$

So these vector do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if  $q = -1$  (rank 2).

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 1; \quad \Rightarrow \quad \det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = 1.$$

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 1(b)**

The  $(1, 2)$  entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is  $\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{2,1}}{\det \mathbf{A}}$ ; hence

$$\frac{\text{cof}(\mathbf{A})_{2,1}}{\det \mathbf{A}} = \frac{-\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix}}{1} = 5.$$

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 2(a)**

Using the definition of eigenvectors and eigenvalues ( $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ ), it is easy to see that the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 6$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 3$ ; and  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to those eigenvalues.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 2(b)**

The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable since  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  are linearly independent.

The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible since all its eigenvalues are different from zero.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 2(c)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \lambda_3 = 54$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 12$$

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 2(d)**

Yes it is; the three eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  is an orthogonal set.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 3.**

Since the coefficient associated to  $x_1^2$  is positive (+1), this quadratic form cannot be negative definite.

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 4(a)**

True, since  $\det \mathbf{A} = \text{the product of its eigenvalues}$ , and therefore  $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$ .

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 4(b)**

True. If  $\lambda = -3$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I})$  must be singular ( $\det(\mathbf{A} + 3\mathbf{I}) = 0$ ).

□

**(Final June 11/12) Short questions set 4(c)**

False. If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular; and therefore  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinite solutions.

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 1(a)**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -a;$$

therefore  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is no zero if and only if  $a \neq 0$ .

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 1(b)**

No, since:

$$|1| = 1; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1,$$

when all subdeterminants should be possitive. It follows that the matrix is not definite.

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 1(c)**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 1(d)**

From the steps given in the gaussian elimination when solving the first part of the exercise, it's easy to check that  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3$  when  $a = 0$ ; and therefore, there are three pivot variables. Hence, only one variable can be chosen as a free variable.

When  $a = 0$  the second and third columns are equal (and hence dependent); it follows that we can take as free variable either the second or the third one.

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 2(a)**

Since the matrix is triangular, the elements on its main diagonal ( $\lambda = 4$  and  $\lambda = 2$ ) are the eigenvalues (both with algebraic multiplicity two):

$$\text{rg}(\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I}) = \text{rg} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2; \quad \text{rg}(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) = \text{rg} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2.$$

Por tanto ya sabemos que  $\mathbf{A}$  es diagonalizable.

Observando la matriz  $\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I}$ , es fácil ver que dos autovalores asociados a  $\lambda = 4$  son

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

y observando la matriz  $\mathbf{A}-4\mathbf{I}$ , que dos autovalores asociados a  $\lambda = 2$  son

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Así pues,

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & & \\ & 4 & & \\ & & 2 & \\ & & & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 2(b)**

Puesto que hemos visto que  $\mathbf{v}$  es un autovector de  $\mathbf{A}$  asociado al autovalor 2, sabemos que  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{v}$ , y por tanto:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^6\mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot 2\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot 4\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot 8\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot 16\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{A} \cdot 32\mathbf{v} = \lambda^6\mathbf{v} \\ &= 2^6\mathbf{v} = 64\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 64 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 2(c)**

Puesto que ningún autovalor es cero, la matriz es de rango completo, es decir, invertible.

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 2(d)**

Puesto que  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ , entonces

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1} = (\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = (\mathbf{S}^{-1})^{-1}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{S}^{-1};$$

es decir, los autovectores  $\mathbf{S}$  son los mismos, pero los autovalores  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$ , son los inversos de los autovalores de la matriz  $\mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}] &= \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -3 & -2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{R}|\mathbf{c}]. \end{aligned}$$

Por lo que la solución completa es:

$$\text{todo vector } \mathbf{x} \text{ de la forma: } \mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{para cualquier } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Es decir, el conjunto de vectores  $\mathbf{x}$  de la forma:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - a \\ a \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ para cualquier } a \in \mathbb{R}; \quad \text{o} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ para cualquier } x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 3(b)**

