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1. (4 points each) Determine if each statement is TRUE or FALSE, and justify your answer.

(a) If A and B are similar matrices, then they have the same eigenvectors.

FALSE e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$.

Then $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of A ,
but not an eigenvector of B .

(b) Any diagonalizable matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable.

FALSE e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable (\because eigenvalues distinct),
but not orthogonally diagonalizable since $A \neq A^T$.

(c) If A is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix, then $\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, A\vec{w} \rangle$ for any $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

TRUE $\langle Av, w \rangle = \langle v, A^T w \rangle = \langle v, Aw \rangle$

\uparrow \uparrow
true in general A : symmetric

(d) If A is an $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix, then $\langle A\vec{v}, A\vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$ for any $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

TRUE $\langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, A^T Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$

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 $A^T A = I$.

(e) $\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\|^2 + \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}\|^2 = 2\|\vec{v}\|^2 + 2\|\vec{w}\|^2$ holds for any \vec{v}, \vec{w} in any inner product space.

TRUE $\|v+w\|^2 + \|v-w\|^2 = \langle v+w, v+w \rangle + \langle v-w, v-w \rangle$
 $= (\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 + 2\langle v, w \rangle) + (\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 - 2\langle v, w \rangle)$
 $= 2(\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2)$

2. (10 points) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find all eigenvalues of A .

(Part (b) and (c) are on the next page.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Char. poly: } \det(A - \lambda \mathbb{I}) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)((-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 1) \\ &= (2-\lambda)\lambda^2. \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow eigenvalues are: 0 and 2

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(w/ mult. 2.).

(b) Find a basis for the eigenspace associated to each eigenvalue.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Eigenspace of } 0: \quad \text{Nul}(A - 0\mathbb{I}) &= \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Eigenspace of } 2: \quad \text{Nul}(A - 2\mathbb{I}) &= \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

(c) Is A diagonalizable? If so, find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^{-1}$ (you don't need to compute P^{-1}). If not, explain the reason.

No.

Because

$$\dim \text{Nul}(A - 0\mathbb{I}) = 1 < 2 = \text{Multiplicity of } 0.$$

3. (10 points) Consider the quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^3

$$Q(\vec{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3.$$

(a) Find a symmetric 3×3 matrix A such that $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ for any $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

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

(b) Find an orthogonal matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^T$.

(Part (c) is on the next page.)

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^3 + 2 \\ &\quad - 3(1-\lambda) \\ &= -\lambda^2(\lambda-3) \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues are 0 and 3.

$$\text{Eigenspace of } 0: \text{Nul}(A-0I) = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Find orthonormal basis: via Gram-Schmidt:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\$\Rightarrow\$ normalize \$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}\$

$$\text{Eigenspace 3: } \text{Nul}(A-3I) = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{normalize } v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Take } P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) Is Q positive definite, negative definite, positive semidefinite, negative semidefinite, or indefinite? Give a brief explanation.

Positive semi-definite.

- has eigenvalues > 0 and $= 0$, but no < 0 .

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4. (10 points) Find the QR decomposition of

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

In other words, find a matrix Q with orthonormal columns and an upper triangular square matrix R with positive entries on its diagonal, so that $A = QR$.

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$w_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Take $Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$, and

$$R = Q^T A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

5. (10 points) Consider the inner product space $\mathcal{C}([0, 1])$ of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$

- (a) For which values of real constants α, β, γ are the polynomials $1, x + \alpha$, and $x^2 + \beta x + \gamma$ pairwise orthogonal? (Recall that f and g are orthogonal if $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$.)
 (Recall that the antiderivative of x^n is $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$.)
 (Part (b) is on the next page.)

$$\langle 1, x + \alpha \rangle = \int_0^1 x + \alpha dx = \frac{1}{2} + \alpha \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\langle 1, x^2 + \beta x + \gamma \rangle = \int_0^1 x^2 + \beta x + \gamma dx = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\beta + \gamma = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \frac{1}{2}, x^2 + \beta x + \gamma \rangle &= \int_0^1 x^3 + (\beta - \frac{1}{2})x^2 + (\gamma - \frac{1}{2})x - \frac{\gamma}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3}(\beta - \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{\gamma}{2} = 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{12}\beta + \frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = -1} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma = \cancel{-\frac{1}{6}}} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Describe how you would construct an orthonormal basis for the subspace \mathbb{P}_2 of polynomials of degree at most two, using the result of Part (a). You don't need to do calculations for this problem.

$$\left\{ \text{(sketch of a circle)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle 1, 1 \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}}}, \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\langle x - \frac{1}{2}, x - \frac{1}{2} \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}}}, \frac{x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}}{\sqrt{\langle x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}, x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6} \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}}} \right\}$$

(normalize to get unit vectors)

6. (10 points) Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space, and let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. Suppose that $\|T(\vec{x})\| = \|\vec{x}\|$ for every $\vec{x} \in V$. Prove that

$$\langle T(\vec{x}), T(\vec{y}) \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

holds for any $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$.

