

Introduction to Linear Algebra 2270-1**Midterm Exam 3 Fall 2003**

Problems 1, 2 due Tue, 11 Nov

(Problems 3, 4 due Fri, 14 Nov)

In-class Exam Date: Tuesday, 18 Nov

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1. (Kernel, Independence, Similarity)

(a) Use the identity $\mathbf{rref}(A) = E_1 E_2 \cdots E_k A$ to prove: $\ker(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

(b) Assume $n \times n$ matrix A satisfies $A^k \neq 0$ and $A^k A = 0$ for some integer $k \geq 0$. Choose \mathbf{v} with $A^k \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$. Prove (1) and (2):

(1) Vectors $\mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{v}, A^2\mathbf{v}, \dots, A^k\mathbf{v}$ are linearly independent.

(2) Always, $k < n$. Hence $A^n = 0$.

(c) Suppose for matrices A, B the product AB is defined. Prove that $\ker(A) = \ker(B) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ implies $\ker(AB) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

(d) Do there exist matrices A and B such that A is not similar to B but $A - 2I$ is similar to $B - 2I$? Justify.

2. (Abstract vector spaces, Linear transformations) Let W be the set of all infinite sequences of real numbers $\mathbf{x} = \{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ (page 150).

(a) Define addition and scalar multiplication for W and prove that W is a vector space.

(b) Let V be the subset of W defined by $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty$. Prove that V is a subspace of W .

(c) Define $T(\mathbf{x}) = \{x_{n+1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ on V . Show that T is a linear transformation from V to V and determine $\ker(T)$.

(d) Define $S(f) = 2f - f'$ from $X = C^\infty[0, 1]$ into X . Find the kernel and nullity of S .

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3. (Inner product spaces, Orthogonality)

(a) Give an algebraic proof, depending only on inner product space properties, of the triangle inequality $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$ in \mathcal{R}^n .

(b) Find the orthogonal projection of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ onto $V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

(c) Find the QR -factorization of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 7 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

(d) Prove that an invertible matrix A has exactly one QR -factorization.

4. (Least squares, Determinants)

(a) Solve one of p225-40 (least squares) or p221-8 (pseudo-inverse) or p239-24 (inner product spaces).

(b) Suppose an $n \times n$ invertible matrix A is reduced to upper triangular matrix $T = [T_{ij}]$ by elementary row operations, involving any number of combo operations plus s swaps and r row multiplications by nonzero numbers m_1, \dots, m_r . Prove that

$$\det(A) = \frac{(-1)^s T_{11} T_{22} \cdots T_{nn}}{m_1 m_2 \cdots m_r}.$$

(c) Given a matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with $a_{ij} = 0$ or 1, what is the least number of zeros possible so that A is invertible?

(d) Find A^{-1} by two methods: the classical adjoint method and the **rref** method applied to $\mathbf{aug}(A, I)$:

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

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