

# Exercise Set: Linear Algebra

## Solutions

### 1 - System of Linear Equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/3 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_1 = L_1 - 1/3 L_2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} L_2 = L_2 / 6 \\ L_3 = L_3 / 10 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} L_1 = L_1 - 7L_3 \\ L_2 = L_2 - 1/3 L_3 \end{array}$$

Let  $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

we want  $A\underline{x} = \underline{u}$

$$(A: I_3) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 = L_1 / 2 \\ L_3 = L_3 / 3 \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow L_2 = L_2 - 3L_1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 & -3/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow L_2 = L_2 - L_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 0 & -3/2 & 1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow L_2 = 6L_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 = L_1 - \frac{1}{2} L_2 \\ L_3 = L_3 - \frac{1}{3} L_2 \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right) = (I_3: A^{-1})$$

Therefore,  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 9 & 6 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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and  $A\underline{x} = \underline{u}$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{A^{-1}A\underline{x}}_{=\underline{x}} = A^{-1}\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 9 & 6 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 52 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, we need  $x=11$ ,  $y=54$ ,  $z=8$ .

## 2 - Vector Spaces

Suppose  $\lambda_1 \underline{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \underline{v}_2 + \lambda_3 \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0}$  with  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + 3\lambda_3 = 0 \\ 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 5\lambda_3 = 0 \\ 2\lambda_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_3 = 0 & (L_3) \\ \text{so } \lambda_1 = 0 & (L_1) \\ \text{and } \lambda_2 = 0 & (L_2) \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3$  are L.I..

In fact, one way show that  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , as they span as well.

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Let  $q \in \mathbb{P}_2$  :  $q(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$= \frac{a}{3}(3x^2 - 1) + \frac{a}{3} + \frac{b}{2}(2x) + c$$

$$= \frac{a}{3} p_3(x) + \frac{b}{2} p_2(x) + \left(c + \frac{a}{3}\right) p_1(x)$$

Thus,  $q$  can be expressed as a linear sum of  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ , so  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

### 3 - Matrix Inverses

$$\det(A) = 2 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 0 = 4$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AA^{-1} = I_2 \quad \& \quad A^{-1}A = I_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= 0 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 \cdot -1 + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 - (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 3 - 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 6 - 1 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (B|I_3) &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\downarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 = L_2 \\ L_2 = L_1 \end{array} \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\downarrow L_1 = L_1 - 2L_2 \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -6 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\downarrow L_3 = L_3 + L_1 \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -6 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\downarrow L_3 = -L_3/5 \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -6 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/5 & -1/5 & -1/5 \end{array} \right) \\ &\downarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 = L_1 + 6L_3 \\ L_2 = L_2 - 3L_3 \end{array} \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 & -1/5 & -6/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/5 & 3/5 & 3/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/5 & -1/5 & -1/5 \end{array} \right) = (I_3 | B^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } B^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -6 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

NB: It is common to put a  $\frac{1}{\det(A)}$  in front of  $A^{-1}$ .

One may check that  $B^{-1}B = I_3$  and  $BB^{-1} = I_3$

#### 4 - Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

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$$ch_A(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (3 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9 - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot 8 \cdot 1 = 36 - 32 = 4$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6 \pm 2}{2} = \frac{8}{2} \text{ or } \frac{4}{2} = 4 \text{ or } 2$$

$$A\underline{x} = 2\underline{x} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x + y = 2x \\ x + 3y = 2y \end{cases} \Rightarrow x + y = 0$$

$$\text{Setting } x=1 \Rightarrow y=-1 ; \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\underline{x} = 4\underline{x} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x + y = 4x \\ x + 3y = 4y \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = y$$

$$\text{Setting } x=1 \Rightarrow y=1 ; \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalue 2 has eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