(Hint: Consider $\|T(\vec{x} + \vec{y})\|^2 = \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|^2$.)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \parallel & \backslash \\
 \langle Tx + Ty, Tx + Ty \rangle & & \langle x + y, x + y \rangle \\
 & \parallel & \backslash \\
 \|T(x)\|^2 + \|T(y)\|^2 & & \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \\
 & + 2\langle T(x), T(y) \rangle & + 2\langle x, y \rangle
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Since } \|T(x)\| = \|x\| \quad \forall x$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y. \quad \square$$

7. (10 points) Show that the quadratic form $Q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T M \vec{x}$ associated to a symmetric matrix M is positive definite if and only if $M = A^T A$ for some A with linearly independent columns.

(Hint 1: For the ' \Leftarrow ' direction, consider $\langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{x} \rangle$.)

(Hint 2: For the ' \Rightarrow ' direction, consider the 'square root' of a diagonal matrix.)

$$\Leftarrow Q(x) = x^T M x = x^T A^T A x = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle.$$

A has l.i. columns \Rightarrow If $x \neq 0$ then $Ax \neq 0$.

So if $x \neq 0$, then $Ax \neq 0$, and

$$Q(x) = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle > 0.$$

Hence Q is positive definite.

$\Rightarrow M = P D P^T$, where the diagonal entries of D are > 0 .

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider $\tilde{D} := \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$.

Define $A = \tilde{D} P^T$. Then

- A has l.i. columns since \tilde{D} and P^T are invertible,
- $A^T A = P \tilde{D}^T \tilde{D} P^T = P D P^T = M$. \square

8. We say an $n \times n$ matrix P is a *projection matrix* if it satisfies $P^2 = P$. In this problem, you will prove that projection matrices are diagonalizable.

(a) (5 points) Show that the column space of P coincides with the eigenspace of P associated with eigenvalue 1, i.e. $\text{Col}(P) = \text{Nul}(P - I)$.

(Part (b) is on the next page.)

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \text{Col}(P) &\Leftrightarrow \exists y \text{ s.t. } Py = x \\ &\Rightarrow x = Py = P^2y = Px \\ &\Rightarrow x \in \text{Nul}(P - I). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \text{Nul}(P - I) &\Leftrightarrow Px = x \\ &\Rightarrow \cancel{\text{Column space of } P} \quad x \in \text{Col}(P). \end{aligned}$$

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(b) (5 points) Show that P is diagonalizable via the rank theorem.

(Rank theorem: $\dim \text{Col}(P) + \dim \text{Nul}(P) = n$.)

(Hint: Suppose $0 \neq \vec{v} \in \text{Nul}(P)$. Is v an eigenvector of P ?)

$\text{Nul}(P)$ = eigenspace of P for eigenvalue 0.

$\text{Col}(P)$ = eigenspace of P for eigenvalue 1 by part (a).

Since $\dim \text{Col}(P) + \dim \text{Nul}(P) = n$.

\Rightarrow The union of a basis of $\text{Nul}(P)$ and a basis of $\text{Col}(P)$ forms an eigenbasis of P

$\Rightarrow P$ is diagonalizable. \square

9. Let $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of all 2×2 real matrices. It is a vector space with the standard matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

(a) (5 points) Consider the function $\langle -, - \rangle : M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \times M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by:

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \text{tr}(AB^T).$$

Here $A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ and tr denotes the trace of a matrix (sum of diagonal entries).

Prove that the function $\langle -, - \rangle$ defines an inner product on the vector space $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$.

(Part (b) is on the next page.)

- $\langle A, B \rangle = \langle B, A \rangle$:

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^T) = \text{tr}((AB^T)^T)$$

$$\langle B, A \rangle = \text{tr}(BA^T) \quad \square$$

- $\langle cA_1 + A_2, B \rangle = c\langle A_1, B \rangle + \langle A_2, B \rangle$:

$$\langle cA_1 + A_2, B \rangle = \text{tr}((cA_1 + A_2)B^T)$$

$$= c \text{tr}(A_1 B^T) + \text{tr}(A_2 B^T) = c\langle A_1, B \rangle + \langle A_2, B \rangle$$

- $\langle A, A \rangle > 0$ unless $A = 0$:

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \text{tr}(AA^T) = \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} a^2+c^2 & ab+cd \\ ab+cd & b^2+d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2.$$

□

(b) (5 points) Construct an orthonormal basis (with respect to this inner product)

for the subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ spanned by $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle = \text{tr}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 1. \rightarrow \text{unit vector.}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \text{tr}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

normalize $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

An orthonormal basis: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. \square