Puesto que el sistema tiene cinco incógnitas, el vector solución tiene cinco elementos (un valor para cada incógnita). Así pues, el conjunto de soluciones es un subconjunto de  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ; Y en este caso, dicho conjunto es una recta, ya que sólo una de las columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$  es dependiente de las demás (sólo hay una variable libre o exógena; sólo un parámetro o grado de libertad en la solución). Así pues, un vector director es cualquier múltiplo (excepto el vector nulo  $\mathbf{0}$ ) de la solución al sistema homogéneo que hemos encontrado:  $\mathbf{x}_a = (-2 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$ . Y uno de los puntos por donde pasa la recta es la solución particular que obtuvimos al resolver el sistema:  $\mathbf{x}_p = (-1 \ 0 \ 1 \ -2 \ 4)$

□

**(Final September 10/11) Exercise 3(c)**

**Primero un razonamiento largo...**

Está claro que el vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a$  (la solución al sistema homogéneo) cumple la siguiente relación:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{0};$$

lo cual significa que los vectores fila de  $\mathbf{A}$  son perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ . Así que, al menos, las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$  son perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ .

Pero... ¿hay más vectores perpendiculares? Veamos si cualquier combinación lineal de las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$  es un nuevo vector perpendicular a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ .

Sea  $\mathbf{z}$  un vector de  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , entonces  $\mathbf{zA}$  es un nuevo vector de  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generado como combinación lineal de las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$  (donde los elementos  $z_i$  de  $\mathbf{z}$  son los coeficientes de dicha combinación). Por tanto, para todo  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , el producto  $\mathbf{zA}$  es una combinación lineal de las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$ . Comprobar que las combinaciones  $\mathbf{zA}$  son siempre perpendiculares al vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a$  es muy sencillo, ya que si  $\mathbf{Ax}_a = \mathbf{0}$  entonces, para el producto de cualquier combinación lineal de filas  $\mathbf{zA}$  con el vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a$  siempre resultará que

$$\mathbf{zAx}_a = \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{0} = 0.$$

¿Hemos encontrado todos los vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ ? o ¿hay algún vector en  $\mathbb{R}^5$  que sea perpendicular a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ , pero que no sea combinación de las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

Para contestar a estas dos preguntas primero vamos a comprobar que el conjunto de vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$  son un espacio vectorial; es decir, que dicho conjunto es cerrado para la suma y el producto por un escalar (o de manera más abreviada, que es cerrado para las combinaciones lineales). Veámoslo:

Sean  $\mathbf{y}$  y  $\mathbf{z}$  dos vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ , es decir, dos vectores tales que  $\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x}_a = 0$  y que  $\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{x}_a = 0$ ; y sea  $\mathbf{B}$  la matriz cuyas filas son  $\mathbf{y}$  y  $\mathbf{z}$ .

De nuevo, una combinación de dichas filas es el producto

$$\mathbf{cB} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{z}] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

para cualquier vector  $\mathbf{c}$  de  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Ahora vamos a comprobar que todas las posibles combinaciones de dos vectores perpendiculares al vector  $\mathbf{x}_a$  son también perpendiculares a dicho vector director (que dicho conjunto es cerrado).

$$\mathbf{cBx}_a = \mathbf{x}_a \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x}_a [\mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{z}] \mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{x}_a \cdot \mathbf{y} \ \mathbf{x}_a \cdot \mathbf{z}] \mathbf{c} = [0 \ 0] \mathbf{c} = 0, \quad \text{para todo } \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Así pues, el conjunto de vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$  es un subespacio vectorial. ¿De qué dimensión?

Tanto los vectores fila de  $\mathbf{A}$  como el vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a$  tienen cinco componentes, es decir, pertenecen a  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , que es un espacio vectorial de dimensión cinco. Puesto que  $\mathbf{A}$  tiene rango 4, sus cuatro filas son linealmente independientes, y constituyen una base del espacio generado por las filas de  $\mathbf{A}$ ; que es un subespacio de dimensión 4 y que llamaremos espacio fila de  $\mathbf{A}$ . Por supuesto, la recta generada por el único vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a$  es de dimensión 1.