4 has eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$ch_B(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 0 \cdot (-1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 = 0 \text{ so } \lambda = 1 \text{ with multiplicity 2.}$$

$$B\underline{x} = 1 \cdot \underline{x} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - y = x \\ y = y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow y = 0 \text{ letting } x=1 ; \underline{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For generalized eigenvector, we solve  $(B - \lambda I)\underline{x} = \underline{x}_0$  instead of  $(B - \lambda I)\underline{x} = 0$

$$(B - \lambda I)\underline{x} = \underline{x}_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \cdot x - y = 1 \\ 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = -1 \text{ letting } x=0 ; \underline{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\det(C - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 2 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 3$$

$$C \underline{x} = 1 \cdot \underline{x} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = x \\ 2y = y \\ y + 3z = z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} y=0 \\ z=0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{letting } x=1: \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C \underline{x} = 2 \underline{x} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = 2x \\ 2y = 2y \\ y + 3z = 2z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x = 2y \\ y + z = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{letting } x=2: y=1, z=-1$$

$$\text{so } \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C \underline{x} = 3 \underline{x} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = 3x \\ 2y = 3y \\ y + 3z = 3z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} y=0 \\ x=0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{letting } z=1: \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 5 - Diagonalization

$$A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1} \quad \text{with} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$  eigen values                       $\uparrow$  eigen vectors

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{either use formula for } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix or inverse it by hand with } (P_i^T I))$$

One may check that  $P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$  is indeed  $A$ .

$B$  is not diagonalizable as it does not have linearly independent eigenvectors.

$$C = P D P^{-1} \quad \text{with} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} =$$

$$\text{One may find } P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 6 - Orthogonal Vectors

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$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{u} \perp \underline{v}$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{w} = 2 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot (-2) = -1 \Rightarrow \underline{u} \not\perp \underline{w}$$

$$\underline{v} \cdot \underline{w} = 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-2) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{v} \perp \underline{w}$$

$$\|\underline{v}_1\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\underline{u}_1 = \frac{\underline{v}_1}{\|\underline{v}_1\|} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \quad \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5}/5 \\ 2\sqrt{5}/5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u}_2 &= \underline{v}_2 - (\underline{v}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_1) \underline{u}_1 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \left( \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5}/5 \\ 2\sqrt{5}/5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3/5 \\ 1 - 6/5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/5 \\ -1/5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{u}_2 = \frac{\underline{\hat{u}}_2}{\|\underline{\hat{u}}_2\|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{30}}{15} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{30}}{30} \\ \frac{\sqrt{30}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|\underline{\hat{u}}_2\| = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{5}$$

$$\underline{u}_3 = \underline{v}_3 - (\underline{v}_3 \cdot \underline{u}_1) \underline{u}_1 - (\underline{v}_3 \cdot \underline{u}_2) \underline{u}_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \left( \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5}/5 \\ 2\sqrt{5}/5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \left( \frac{9\sqrt{30}}{30} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{30}/15 \\ -\sqrt{30}/30 \\ \sqrt{30}/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 - 2/5 - 9/15 \\ 1 - 4/5 + 3/10 \\ 2 - 0 - 3/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \|\underline{u}_3\| = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} ; \underline{u}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{6}/3 \\ \sqrt{6}/6 \\ \sqrt{6}/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_2) = 0 \quad ; \quad (\underline{u}_1 \cdot \underline{u}_3) = 0 \quad ; \quad (\underline{u}_2 \cdot \underline{u}_3) = 0$$

## 7 - Norms

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$$\|\underline{v} + \underline{w}\|_1 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 3$$

$$3 \leq 6 + 7 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\|\underline{v}\|_1 = 6, \|\underline{w}\|_1 = 7$$

$$1) \|\underline{e}\|_1 = 0,35$$

$$\underline{e} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.1 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2) \|\underline{e}\|_2 = 0,0525$$

3)  $L_1$  is manhattan distance,  $L_2$  is Euclidean

depending on the context, one may be better than the other in terms of interpretability.