

# 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) 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:

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

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

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

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

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

$$a_{21} - a_{12} = 0 \tag{8}$$

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) 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

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

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)

$$SAA^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix} A^{-1}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix} A^{-1}$$

To find  $A^{-1}$ , we use Gauss-Jordan elimination on  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . We perform the following row operations:

- 1)  $R_1/a \rightarrow R_1$
- 2)  $-cR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$
- 3)  $R_2/(d - \frac{cb}{a})$
- 4)  $-\frac{b}{a}R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$

So  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

Indeed  $S$  is the product of at most 4 elementary matrices as we find that:

$$E_{12; \frac{-b}{d}} E_{22; (\frac{bc}{d} + a)} E_{21; c} E_{11; \frac{ad-bc}{d}} S = I$$

Then

$$S = E_{12; \frac{-b}{d}}^{-1} E_{22; (\frac{bc}{d} + a)}^{-1} E_{21; c}^{-1} E_{11; \frac{ad-bc}{d}}^{-1}$$

For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$  the row operations to get the identity matrix are the following:

1.  $R_1/a \rightarrow R_1$
2.  $R_2/a^{-1} \rightarrow R_2$

so  $E_{22; a^{-1}} E_{11; a} A = I$  and  $A = E_{11; a}^{-1} E_{22; a^{-1}}^{-1}$ .

When  $a = -1$ , the decomposition becomes:

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

(2)

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} uv+1 & 2u+u^2v \\ v & uv+1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

So then it is clear that  $v = \sin\theta$  and  $u = \frac{\cos\theta-1}{\sin\theta} = -\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$

(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  $E_2(i, j) =$

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

$E_{j,-1}A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_j \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$ , 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) Write  $E_{n,d} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ de_n \end{pmatrix}$ , choose  $E_3(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i - \frac{1-d}{d^2}e_n \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_4(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n - de_i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_5(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i + \frac{1-d}{d}e_n \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_6(i, d) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n + e_i \end{pmatrix}$ . 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  $\det(S)\det(A) = a_{nn} \Rightarrow d = \det(A)$ .

Write  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$  we can use induction,

when  $n = 1$ , we can find an entry in the first column such that  $a_{i1} \neq 0$ , otherwise  $\det(A) = 0$ ,

which is a contradiction. And then we use  $E_{1,i,\frac{a_{11}-1}{a_{i1}}} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 - \frac{a_{11}-1}{a_{i1}}e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ , which makes the

first entry  $a_{11} = 1$ , after a series operations such that  $E_{1,j,a_{j1}} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_j - a_{j1}e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$ , we can make

the other entries  $a_{i1} = 0 \forall i \neq 1$ . These need  $n$  steps, however if  $a_{11}$  is the only non zero entry then we need another transportation matrix  $P$  to permute the first row to some row

in the first column, thus we need  $n + 1$  matrices at most to get  $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ .

It is the same when  $n > 1$ , while when we get the matrix  $A_{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ ,

because  $A$  is invertible, comes the result that  $a_{nn} = \det(A) = 1$ , thus we only need  $n - 1$  matrices to get  $A_n = I$ .

As a conclusion, the total transformation is  $(n + 1)(n - 1) + (n - 1) = n(n + 1) - 2$  at most.

**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).**

We can use the induction to show that after  $k$  round Gaussian elimination, such that  $A^* = \begin{pmatrix} U & V \\ \mathbf{0} & A^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A^{(k)}$  is strictly column diagonally dominant and it does not require pivoting.

Suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & u \\ v & B \end{pmatrix}$ ,

When  $k = 1$ , there comes the Gaussian elimination which makes  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{v}{\alpha} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B - \frac{uv}{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Therefore  $A^{(1)} = B - \frac{uv}{\alpha}$ . We need to prove  $A^{(1)}$  is also strictly column diagonally dominant:

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

Let  $a_{ij}^{(1)}$  be the  $i, j$  entry of  $A^{(1)}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij}^{(1)} &= b_{ij} - \frac{u_j v_i}{\alpha} \\ \sum_{i \geq 2, i \neq j} |a_{ij}^{(1)}| &= \sum_{i \geq 2, i \neq j} |b_{ij} - \frac{u_j v_i}{\alpha}| \\ &\leq \sum_{i \geq 2, i \neq j} |b_{ij}| + \frac{|u_j|}{\alpha} \sum_{i \geq 2, i \neq j} |v_i| \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  is strictly column diagonally dominant, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \geq 2, i \neq j} |a_{ij}^{(1)}| &< (|b_{jj}| - |u_j|) + \frac{|u_j|}{\alpha} (\alpha - |v_j|) \\ &= |b_{jj}| - \frac{|u_j|}{\alpha} |v_j| \\ &\leq |b_{jj} - \frac{u_j}{\alpha} v_j| \\ &= |a_{jj}^{(1)}| \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $A^{(1)}$  is strictly column diagonally dominant, there is no need to pivot. We can easily use the same way to prove that when  $k > 1$ , every round of Gaussian elimination leads to a strictly column diagonally dominant  $A^{(k)}$ .

Because  $|a_{jj}| > \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |a_{ij}^{(1)}| \geq 0 \Rightarrow a_{jj} > 0$  and  $\det(A) = \prod_i a_{ii}$ , thus  $A$  is invertible.

**Problem B5 (40 pts).**

(1) Write the polynomial as  $P(X) = a_0 + a_1 X + a_2 X^2 + \dots + a_m X^m$ . Then from equations  $P(\alpha_i) =$

$\beta_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1$ , we can get the matrix form such that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1^1 & \alpha_1^2 & \cdots & \alpha_1^m \\ 1 & \alpha_2^1 & \alpha_2^2 & \cdots & \alpha_2^m \\ \vdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha_{m+1}^1 & \alpha_{m+1}^2 & \cdots & \alpha_{m+1}^m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{m+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AX = b$$

Where we change  $(a_i) \quad 0 \leq i \leq m$  as our variables. Then consider  $\det(A)$ , think about the Vandermonde Matrix, we can easily get  $\det(A) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} (\alpha_j - \alpha_i)$ . And since  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m+1})$  is a sequence of pairwise distinct scalars, there comes  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then we can get the unique solution of  $X = A^{-1}b$ , which means the coefficients of polynomial are unique, so  $P$  is unique.

(2)

(a)

If  $i \neq j$ , then  $\prod_{k \neq i} (X - \alpha_k) = \prod_{k \neq i} (\alpha_j - \alpha_k) = 0 \Rightarrow L_i(\alpha_j) = 0$ .

If  $i = j$ , then  $\frac{\prod_{k \neq i} (X - \alpha_k)}{\prod_{k \neq i} (\alpha_i - \alpha_k)} = \frac{\prod_{k \neq i} (\alpha_i - \alpha_k)}{\prod_{k \neq i} (\alpha_i - \alpha_k)} = 1 \Rightarrow L_i(\alpha_j) = 1$ .

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

(b)

The degree of  $L_i(X)$  is  $m$  and  $P(\alpha_i) = \sum_j \beta_j L_j(\alpha_i) = \sum_j \beta_j \delta_{ij} = \beta_i$ . So the only thing we need to do is to prove the uniqueness of  $P(X)$ .

Suppose there is another polynomial  $Q(X)$  satisfying our equations  $P(\alpha_i) = \beta_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1$ , then it must lead to the conclusion that  $H(X) = Q(X) - P(X)$  is zero at  $\alpha_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m+1$ . However, according to Fundamental Theorem of Algebra,  $H(X)$  is at most  $m$  degree and can have at most  $m$  zero points unless it is identically zero polynomial. Therefore,  $H(X)$  is the identically zero polynomial and  $P(X) \equiv Q(X)$ , which means that  $P(X)$  is unique.

(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.**