

Applied Linear Algebra 2270-2

Midterm Exam 1

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Instructions: This in-class exam is designed for 50 minutes. No tables, notes, books or calculators allowed. You will be given extra time to complete the exam. *If a result is true, provide a proof, else explain why it is false.*

1. (Inverse of a matrix) Supply details.

(a) [40%] If A and B are 10×10 invertible matrices, then

$$(AB^2A)^{-1} = (AB)^{-1}(BA)^{-1}.$$

(b) [30%] Give an example of a 2×2 system $Ax = b$ containing symbol k which has a unique solution except for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$ [first ten positive integers].

(c) [30%] If possibly non-square matrices A and B satisfy $AB = I$, then $Ax = 0$ has unique solution $x = 0$.

Warning: Because inverses may not exist, a proof cannot use symbols like A^{-1} .

(a) $(AB^2A)^{-1} = ((AB)(BA))^{-1} = (BA)^{-1}(AB)^{-1}$ by $(CD)^{-1} = D^{-1}C^{-1}$ theorem.
Result is false.

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & f(k) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ where $f(k) = (k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-10)$

(c) The equation $B\vec{y} = \vec{0}$ has a unique solution, because $B\vec{y} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow AB\vec{y} = A\vec{0} \Rightarrow I\vec{y} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{y} = \vec{0}$.

Assume $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Solve $\vec{x} = B\vec{y}$ for \vec{y} , possible because B has rank = n , nullity = 0 , meaning $\text{rref}(B) = I$ in the square case or n leading ones in the non-square case. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= AB\vec{y} \\ &= I\vec{y} \\ &= \vec{y} \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} &= \vec{y} \\ B\vec{0} &= B\vec{y} \\ \vec{0} &= \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

implies

completing the proof.

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2. (Elementary Matrices) Let A be a 3×3 matrix. Let

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

Assume B is obtained from A by the following sequential row operations:

- (1) Multiply row 2 by -2
- (2) Swap rows 2 and 3
- (3) Add -4 times row 2 to row 3
- (4) Add 5 times row 1 to row 2.

(a) [50%] Write a formula for B in terms of explicit elementary matrices multiplied against the matrix A .

(b) [50%] Find A .

$$(a) B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A$$

$$(b) B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{inverse operations in reverse order} \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Combo}(1, 2, -5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & -5 & 1 \\ -20 & -20 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Combo}(2, 3, 4)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -20 & -20 & 4 \\ -5 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Swap}(2, 3)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 10 & 10 & -2 \\ -5 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{mult}(2, -\frac{1}{2})$$

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3. (RREF method)

(a) [20%] Explain using linear algebra terminology why a 10×15 linear homogeneous system $Ax = 0$ has two nonzero solutions x_1 and x_2 , with x_1 not a scalar multiple of x_2 .

(b) [80%] Let a , b and c denote constants and consider the system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b+c & a \\ 3 & 2b+4c & a \\ -1 & -b-c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 - a \\ a^2 - 2a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

1. [40%] Determine a , b and c such that the system has a unique solution.

$$1. (-b+c)a \neq 0$$

2. [20%] Determine a , b and c such that the system has no solution.

$$-b+c=0, a \neq 0 \text{ signal eq.}$$

3. [20%] Determine a , b and c such that the system has infinitely many solutions.

$$a = 0$$

(a) There are at least 5 free variables because $\text{rank} + \text{nullity} = 15$ and $\text{rank} \leq 10$. The general solution looks like

$$\vec{x} = t_1 \vec{x}_1 + t_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + t_k \vec{x}_k$$

where t_1, \dots, t_k are invented symbols, $k \geq 5$, and $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_k$ are independent vectors from the last frame algorithm. So \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 satisfy the requirements.

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b+c & a & a^2-a \\ 3 & 2b+4c & a & a^2-2a \\ -1 & -b-c & 0 & a \end{array} \right) & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b+c & 0 & -a \\ 0 & -b+c & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & a & a^2 \end{array} \right) \text{ Combo}(3,1,-1) \\ & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b+c & a & a^2-a \\ 0 & -b+c & -2a & -2a^2+a \\ -1 & -b-c & 0 & a \end{array} \right) \text{ Combo}(1,2,-3) \\ & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b+c & a & a^2-a \\ 0 & -b+c & -2a & -2a^2+a \\ 0 & 0 & a & a^2 \end{array} \right) \text{ Combo}(1,3,1) \\ & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & b+c & a & a^2-a \\ 0 & -b+c & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & a & a^2 \end{array} \right) \text{ Combo}(3,2,2) \end{aligned}$$

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4. (Matrix algebra)

Do both problems [50% each].

- (a) [50%] Explain why there are no invertible
- 2×2
- matrices
- A
- such that

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

- (b) [50%] Display two
- 3×3
- matrices
- A, B
- such that

$$(A^2 + AB + B^2)(A - B) \neq A^3 - B^3.$$

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ holds for $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3a-b & a \\ 3c-d & c \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c = 3a-b \\ d = a \\ a = 3c-d \\ b = c \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3a - 2c = 0 \\ 2a - 3c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ has unique solution $a=c=0$ ($\det \neq 0$)
 Then $a=b=c=d=0$, so $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is not invertible.

(b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} (A^2 + AB + B^2)(A - B) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^3 - B^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the two sides are unequal.

5. (Geometry and linear transformations)

(a) [40%] Classify the linear transformation $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ geometrically as scaling, projection onto line L , reflection in line L , pure rotation by angle θ , rotation composed with scaling, horizontal shear, vertical shear.

1. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{8} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Scale} + \text{pure rotation}$

2. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y-5x \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} x \text{ fixed, } y \text{ changes} \\ \text{vertical shear} \end{matrix}$

3. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}, a^2 + b^2 = 1 \quad \text{Reflection}$

4. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u_1 = 0 \\ u_2 = 1 \\ u_3 = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{projection onto dir } \vec{u}.$

(b) [60%] Supply all details. Figures expected.

5. Display the matrix of a rotation counter-clockwise by angle $\pi/4$ in \mathcal{R}^2 . $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

6. Define projection onto a line L in \mathcal{R}^3 with direction \vec{u} , $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$.

$$\text{Proj}_L(\vec{x}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{u}$$

7. Display the matrix A of a reflection in \mathcal{R}^3 through the line L in the direction of

vector $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{v}$ unitizes \vec{v} , $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$. $\begin{matrix} u_1 = 0 \\ u_2 = 1/\sqrt{2} \\ u_3 = 1/\sqrt{2} \end{matrix}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2u_1u_1 - 1 & 2u_2u_1 & 2u_3u_1 \\ 2u_1u_2 & 2u_2u_2 - 1 & 2u_3u_2 \\ 2u_1u_3 & 2u_2u_3 & 2u_3u_3 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