Así pues, la unión del espacio fila de  $\mathbf{A}$  (dimensión 4) junto con los vectores de la *recta perpendicular* (dimensión 1) tiene necesariamente dimensión 5, es decir, la unión de los dos subespacios es todo el espacio

$\mathbb{R}^5$ . Eso significa que cualquier vector de  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , o está en la recta generada por  $\mathbf{x}_a$ , o está en el espacio fila de  $\mathbf{A}$ ; y por lo tanto, todo vector perpendicular a  $\mathbf{x}_a$  necesariamente pertenece al espacio filas de  $\mathbf{A}$ .

*Ya podemos contestar a todas las preguntas: el conjunto de vectores perpendiculares es el espacio fila de  $\mathbf{A}$ , que es de dimensión 4; y como  $\mathbf{A}$  tiene rango 4, sus cuatro filas son linealmente independientes, así que constituyen una base del subespacio de vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ .*

**Y ahora un razonamiento más corto...** en el que sólo es necesario resolver el sistema de ecuaciones “apropiado”... del que en este caso particular, y dado lo que ya sabemos del primer apartado... ya conocemos su solución...

Antes hemos recordado que en cualquier sistema homogéneo  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , los vectores solución  $\mathbf{x}$  son los vectores ortogonales a las filas de la matriz de coeficientes  $\mathbf{A}$ ... pero entonces... para contestar a este apartado [basta con poner como coeficientes del sistema homogéneo los elementos de vector director  $\mathbf{x}_a = (-2 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$ , y resolver! Es decir, la pregunta se puede contestar solucionando el sistema

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

*El conjunto de vectores solución a este sistema es el conjunto de vectores ortogonales pedidos en el enunciado, y puesto que la matriz de coeficientes tiene rango uno, y hay cinco incógnitas, la dimensión del conjunto solución es cuatro.*

Probar que dicho conjunto es un subespacio vectorial es fácil: si  $\mathbf{y}$  y  $\mathbf{z}$  son soluciones al sistema  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , entonces la combinación lineal  $a\mathbf{y} + b\mathbf{z}$  también es solución puesto que

$$\mathbf{B}(a\mathbf{y} + b\mathbf{z}) = a\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y} + b\mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} = a\mathbf{0} + b\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Observando el primer apartado de este problema podemos ver que *las cuatro filas del sistema de ecuaciones original  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{0}$*  (primer apartado del problema) son perpendiculares al vector director, y son independientes, por lo que *forman la base del subespacio pedido en el enunciado.*

**... y por último la manera más corta que se me ocurre... por ¡eliminación Gauss-Jordan!...**

$$[\mathbf{x}_a | \mathbf{I}] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} 1 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccccc} 1 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [(\mathbf{I}_1)_\parallel | \mathbf{E}]$$

Las cuatro últimas filas de la matriz  $\mathbf{E}$  (allí donde hay filas de ceros en  $(\mathbf{E}_1)_\parallel$ —que es la forma escalonada reducida de  $\mathbf{x}_a$ ) son vectores perpendiculares a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ ; y es evidente que son cuatro, y que son linealmente independientes, así que son una base del subespacio perpendicular a  $\mathbf{x}_a$ . □

#### (Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(a)

*Es verdadero.* Si  $\mathbf{A}$  es simétrica, entonces  $\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{A}$ , por tanto

$$(\mathbf{A}^2)^\top = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top = (\mathbf{A}^\top)^2 = \mathbf{A}^2,$$

es decir, que  $\mathbf{A}^2$  también es simétrica. □

#### (Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(b)

*Es verdadero.* Veamoslo:

$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^2 = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$$

A las matrices con esta propiedad se las denomina “*matrices idempotentes*”. □

#### (Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(c)

*Es falso.* El determinante de una matriz es igual al producto de sus autovalores; si uno de ellos es cero, necesariamente la matriz es singular. En tal caso sus columnas son linealmente dependientes y es posible

encontrar una solución distinta a la trivial ( $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ) para dicho sistema homogéneo; así que hay más de una solución y el sistema es necesariamente *indeterminado*. □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(d)**

