

# Fundamentals of Linear Algebra and Optimization

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## Homework 4

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**Problem B1 (50 pts).**

(1) Let's define matrix  $A$  as :  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  Then, we get:  $a_{11} + a_{12} = c_1 = a_{21} + a_{22}$  and  $a_{11} + a_{21} = c_2 = a_{12} + a_{22}$ . We can rewrite the equations as:

$$a_{11} + a_{12} - a_{21} - a_{22} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$a_{11} + a_{21} - a_{12} - a_{22} = 0 \tag{2}$$

From part d of the duality theorem (3.14), we know that

$$\dim(U) + \dim(U^0) = \dim(E)$$

$\dim(E)$  is  $n^2$  or 4 and  $\dim(U)$  is  $2(n-1)$  or 2 since there are two linearly independent equations. Then,  $\dim(U^0)$  is  $4 - 2 = 2$ .

(2) Prove that the dimension of the subspace of  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$ , such that the sum of the entries of every row is the same (say  $c_1$ ), the sum of entries of every column is the same (say  $c_2$ ), and  $c_1 = c_2$ , is also 2. Prove that every such matrix is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix},$$

and give a basis for this subspace.

The equations corresponding to the three conditions listed (sum of entries in each row are the same, sum of entries in each column are the same,  $c_1 = c_2$ ) are the following:

$$a_{11} + a_{12} - a_{21} - a_{22} = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$a_{11} + a_{21} - a_{12} - a_{22} = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$a_{12} - a_{21} = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$a_{11} - a_{22} = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$a_{22} - a_{11} = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$a_{21} - a_{12} = 0 \quad (8)$$

It is clear that only the first two equations are linearly independent so  $\dim(U) = 2$  and the dimension of the subspace of  $2 \times 2$  matrices is still 2 as it is in section (1) of this problem.

From equations (5) and (6), we get that every such matrix is of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$  and a basis for the subspace consists of 4 matrices which are  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$

(3) Prove that the dimension of the subspace of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$ , such that the sum of the entries of every row is the same (say  $c_1$ ), the sum of entries of every column is the same (say  $c_2$ ), and  $c_1 = c_2$ , is 5. Begin by showing that the above constraints are given by the set of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{23} \\ a_{31} \\ a_{32} \\ a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that every matrix satisfying the above constraints is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b-c & -a+c+e & -b+c+d \\ -a-b+c+d+e & a & b \\ c & d & e \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find a basis for this subspace. (Use the method to find a basis for the kernel of a matrix).

Using the duality theorem again, we get:  $n^2 - 2(n-1) = 9 - 2(3-1) = 5$  as the dimension of the subspace of the matrices  $A$ . The set of equations are given as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{13} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{23} \\ a_{31} \\ a_{32} \\ a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For example, by looking at the equation corresponding to the first row, we have:  $a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{13} = c_1$  and  $a_{21} + a_{22} + a_{23} = c_1$  so  $a_{11} + a_{12} + a_{13} - a_{21} - a_{22} - a_{23} = 0$ . The same reasoning applies for all 5 of the equations represented by the matrix.

In rref, the matrix becomes:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which shows 4 linearly independent equations corresponding to the  $2(n-1)$  term in  $n^2 - 2(n-1)$ . We can find a basis for the kernel of this matrix by applying the algorithm from the notes. So then,

$$BK = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We arrive at 5 matrices that form the basis which are:

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem B2 (10 pts).**

Because  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite then  $\forall x \neq 0$ ,  $x^\top (B^\top AB)x = (Bx)^\top A(Bx)$ , since  $B$  is invertible then  $Bx \neq 0$ , thus it comes  $(Bx)^\top A(Bx) > 0$ , which means  $B^\top AB$  is also positive definite.

Conversely, when  $B^\top AB$  is positive definite, then it can be written as  $B^\top AB = DD^\top \Rightarrow A = (B^\top)^{-1}D((B^\top)^{-1}D)^\top$ . Since  $B$  is invertible then  $(B^\top)^{-1}D$  is also invertible, which means that  $A$  is positive definite.

**Problem B3 (100 pts).** (1) Let  $A$  be any invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that there is an invertible matrix  $S$  such that

$$SA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $S$  is the product of at most four elementary matrices of the form  $E_{i,j;\beta}$ .

Conclude that every matrix  $A$  in  $\mathbf{SL}(2)$  (the group of invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  with  $\det(A) = +1$ ) is the product of at most four elementary matrices of the form  $E_{i,j;\beta}$ .

For any  $a \neq 0, 1$ , give an explicit factorization as above for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is this decomposition for  $a = -1$ ?

