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## Applied Linear Algebra 2270-2

Sample Midterm Exam 1

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**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  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .
- If possibly non-square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy  $AB = I$ , then  $Bx = 0$  cannot have infinitely many solutions.
- Give an example of a  $4 \times 3$  system having a unique solution.

[A.]  $A^{-1}A = I ; B^{-1}B = I$

by Theorem 2.4.6, Matrix multiplied by its inverse is Identity.

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

given

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

multiply both sides by  $AB$ . Remember by Thm. 2.3.6 multiplication is associative.

$$AB(AB)^{-1} = I$$

By step 1;  $I \cdot I = I$

$$A^{-1}AB(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}I$$

multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$

$$IB(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}I$$

by step 1

$$B(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

Identity multiplied by a matrix = the matrix

$$B^{-1}B(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

multiply by  $B^{-1}$

$$I(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

by step 1

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

by step 1

[3]  $AB = I$

given

$$B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

given

$$AB\vec{x} = A\vec{0}$$

multiply both sides by  $A$

$$I\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

left by step 1; right by matrix · zero vector = zero vector.

$$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

Identity multiplied by  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}$  (see part A).

We discover  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  cannot have infinitely many solutions because it has a unique solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

[C]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank = 3 nullity = 0

In  $m \times n$  matrix, if  
 $\text{rank}(A) = n$   
 there is a unique  
 solution.

Theorem 1.3.2

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Sample Exam Problem 2

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Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Let:

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

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

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

- a. Write a matrix multiplication formula for  $F$  in terms of explicit elementary matrices and the matrix  $A$ . (80%)
- b. Find  $A$ . (20%)

$$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, E_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_3^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

a.

$$A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} E_4^{-1} F$$

b.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -6 & -58/5 \\ -3 & -3 & -29/5 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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PART I

A  $M \times N$  HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  HAS 0-MANY SOLUTIONS IF  $M < N$

$M < N$  IMPLIES AT LEAST 1 FREE VARIABLE

AT LEAST 1 FREE VARIABLE IMPLIES INFINITY  $> 0$

INFINITY  $> 0$  IMPLIES 0-MANY SOLUTIONS

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PART 2

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b-c & a & a \\ 1 & c & -a & a \\ 2 & b & a & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b-c & a & a \\ 0 & b-2c & 2a & -2a \\ 2 & b & a & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b-c & a & a \\ 2 & b-2c & 2a & -2a \\ 0 & b-2c & a & -3a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b-c & a & -a \\ 0 & b-2c & 2a & -2a \\ 0 & 0 & a & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b-c & a & -a \\ 0 & b-2c & 0 & -4a \\ 0 & 0 & a & a \end{vmatrix}$$

UNIQUE SOLUTIONS

$$\begin{matrix} a \neq 0 \\ b-2c \neq 0 \end{matrix}$$

NO SOLUTIONS

$$\begin{matrix} a \neq 0, \\ b-2c = 0 \end{matrix}$$

INFINITE SOLUTIONS

$$a = 0$$

**A**  
Problem 4

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A = A \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & a \\ 2c & c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} c-3a & d-(a+b) \\ a-3c & b-(c+d) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3a + c = 0$$

$$0 - 3c = 0$$

$$-a - b + d = 0$$

$$b - c - d = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ b=t_1 \\ c=0 \\ d=t_1 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & t_1 \\ 0 & t_1 \end{bmatrix} = t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**C**  $(A+B)(A-B) = A^2 - B^2$

$$A^2 + BA - AB - B^2 = A^2 - B^2$$

$$BA - AB = 0$$

$$BA = AB$$

$\therefore$  A and B commute

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 satisfy  $\text{ref}(C) = I$ .  
 ans: Since B is  $2 \times 3$ ,  $\dim(\text{Im}(B)) \leq 2$ , so by rank-nullity,  $\dim(\text{ker}(B)) \geq 1$ , which means there is a zero vector  $\vec{x}$  satisfying  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for that vector.

$$C\vec{x} = AB\vec{x} = A \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$C\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

implies C is not the Identity. ✓

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A = A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & a \\ 2c & c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l|l} c = 3a & \rightarrow a = 0 \\ d = a+b & \rightarrow d = b \\ a = 3c & \rightarrow c = 0 \\ b = c+d & \rightarrow b = d \end{array}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3c & c+d \\ 3a & a+b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \text{rref}(C) = I \Rightarrow C\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$\rightarrow C \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow AB \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A\vec{x}$  not possible.  $(3 \times 2)(3 \times 1)$

$$\rightarrow A\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $B\vec{x} = \vec{y}$   $(2 \times 3)(3 \times 1)$

$$\rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A\vec{y} = \vec{b}$  has no solutions.

$\therefore \text{rref}(C) \neq I$  if  $C = AB$

$$(c) \begin{aligned} (A+B)(A-B) &= A^2 - B^2 \\ AA - AB + BA - BB &= A^2 - B^2 \\ A^2 - AB + BA - B^2 &= A^2 - B^2 \\ (A^2 - B^2) - AB + BA &= A^2 - B^2 \\ -AB + BA &= 0 \\ BA &= AB \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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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. [60%]

a.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow$  Scale by 2 c.c. rotation by  $90^\circ$

b.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$  horizontal shear;  $k=5$

c.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{pmatrix}; u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1 \Rightarrow$  Projection onto Line  $L$ .

d.  $A = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{pmatrix}; u_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  Projection onto line  $L$ .

e.  $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{pmatrix}; a = -\sqrt{3}/2, b = 1/2, a^2 + b^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow$  Reflection in line  $L$ .

Part II. Give details. [40%]

f. Define reflection in a line  $L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

g. Display the matrix  $A$  of a projection onto a line  $L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

h. Define rotation clockwise by angle  $\theta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

f.  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} \Rightarrow \text{Ref}(\vec{x}) = 2(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})\vec{u} - \vec{x} \Rightarrow$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1^2 - 1 & u_2 u_1 & u_3 u_1 \\ u_1 u_2 & 2u_2^2 - 1 & u_3 u_2 \\ u_1 u_3 & u_2 u_3 & 2u_3^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$

g.  $\text{Proj}_L(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})\vec{u} \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 & u_1 u_3 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 & u_2 u_3 \\ u_1 u_3 & u_2 u_3 & u_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

h.  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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