

FINAL EXAM

General Instructions: Read the statement of each problem carefully. If you want full credit on a problem then you must show your work. If you only write the answer then you will *not* receive full credit.

Be sure to ask questions if anything is unclear. This exam has 15 problems and is worth 200 points. You will have 2 hours to take this exam.

- (12 points) 1. Let \mathcal{P}_3 be the collection of all polynomials of degree 3 or less. Explain why this is a vector space.

If p, q are in \mathcal{P}_3 then $p+q \in \mathcal{P}_3$.

If $p \in \mathcal{P}_3$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $cp \in \mathcal{P}_3$.

Also $0 \in \mathcal{P}_3$.

(14 points) 2. Give an explicit description of the null space of the matrix

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

x_3 is free so $x_3 = \lambda$, $x_2 = -x_3 = -\lambda$

$x_1 = 3x_2 + 4x_3 = -3\lambda + 4\lambda = \lambda$, So null space is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ -\lambda \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(14 points) 3. Consider the vector space

$$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$$

where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \langle 1, -3, -4 \rangle,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \langle 0, -5, -5 \rangle.$$

What is the dimension of this space?

Note that $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$. And $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ are not multiples of each other. So they are linearly independent.

Hence $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is a basis for the space.

The space has dimension 2.

(14 points) 4. Find a basis for the column space of

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are three pivot columns. So

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the column space.

(14 points) 5. Let

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle,$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle,$$

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle.$$

Write $B = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$. What are the coordinates of the vector $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ with respect to B ?

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_3 = 1, x_2 = \frac{1}{3}, x_1 = -2x_2 + 1 = \frac{1}{3}.$$

So coords. w.r.t. B are $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1)$.

(14 points) 6. Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

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

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda+1)$$

$$\text{So } \lambda = -1, 3$$

$$\lambda = -1: \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \lambda, x_1 = -\lambda \text{ eigenvector } \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \lambda, x_1 = \lambda \text{ eigenvector } \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(14 points) 7. Use any method to diagonalize the matrix

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

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D &= P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(14 points) 8. What is the characteristic polynomial of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} &= (3-\lambda) \cdot [(1-\lambda)^2 - 0] + 1[-1 - 2(1-\lambda)] \\ &= (3-\lambda)(1-2\lambda+\lambda^2) - 1 - 2 + 2\lambda \\ &= 3 - 6\lambda + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 2\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 3 + 2\lambda \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 - 5\lambda \end{aligned}$$

(14 points) 9. What is the cosine of the angle between the vector $\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle$ and the $\langle 1, 4, 6 \rangle$?

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 4, 6 \rangle}{\|\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle\| \|\langle 1, 4, 6 \rangle\|} \\ &= \frac{3 + 4 + 12}{\sqrt{9 + 1 + 4} \sqrt{1 + 16 + 36}} \\ &= \frac{19}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{53}} \end{aligned}$$

- (12 points) 10. What is the projection of the vector $y = \langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle$ into the vector $u = \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_u y &= \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u} u = \frac{\langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle}{\langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle} \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle \\ &= \frac{6 + 3 + 24}{9 + 9 + 36} \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle = \frac{33}{54} \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle \\ &= \frac{11}{18} \langle 3, 3, 6 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{33}{18}, \frac{33}{18}, \frac{66}{18} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- (12 points) 11. What is the distance of the point $(1, 1, 1)$ from the 2-dimensional subspace

$$W = \text{Span}\{u_1, u_2\}$$

with

$$u_1 = \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle \quad u_2 = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_W \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle &= \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle}{\langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle} \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle}{\langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle} \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle + \frac{3}{5} \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{9}{5}, 0, \frac{9}{5} \right\rangle \\ \| \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle - \left\langle \frac{9}{5}, 0, \frac{9}{5} \right\rangle \| &= \sqrt{\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + 1^2 + \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{16}{25} + \frac{25}{25} + \frac{16}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{57}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{57}}{5} \end{aligned}$$

- (12 points) 12. Are any of the vectors $\langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle$, $\langle -1, -2, 1 \rangle$, and $\langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$ perpendicular to any of the others?

$$\langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, -2, 1 \rangle = -2 - 2 + 4 = 0 \text{ so these are } \perp$$

$$\langle 2, 1, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = 2 + 0 + 4 = 6 \neq 0 \text{ so not } \perp$$

$$\langle -1, -2, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle = -1 + 0 + 1 = 0 \text{ so these are } \perp$$

- (14 points) 13. What is a basis for the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by $\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle$, $\langle 1, 4, 2 \rangle$, and $\langle 2, -3, 0 \rangle$?

$$\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle - \langle 1, 4, 2 \rangle = \langle 2, -3, 0 \rangle.$$

The first two vectors are linearly independent because they are not multiples.

So $\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4, 2 \rangle$ is a basis.

- (14 points) 14. Use the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization method to produce an orthogonal basis for the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by $\langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle$ and $\langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle \\ v_2 &= \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle - \frac{\langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle}{\langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle} \cdot \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle - \frac{4 + 12 + 6}{4 + 16 + 1} \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 6 \rangle - \frac{22}{21} \langle 2, 4, 1 \rangle \\ &= \left\langle -\frac{2}{21}, -\frac{25}{21}, \frac{104}{21} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- (12 points) 15. Produce a vector of length 1 that is orthogonal to the vector $\langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle$ in the space \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle &\text{ is } \perp \text{ to } \langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle \\ \text{because } \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle &= -3 + 1 + 2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle \text{ is a unit vector}$$

in that direction.