(2) Recall that a rotation matrix  $R$  (a member of the group  $\mathbf{SO}(2)$ ) is a matrix of the form

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prove that if  $\theta \neq k\pi$  (with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), any rotation matrix can be written as a product

$$R = ULU,$$

where  $U$  is upper triangular and  $L$  is lower triangular of the form

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, every plane rotation (except a flip about the origin when  $\theta = \pi$ ) can be written as the composition of three shear transformations!

(3)

(a) Write  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $e_i$  is the basis vector.

Choose  $E_1(i, j) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_j - e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A_1 = E_1(i, j)A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j - \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Choose  $E_2(i, j) =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i + e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } A_2 = E_2(i, j)A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j - \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}. \text{ And } A_3 = E_1(i, j)A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j \\ \vdots \\ -\alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}, A_4 =$$

$$E_{j,-1}A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ thus } E_{j,-1}E_1(i, j)E_2(i, j)E_1(i, j)A = P(i, j)A.$$

Since  $E_{j,-1}E_{j,-1} = I$ , multiply  $E_{j,-1}$  on both sides, we get  $E_1(i, j)E_2(i, j)E_1(i, j)A = E_{j,-1}P(i, j)A$ .

$$(b) \text{ Write } E_{n,d} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ de_n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ choose } E_3(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i - \frac{1-d}{d^2}e_n \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}, E_4(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n - de_i \end{pmatrix}, E_5(i, d) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i + \frac{1-d}{d}e_n \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}, E_6(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n + e_i \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then we can easily find that}$$

$$E_{n,d}^{(1)} = E_3(i, d)E_{n,d} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i - \frac{1-d}{d}e_n \\ \vdots \\ de_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{n,d}^{(2)} = E_4(i, d)E_{n,d}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i - \frac{1-d}{d}e_n \\ \vdots \\ -de_i + e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{n,d}^{(3)} = E_5(i, d)E_{n,d}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ de_i \\ \vdots \\ -de_i + e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{n,d}^{(4)} = E_6(i, d)E_{n,d}^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ de_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

As a conclusion,  $E_6(i, d)E_5(i, d)E_4(i, d)E_3(i, d)E_{n,d} = E_{i,d}$ .

When  $d = -1$ ,  $E_3(i, d) = E_5(i, d)$ ,  $E_4(i, d) = E_6(i, d)$ .

(c) We can see that all the permutation matrix can be written as  $P = \sum_{i,j} P(i, j)$ , and from above we prove that  $P(i, j)$  can be written as the product of elementary operation of the form  $E_{k,\ell;\beta}$  and  $E_{n,-1}$ , such that  $E_{j,-1}E_1(i, j)E_2(i, j)E_1(i, j) = P(i, j)$ , so it is true for all permutation matrices.

(4) First, we can use the Gaussian elimination, such that a series of elementary matrices  $(\prod_i E_{k,\ell;\beta}^i)A = U$ . Since  $A$  is invertible, we get  $\prod_i u_{ii} \neq 0$ , use  $E_{i,u_{ii}^{-1}}$  to  $U$ , then we can get an upper-triangle matrix whose diagonal entries (except the last row) are 1, such that

$$(\prod_i E_{i,u_{ii}^{-1}})(\prod_{(i)} E_{k,\ell;\beta}^i)A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then apply a series of operations to it}$$

to make  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall j > i, i \neq n$ , such that  $SA = (\prod_i E_{k,\ell;\beta}^{*(i)})(\prod_i E_{i,u_{ii}^{-1}})(\prod_{(i)} E_{k,\ell;\beta}^i)A = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ , since  $\det(S)\det(A) = a_{nn} \Rightarrow d = \det(A)$

Prove that for every invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , there is a matrix  $S$  such that

$$SA = \begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} = E_{n,d},$$

with  $d = \det(A)$ , and where  $S$  is a product of elementary matrices of the form  $E_{k,\ell;\beta}$ .

In particular, every matrix in  $\mathbf{SL}(n)$  (the group of invertible  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  with  $\det(A) = +1$ ) can be written as a product of elementary matrices of the form  $E_{k,\ell;\beta}$ . Prove that at most  $n(n+1) - 2$  such transformations are needed.

**Extra Credit (20 points).** Prove that every matrix in  $\mathbf{SL}(n)$  can be written as a product of at most  $(n-1)(\max\{n, 3\} + 1)$  elementary matrices of the form  $E_{k,\ell;\beta}$ .

**Problem B4 (50 pts).** A matrix,  $A$ , is called *strictly column diagonally dominant* iff

$$|a_{jj}| > \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |a_{ij}|, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

Prove that if  $A$  is strictly column diagonally dominant, then Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting does not require pivoting, and  $A$  is invertible.