*Verdadero.* Por el mismo motivo de antes,  $\mathbf{A}$  es singular, lo que quiere decir que el subespacio generado por las columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$  (que llamaremos *espacio columna de  $\mathbf{A}$* ,  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ ) es de dimensión menor que  $m$ , pero eso quiere decir que existen vectores de  $\mathbb{R}^m$  que no pertenecen a  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . Si  $\mathbf{b}$  fuera uno de ellos, entonces no existiría una combinación lineal de las columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$  igual a  $\mathbf{b}$ , es decir, que  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  será incompatible para dicho  $\mathbf{b} \notin \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$ . □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(e)**

*True.* If  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal, then  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ ; therefore the inverse of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is its transpose ( $\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ ), and then  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T$ ; but this means that the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$  are orthogonal (since all the elements of  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{I}$  outside the main diagonal are zero) with norm equal to one (since  $\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^T$  has only ones in the main diagonal). □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 1(f)**

*False.* For the matrix

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

1 is the only eigenvalue, but  $\mathbf{A}$  is not the identity matrix. □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 2(a)**

2, puesto que las dos primeras son dependientes. □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 2(b)**

2 (= rango de  $\mathbf{A}$ ) □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 3(a)**

La matriz simétrica asociada a dicha forma cuadrática es

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

y sus menores principales son

$$|1| = 1; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a \end{vmatrix} = a - 1; \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 8(a - 1);$$

Si  $a = 1$  la matriz  $\mathbf{Q}$  es semidefinida positiva (los signos son: +, 0, 0). □

**(Final September 10/11) Short questions set 3(b)**

La matriz  $\mathbf{Q}$  nunca puede ser definida negativa. Si  $a < 1$  es no definida (signos: +, -, -). Si  $a > 1$  es definida positiva (+, +, +). □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 1(a)**

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & a - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a - \lambda)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Therefore, the eigenvalue  $\lambda = a$  is repeated twice. We can get the other two eigenvalues solving

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = 0; \quad \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

Thus, the other two eigenvalues are 1 and 3. □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 1(b)**

When  $\lambda = a = 2$ , the rank of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is 3. Therefore  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$  (only one free column); hence it is not possible to find two linearly independent eigenvectors for the repeated eigenvalue  $\lambda = 2$ . It follows that THE MATRIX IS NOT DIAGONALISABLE. □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 1(c)**

$$|\mathbf{B} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \cdot ((2-\lambda)^2 - 1) = 0$$

Clearly one eigenvector is  $\lambda = 1$ . The other two are the roots of

$$((2-\lambda)^2 - 1) = 4 + \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 1 = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0.$$

that is,  $\lambda = 3$  and  $\lambda = 1$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\mathbf{A} - 3\lambda\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix};$$

therefore  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector. Since its norm is  $\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a normalised eigenvector for  $\lambda = 3$ .

- For  $\lambda = 1$

$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$$

because the last column of  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$ , the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector (with norm 1); besides, from

the other two columns, it is easy to check that  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is another eigenvector for  $\lambda = 3$ . Normalising

the vector we get  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

It is not difficult to see that those three vectors are orthogonal. Therefore:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 1(d)**

The quadratic form is

$$f(x, y, z) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 2xy,$$



and we already know it is positive defined, since the three eigenvalues of the symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  are positive. □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-6 \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to have a full rank matrix, the parameter  $a$  must be different from 6. □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 2(b)**

On the one hand

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -1.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Consequently,  $x_4 = \frac{0}{-1} = 0$ . □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 2(c)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence

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

and thus, multiplying by  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  we get  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 3(a)**

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

There is only one solution when the matrix is full rank, that is, when  $a \neq 2$ . □

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 3(b)**

Since the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank 2, there is only one free variable. Therefore,  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$ .

Because the third column is <sup>3×3</sup>twice the second one, we can choose either  $y$  or  $z$  as free variables.

Performing the Gauss-Jordan elimination, we get the reduced echelon form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ .

