

Midterm 2  
1000 points / 10 problems

**Problem 1. (100 points)** Define matrix  $A$ , vector  $\vec{b}$  and vector variable  $\vec{x}$  by the equations

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & 0 \\ 0 & z_3 & 0 \\ 1 & z_4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , display the formula for  $x_2$  according to Cramer's Rule. To save time, do not compute determinants!

$$x_2 = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} z_1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & 0 \\ 0 & z_3 & 0 \\ 1 & z_4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}$$

**Problem 2. (100 points)** Define matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 1 \\ 8 & 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that  $A = LU$ .

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$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{U} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 1 \\ 8 & 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \underline{L} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

combo(-3, 1, 2)

combo(-4, 1, 3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 10 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

combo(-2, 2, 3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

**Problem 3. (100 points)** Find the complete vector solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_h + \vec{x}_p$  for the nonhomogeneous system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad A$$

Please display vector answers for both  $\vec{x}_h$  and  $\vec{x}_p$ . The homogeneous solution  $\vec{x}_h$  is a linear combination of Strang's special solutions. Symbol  $\vec{x}_p$  denotes a particular solution.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 3 & 0 & -1/2 & -1/2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/6 & -1/6 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_2 = 1/6 x_4 + 1/6 x_5 + 4/3 \\ x_3 = -1/2 x_4 - 1/2 x_5 - 1 \\ x_1, x_4, x_5 \text{ are free} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\vec{x} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/6 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_5 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/6 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4/3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\vec{x}_h} \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\vec{x}_p}$

**Problem 4. (100 points)** Let  $V$  be the vector space of all functions on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Define subspace  $S = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$  where  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are independent vectors defined respectively by the equations  $y = x - 1$ ,  $y = 1 + x^2$ ,  $y = 2x + x^2$ . If  $\vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$ , then the uniquely determined constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are called the *coordinates of  $\vec{v}$  relative to the basis  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$* .

Compute  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  for  $\vec{v}$  defined by  $y = 1 + 2x + 3x^2$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$c_1 = 2$$

$$c_2 = 3$$

$$c_3 = 0$$

**Problem 5.** (100 points) The functions  $1, x^2, x^5$  represent independent vectors  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$  in the vector space  $V$  of all functions on  $0 < x < \infty$ . The set  $S = \text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3)$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Let vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  in  $V$  be defined by the functions  $1+x^2, x^5-x^2, 5+2x^5$ , respectively. The **coordinate map** defined by

$$A \quad c_1\vec{u}_1 + c_2\vec{u}_2 + c_3\vec{u}_3 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

maps the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  into the following images in  $\mathcal{R}^3$ , respectively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The independence tests below can decide independence of vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  by formulating the independence question in vector space  $V$  or in vector space  $\mathcal{R}^3$ , because the coordinate map takes independent sets to independent sets.

Check below all independence tests which apply to decide independence of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ .

$f_1 = 1$ $f_2 = x^2$ $f_3 = x^3$ <hr/> $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Wronskian test</b>	Wronskian determinant of $f_1, f_2, f_3$ nonzero at $x = x_0$ implies independence of $f_1, f_2, f_3$ .
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sampling test</b>	Sampling determinant for samples $x = x_1, x_2, x_3$ nonzero implies independence of $f_1, f_2, f_3$ .
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rank test</b>	Three vectors are independent if their augmented matrix has rank 3.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Determinant test</b>	Three vectors are independent if their augmented matrix is square and has nonzero determinant.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Orthogonality test</b>	Three vectors are independent if they are all nonzero and pairwise orthogonal.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pivot test</b>	Three vectors are independent if their augmented matrix $A$ has 3 pivot columns.	

**Problem 6. (100 points)** The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 3, 4, 4.

(a) [80%] Find all eigenvectors for  $\lambda = 4$ . To save time, **don't** find  $\lambda = 3$  eigenvectors.

(b) [20%] Report whether or not matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable. Explain.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a)} \\
 A - 4I &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow -R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow -R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} x_3 &= t_2 \\ x_2 &= t_1 \\ x_1 &= t_2 - t_1 \end{aligned}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x} = t_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right.$$

b) Yes, since  $A$  has 3 linearly independent eigenvectors it follows that it is diagonalizable.

**Problem 7. (100 points)** Define  $S$  to be the set of all vectors  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathcal{R}^3$  such that  $x_1 + x_3 = x_2$  and  $x_3x_2 = x_1x_2$ . Show that  $S$  is **NOT** a subspace of  $\mathcal{R}^3$ , that is, exhibit a counterexample to one of the items in the *Subspace Criterion*.

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Let  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = -1, \quad 1 - 1 = 0 \checkmark \quad (-1)(0) = (1)(0)$

Let  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 1, \quad 1 + 1 = 2 \checkmark \quad (1)(2) = (1)(2)$

Since  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is

a solution then suppose their sum is a

solution.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 + 0 = 2 \checkmark \\ 2(2) \neq 2(0) \end{matrix}$

Therefore,  $S$  is not closed under addition.

**Problem 8. (100 points)** Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 3$  matrix. Assume the columns of  $A^T A$  are dependent. Prove or disprove that  $A$  has dependent columns.

Let  $\checkmark A$   
 $A^T A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Then  $\vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T \vec{0} \Rightarrow (A\vec{x})^T A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} \cdot A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Since  $A^T A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , the columns of  $A$  must be dependent because  $A^T A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has a non-trivial solution. e.g.  $\vec{x}$  contains more than just the zero vector.  $\square$



**Problem 9. (100 points)** Let  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be related by  $AP = PB$  and  $BQ = QC$  for some invertible matrices  $P$  and  $Q$ . Assume  $B$  has eigenvalues  $2, 3, 7$ . Prove that matrices  $A$  and  $C$  also have eigenvalues  $2, 3, 7$ .  $\square$

Because matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  are invertible, the given equations can be rewritten:

$$A = PBP^{-1}$$

$$B = QCQ^{-1}$$

In order to find the eigenvalues, we subtract  $\lambda I$  and solve for when the determinant is 0:

$$|A - \lambda I| = |PBP^{-1} - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$|B - \lambda_2 I| = |QCQ^{-1} - \lambda_2 I| = 0$$

Because both cases follow identical steps, I display only one here:

$$|A - \lambda I| = |PBP^{-1} - \lambda I|$$

$$= |P| |B - \lambda I| |P^{-1}|$$

$$= |PP^{-1}| |B - \lambda I|$$

$$= |I| |B - \lambda I|$$

$$= |B - \lambda I| = 0$$

Therefore,  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues. By identical reasoning,  $B$  and  $C$  have the same eigenvalues. By transitivity,  $A$  and  $C$  have the same eigenvalues, so the eigenvalues of  $C$  are also  $2, 3, 7$ . QED

**Problem 10. (100 points)** The **Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra** says that the null space of a matrix is orthogonal to the row space of the matrix.

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Define subspaces  $S_1 =$  column space of  $A$ ,  $S_2 =$  null space of  $A^T$ . Prove that the only vector  $\vec{v}$  in both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  is the zero vector.

Let  $\vec{v}$  be an arbitrary vector in  $S_1$   
and let  $\vec{u}$  be an arbitrary vector in  $S_2$

Then, by fundamental thm of linear algebra  
 $\vec{v} \perp \vec{u}$  since column space  $\perp$  null space of transpose

Then, we have,  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$  so it follows that  
the only vector,  $\vec{v}, \vec{u}$  in both  $S_1, S_2$  is the  
zero vector  $\square$