**Problem B5 (40 pts).** Let  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m+1})$  be a sequence of pairwise distinct scalars in  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m+1})$  be any sequence of scalars in  $\mathbb{R}$ , not necessarily distinct.

(1) Prove that there is a unique polynomial  $P$  of degree at most  $m$  such that

$$P(\alpha_i) = \beta_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1.$$

*Hint.* Remember Vandermonde!

(2) Let  $L_i(X)$  be the polynomial of degree  $m$  given by

$$L_i(X) = \frac{(X - \alpha_1) \cdots (X - \alpha_{i-1})(X - \alpha_{i+1}) \cdots (X - \alpha_{m+1})}{(\alpha_i - \alpha_1) \cdots (\alpha_i - \alpha_{i-1})(\alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}) \cdots (\alpha_i - \alpha_{m+1})}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1.$$

The polynomials  $L_i(X)$  are known as *Lagrange polynomial interpolants*. Prove that

$$L_i(\alpha_j) = \delta_{ij} \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq m+1.$$

Prove that

$$P(X) = \beta_1 L_1(X) + \cdots + \beta_{m+1} L_{m+1}(X)$$

is the unique polynomial of degree at most  $m$  such that

$$P(\alpha_i) = \beta_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1.$$

(3) Prove that  $L_1(X), \dots, L_{m+1}(X)$  are linearly independent, and that they form a basis of all polynomials of degree at most  $m$ .

How is 1 (the constant polynomial 1) expressed over the basis  $(L_1(X), \dots, L_{m+1}(X))$ ?

Give the expression of every polynomial  $P(X)$  of degree at most  $m$  over the basis  $(L_1(X), \dots, L_{m+1}(X))$ .

(4) Prove that the dual basis  $(L_1^*, \dots, L_{m+1}^*)$  of the basis  $(L_1(X), \dots, L_{m+1}(X))$  consists of the linear forms  $L_i^*$  given by

$$L_i^*(P) = P(\alpha_i),$$

for every polynomial  $P$  of degree at most  $m$ ; this is simply *evaluation at  $\alpha_i$* .

**Problem B6 (60 pts).** (a) Find a lower triangular matrix  $E$  such that

$$E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) What is the effect of the product (on the left) with

$$E_{4,3;-1} E_{3,2;-1} E_{4,3;-1} E_{2,1;-1} E_{3,2;-1} E_{4,3;-1}$$

on the matrix

$$Pa_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) Find the inverse of the matrix  $Pa_3$ .

(d) Consider the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  Pascal matrix  $Pa_n$  whose  $i$ th row is given by the binomial coefficients

$$\binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ , and with the usual convention that

$$\binom{0}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{i}{j} = 0 \quad \text{if } j > i.$$



The matrix  $Pa_3$  is shown in question (c) and  $Pa_4$  is shown below:

$$Pa_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $n$  elementary matrices  $E_{i_k, j_k; \beta_k}$  such that

$$E_{i_n, j_n; \beta_n} \cdots E_{i_1, j_1; \beta_1} Pa_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & Pa_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use the above to prove that the inverse of  $Pa_n$  is the lower triangular matrix whose  $i$ th row is given by the signed binomial coefficients

$$(-1)^{i+j-2} \binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . For example,

$$Pa_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Hint.* Given any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , multiplying  $A$  by the elementary matrix  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  on the right yields the matrix  $AE_{i,j;\beta}$  in which  $\beta$  times the  $i$ th column is added to the  $j$ th column.

**Problem B7 (30 pts).** Given any two subspaces  $V_1, V_2$  of a finite-dimensional vector space  $E$ , prove that

$$\begin{aligned} (V_1 + V_2)^0 &= V_1^0 \cap V_2^0 \\ (V_1 \cap V_2)^0 &= V_1^0 + V_2^0. \end{aligned}$$

Beware that in the second equation,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are subspaces of  $E$ , not  $E^*$ .

*Hint.* To prove the second equation, prove the inclusions  $V_1^0 + V_2^0 \subseteq (V_1 \cap V_2)^0$  and  $(V_1 \cap V_2)^0 \subseteq V_1^0 + V_2^0$ . Proving the second inclusion is a little tricky. First, prove that we can pick a subspace  $W_1$  of  $V_1$  and a subspace  $W_2$  of  $V_2$  such that

1.  $V_1$  is the direct sum  $V_1 = (V_1 \cap V_2) \oplus W_1$ .
2.  $V_2$  is the direct sum  $V_2 = (V_1 \cap V_2) \oplus W_2$ .
3.  $V_1 + V_2$  is the direct sum  $V_1 + V_2 = (V_1 \cap V_2) \oplus W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

**TOTAL: 340 + 20 points.**