The full set of solutions consist of all multiples of the vector in the basis:

$$\text{a solution vector is any } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \text{ multiple of } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

that is  $\mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 3(c)**

The point (1,1,1) is solution to the non-linear system.

$$\begin{cases} 1^2 + \frac{1^2}{2} + 4\sqrt{1} &= 5.5 \\ 2 \cdot 1^2 + 1 + 2 \cdot 1 &= 5 \end{cases}.$$

The Jacobian matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x & y & 2z^{-1/2} \\ 4x & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{evaluating at } (1,1,1)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{by Gaussian elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Delta z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} 0.1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, when we evaluate the non linear equations at  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \\ 1.1 \end{pmatrix}$  the system is close to  $\begin{pmatrix} 5.5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 4(a)**

Since the right hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  has three rows. In addition,  $\mathbf{x}$  also belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , thus  $\mathbf{A}$  has also three columns.

Besides, there are two special solutions; therefore  $\text{rg}(\mathbf{A}) = 3 - 2 = 1$ . It follows that there is only one pivot row, hence  $\dim \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^T) = 1$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 4(b)**

From the particular solution, it follows that twice the first column equals the right hand side vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , hence, the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Because the rank is one, the other columns are multiples of the first one. From the first special solution we know that the second column must be the opposite of the first one, or  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Finally, from the second special solution it follows that the last column is the zero vector. Consequently,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 10/11) Exercise 4(c)**

For any vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ ; in other words, the system is solvable for any vector  $\mathbf{b} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; where  $a$  is any real number (for any multiple of the first column).

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 1(a)**

$$|\mathbf{AB}^2| = 2 \cdot (-2)^2 = 8.$$

$$|(\mathbf{AB})^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{AB}|} = \frac{1}{-4}.$$

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 1(b)**

There is not enough information to compute the determinant of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ ; but, since  $|\mathbf{AB}| = -4$ , we know  $\mathbf{AB}$  is a full rank matrix; therefore its rank is 3.

 $3 \times 3$ 

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 2(a)**

There are two cases:

- $a = -4/5$  and  $b = 3/5$
- $a = 4/5$  and  $b = -3/5$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 2(b)**

Any values of  $a$  and  $b$  such as the first column is not a multiple of the second; for example,  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 2(c)**

This is just the opposite case... here we need a singular matrix; therefore we can use any multiple of the second column; for example:  $a = 3$  and  $b = 4$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 2(d)**

By symmetry,  $b = 3/5$ . In addition, we need  $a < 0$  and  $\det \mathbf{A} > 0$ ; that is  $a \cdot 4/5 - (3/5)^2 > 0$ , or

$$a \cdot 4/5 > (3/5)^2$$

something impossible if  $a < 0$ . Therefore, THERE ISN'T SUCH VALUES OF  $a$  AND  $b$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 3(a)**

We need a rank 3 matrix; by Gaussian elimination we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ a & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-a & 2-a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -a & -a \end{bmatrix},$$

therefore, if  $a \neq 0$  the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 3, and the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is one.

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 3(b)**

When  $a = 0$ ; in that case  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$ .

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 4(a)**

Since the first two vectors are the same, the dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is 2. The number of the columns is 4, therefore the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 2.

The last vector is telling us that the last column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is zero vector; and the first vector means that the first column of  $\mathbf{A}$  is the opposite of the third. Then, one possibility is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x - z = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}.$$

But that is not the only possible answer; for example we can add zero rows below.

The coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  must be rank 2, with a fourth column full of zeros, and a first column opposite to the third one.

□

**(Final June 10/11) Short questions set 4(b)**

Since  $\mathbf{A}$  has a characteristic polynomial of degree 5, we know that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix. Since 0 is not a root of  $p(\cdot)$  and so is not an eigenvalue, we know  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible so  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 5$ .

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 1(a)**

Los autovalores de

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

son los elementos de la diagonal;  $\lambda = 3$  (con multiplicidad 2) y  $\lambda = 2$ . Pero el rango de

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

es 2; por tanto la matriz no es diagonalizable.

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 1(b)**

Los autovalores de

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

son los elementos de la diagonal;  $\lambda = 3$  y  $\lambda = 2$  (con multiplicidad 2). El rango de

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

es 1; por tanto la matriz es diagonalizable.

Dos autovectores independientes correspondientes al autovalor  $\lambda = 2$  son  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  y  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Por otra parte

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

Un autovector correspondiente al autovalor  $\lambda = 3$  es  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Así pues

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

son matrices tales que  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SDS}^{-1}$ .

