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Applied Linear Algebra 2270-2  
Midterm Exam 1  
Wednesday, 14 Feb 2007

Instructions: This in-class exam is designed for 50 minutes. No tables, notes, books or calculators allowed.

1. (Inverse of a matrix) Supply details for two of these:

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible, then  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .
- Give an example of two matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , not necessarily square, such that  $AB = I$  but  $Ax = 0$  has infinitely many solutions.
- Give an example of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  and a frame sequence starting at  $C = \text{aug}(A, I)$  which proves that  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

(a) We show  $C = AB$  and  $D = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  satisfy  $CD = DC = I$ .

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= ABB^{-1}A^{-1} & DC &= B^{-1}A^{-1}AB \\ &= AIA^{-1} & &= B^{-1}IB \\ &= AA^{-1} & &= B^{-1}B \\ &= I & &= I \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $x$ .

(c)  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$   $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Sequence has length 1.  
 $A$  has an inverse  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rref}(\text{aug}(A, I)) = \text{aug}(I, B)$  and  $B = A^{-1}$ .  
Since the last frame does not have  $I$  in left half, then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

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2. (Elementary Matrices) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Let

$$\mathbf{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assume  $\mathbf{rref}(A)$  is obtained from  $A$  by the following sequential row operations: (1) Swap rows 1 and 2; (2) Add  $-3$  times row 2 to row 3; (3) Add 2 times row 1 to row 2; (4) Multiply row 2 by 4.

a. Write a matrix multiplication formula for  $\mathbf{rref}(A)$  in terms of explicit elementary matrices and the matrix  $A$ . (80%)

b. Find  $A$ . (20%)

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \mathbf{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{b} \quad A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{rref}(A) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{rref}(A) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{rref}(A) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 3/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & -6 & 3/4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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3. (RREF method)

Part I. If a non-homogeneous system has a unique solution, then what is the rank and nullity of the corresponding homogeneous system? [20%]

Part II. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  denote constants and consider the system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b-c & a \\ 1 & c & -a \\ 2 & b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

a. Determine those values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  such that the system has a unique solution.

(40%)  $2c-b \neq 0, a \neq 0$

b. Determine those values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  such that the system has no solution. (20%)

$2c-b = 0, a \neq 0$

c. Determine those values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  such that the system has infinitely many solutions. (20%)

$a = 0$  [value of  $2c-b$  can be anything]

To save time, don't attempt to solve the equations or to produce a complete frame sequence.

part I rank = # vars, nullity = 0

part II parts a, b, c listed below.

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

Ⓐ  $2c-b \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  3 lead vars  
 $\Rightarrow$  unique sol

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b-c & a & -a \\ 0 & 2c-b & -2a & 2a \\ 0 & -b+2c & -a & 2a \end{array} \right)$$

case  $2c-b=0$

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

Ⓑ No solution for  $a \neq 0$  and  $2c-b=0$  due to signal eq " $0=a$ "

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

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

Ⓒ Sequence 1 has a row of zeros for  $a=0$   
Sequence 2 has a row of zeros for  $a=0$

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

In both cases,  
 $\infty$ -many sols.

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## 4. (Matrix algebra)

Do two of these:

a. Find all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A = A \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 2$  matrix and  $B$  a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Explain using matrix algebra and the three possibilities why the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $C = AB$  cannot be invertible.

c. Prove for  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A, B, C$  that  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ . Please use only the definition of matrix addition, scalar multiply and matrix multiply.

①  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3a & a+b \\ 3c & c+d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ b=t_1 \\ c=0 \\ d=t_1 \end{matrix}$$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} t_1$   
 for all  $t_1$

② Suppose  $C$  is invertible. Because  $\text{rank}(B) \leq 2$ , there is a nonzero  $\vec{x}$  s.t.  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . Then  $AB\vec{x} = C\vec{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{0} &= C\vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{0} &= C\vec{x}_2 \\ C^{-1}\vec{0} &= \vec{x} \\ \vec{0} &= \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

multiply by  $C^{-1}$  both sides  
a contradiction.

③ Idea of proof: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix}$ , similar for  $B, C$ . Then

$$A(B+C) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1+c_1 & b_2+c_2 \\ b_3+c_3 & b_4+c_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1b_1+a_1c_1+a_2b_3+a_2c_3 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

Expand  $AB+AC$  and get the same matrix.

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## 5. (Geometry and linear transformations)

**Part I.** Classify  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$  geometrically as scaling, projection onto line  $L$ , reflection in line  $L$ , pure rotation by angle  $\theta$ , rotation composed with scaling, horizontal shear, vertical shear. Define  $L$  and  $\theta$  where applicable. [60%]

a.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ;  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  c.c.  $\theta = 90^\circ$

b.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Horiz. Shear

c.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\theta = 45^\circ$  rotate cc  $45^\circ$ , scale  $\sqrt{2}$

d.  $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$  orthonormal cols  
Reflection in  $x - (2 + \sqrt{3})y = 0$

**Part II.** Give details. [40%]

e. Define vertical and horizontal shear.  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$   
 $\uparrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\uparrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

f. Display the matrix  $A$  of a projection onto a line  $L$  in  $\mathcal{R}^3$ .  
 $T(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{u} = A\vec{x} \Rightarrow A = \text{ang}(u_1 \vec{u}, u_2 \vec{u}, u_3 \vec{u})$

g. Define reflection in a line  $L$  in  $\mathcal{R}^2$ .  
 $T(\vec{x}) = 2(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{u} - \vec{x}$ .

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