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 1(c)**

Sea como sea  $\mathbf{A}$ , la matriz  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  siempre es simétrica; y por tanto es diagonalizable, y es posible encontrar una base ortonormal de autovectores de  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 1(d)**

Basta con encontrar los valores de  $a$  que hacen la matriz de rango completo; es decir, cualquier valor de  $a$  distinto de cero ( $a \neq 0$ ) (para que la matriz sea invertible) y simultáneamente distinto de tres ( $a \neq 3$ ) (para que la matriz sea diagonalizable).

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 2(a)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 5 & -5 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & -7 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{21}(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & -7 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{31}(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{23}(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Tanto la matriz de coeficientes, cómo la matriz ampliada tienen rango 2.

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 2(b)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{22}(1/2)} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{12}(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Una solución particular es

$$\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{es decir,} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -4 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = -3 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

Solución al sistema homogéneo es cualquier combinación de los vectores

$$\mathbf{x}_a = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{y} \quad \mathbf{x}_b = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{es decir,} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -2a - 4b \\ x_2 = a \\ x_3 = -3b \\ x_4 = b \end{array}$$

para cualesquiera valores  $a$  y  $b$ .

Así pues, la solución al sistema propuesto es de la forma

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{o bien,} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -4 - 2a - 4b \\ x_2 = a \\ x_3 = -3 - 3b \\ x_4 = b \end{array}$$

para cualesquiera valores  $a$  y  $b$ .

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 2(c)**

Es un **plano** paralelo al generado por las combinaciones lineales de  $\mathbf{x}_a$  y  $\mathbf{x}_b$  (que es la solución del sistema homogéneo) pero que pasa por el punto  $\mathbf{x}_p = (-7, 0, -6, 0)^\top$  (que es uno de los infinitos vectores que resuelven el sistema completo).

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b-4 & 3 & 4 \\ c-6 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right| = 3$$

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 3(b)**

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 7a & 7 & 14 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right| = 7 \left| \begin{array}{ccc} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right| = 7 \times 3 = 21$$

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 3(c)**

$$|(2\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^\top| = \frac{1}{\det 2\mathbf{A}} \det \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2^3 \det \mathbf{A}} \det \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

□

**(Final September 09/10) Exercise 3(d)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3 + 4 = 7$$

□

**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 1(a)**

No siempre tiene solución; por ejemplo:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nótese que el rango de la matriz de coeficientes  $\mathbf{A}$  es uno, pero el rango de la matriz ampliada  $[\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}]$  es dos.

□

**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 1(b)**

Puesto que el sistema tiene más variables que ecuaciones, cuando el sistema tiene solución, ésta nunca puede ser única.

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 1(c)**

Que  $\mathbf{b}$  sea combinación lineal de las columnas de  $\mathbf{A}$ ; es decir, que la matriz de coeficientes  $\mathbf{A}$ , y la matriz ampliada  $[\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{b}]$  tengan el mismo rango.

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 1(d)**

Puesto que el  $\mathbf{b}$  tiene tres componentes (pertenece a  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ), la condición es que el rango de  $\mathbf{A}$  sea tres.

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(a)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Así pues,

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(b)**

$\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 4 + 1 + 0 + 16 + 4 = 25$  so we take  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\| = (2/5, -1/5, 0.4/5, -2/5)$ .

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(c)**

$$q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 6xy + y^2 + az^2 = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Puesto que  $|1| > 0$ , y  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} < 0$ ; la forma cuadrática no es definida (sea cual sea el valor de  $a$ ).

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(d)**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \cdot (-2) \cdot (2) = 12$$

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(e)**

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}^3] \mathbf{v} &= \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \\ & -2 \end{bmatrix}^3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^3 & \\ & -2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 32 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -24 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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**(Final September 09/10) Short questions set 2(f)**

If  $\mathbf{A}^\top = 2\mathbf{A}$ , then also  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{A}^\top = 2(2\mathbf{A}) = 4\mathbf{A}$  so  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ ; and, of course, the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  are then linearly dependent.

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 1(a)**

The rank is 4 (there are 4 pivots in the reduced row echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$ ).

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 1(b)**

$$\mathbf{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } a, b, c, d \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 1(c)**

$$\mathbf{x} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_6 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 - 2x_4 + x_6 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 - x_6 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \\ x_6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 1(d)**

No, since  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{R}^4$  then  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has solution for any vector  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 1(e)**

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 2(a)**

Since the matrix is triangular, the eigenvalues are the numbers on the main diagonal:  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The following are three linearly independent eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$(\mathbf{A} - 2\lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The following is an eigenvector

$$\mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 2(b)**

Yes, since there are 4 linearly independent eigenvectors

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 2(c)**

This factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^\top$  implies that  $\mathbf{A}$  must be symmetric; but  $\mathbf{A}$  is not. Therefore, it is not possible.

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 2(d)**

$$|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} = \frac{1}{\text{product of eigenvalues of } \mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 3(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & m & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 2m \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{21}(-2)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & m-4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 2m \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{31}(1)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & m-4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 2m+1 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{\mathbf{E}_{32}(1)} \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & m-4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & m+1 & 2m+2 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2m+2=0$  when  $m+1=0$ , the system is always solvable, for any  $m$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 3(b)**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$



Un solución particular es  $\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , y las soluciones al sistema homogéneo son los múltiplos del vector  $\mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Por tanto, la solución completa al sistema son todos los vectores que se pueden escribir como  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p + a\mathbf{x}_n$  para cualquier número real  $a$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 3(c)**

El conjunto de puntos que son solución al sistema del apartado anterior es una recta en  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

No es posible que el conjunto de soluciones sea un plano en ningún caso; para que fuera posible sería necesario que la matriz de coeficientes del sistema fuera de rango 1. Pero en este caso el rango es 2 para  $m = -1$  o rango 3 cuando  $m \neq -1$ . En este último caso (rango 3), el conjunto de soluciones es un punto en  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Exercise 3(d)**

En este caso el sistema es

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Procediendo a la sustitución hacia atrás tenemos

$$x_3 = 2; \Rightarrow x_2 = -7; \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 - 7 - 4 = -10;$$

Por tanto la solución en este caso es

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 1(a)**

True, since

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}.$$

and

$$\mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}.$$

Therefore  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are the same matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 1(b)**

False:

$$(\mathbf{AB})^2 = (\mathbf{AB})(\mathbf{AB}) = \mathbf{ABAB}$$

is in general different from

$$\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B}^2 = \mathbf{AABB}.$$

Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \mathbf{ABAB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{AABB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□

**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 1(c)**

True, since

$$|\mathbf{AA}^\top| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{A}^\top| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{A}|^2.$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 2(a)**

Yes, it is. A 3 by 3 matrix with 3 different eigenvalues.

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 2(b)**

No, it is not. Since  $\mathbf{v}_3 = -\mathbf{v}_1$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_3$  must be an eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_1$ .

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 2(c)**

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 - \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2 = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

□

**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 3(a)**

Lets check if the rank is 4:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 2 & 2a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\tau_{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 2 & 2a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{U}$$

This matrix has rank 4 for any value  $a$ ; therefore it is invertible.

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 3(b)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\tau_{[1 \leftrightarrow 2]}]{} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-2)\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{3}]} \\ & \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-1)\mathbf{4} + \mathbf{2}]} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 4(a)**

The corresponding matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Expanding  $|\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}|$  along the last column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 4(5-\lambda) = 0$$

It is clear that  $\lambda = 5$  is an eigenvalue. Dividing the characteristic equation by  $(5 - \lambda)$  we get:

$$0 = (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - 4 = 4 - \lambda - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda = 0$$

Therefore the two remaining roots are  $\lambda = 0$  y  $\lambda = 5$ .

Two positive eigenvalues and one equal to zero: positive semi-definite matrix.

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**(Final June 09/10) Short questions set 4(b)**

The corresponding matrix is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -a \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can alternatively prove that  $-\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite; for example checking the sines of its sub-determinants. And since  $|1| = 1$ , but  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -5$ . Then  $(-\mathbf{A})$  is not definite, neither  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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