

18.06 MIDTERM 2

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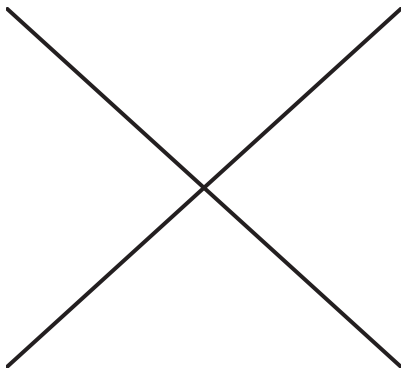
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PROBLEM 1**NAME:** _____

(1) Let \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 be linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . What is the rank of the matrix:

$$A = [\mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2]$$

whose columns are the given vectors?

(5 pts)

Do they really need to justify this?

(2) For any vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, its projection onto the subspace V spanned by \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 is:

$$\text{proj}_V \mathbf{b} = P_V \mathbf{b} \quad \text{where the projection matrix is } \boxed{P_V = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}$$

Use this to obtain a formula (in terms of A and \mathbf{b}) for the real numbers α and β defined by the property that $\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2$ is the closest vector in the subspace V to the vector \mathbf{b} . (10 pts)

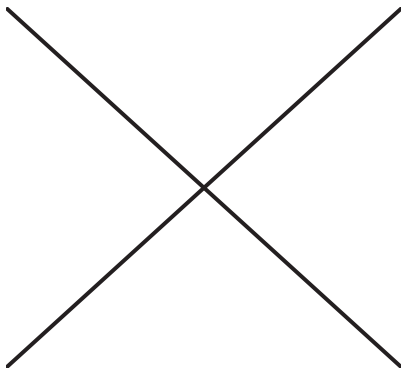
$$\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2 = A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = P \mathbf{b}$$

$$A^T A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = A^T P \mathbf{b} = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

Might be hard, b/c
not everybody is very
comfortable w/ the idea
 $\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2 = A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

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(3) Explain why, for any given vector \mathbf{b} , the numbers α and β in (2) are unique. (5 pts)

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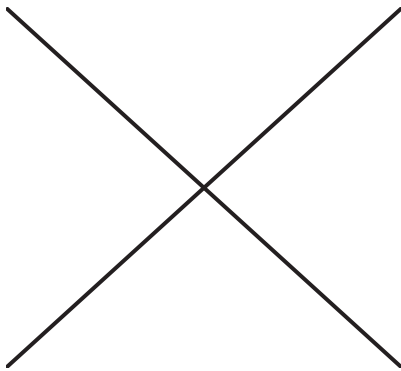
(4) Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, A$ still be as on the previous page, and consider the vectors $\mathbf{w}_1 = 3\mathbf{v}_1 - 2\mathbf{v}_2$ and $\mathbf{w}_2 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$. We consider the matrix whose columns are these new vectors:

$$B = [\mathbf{w}_1 | \mathbf{w}_2]$$

Decide whether $B = AX$ or $B = XA$ for some matrix X . What is X ? Explain. (5 pts)

$$\begin{aligned} B &= [3\mathbf{v}_1 - 2\mathbf{v}_2 \mid 2\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2] = \\ &= \left[A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \mid A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right] = \\ &= A \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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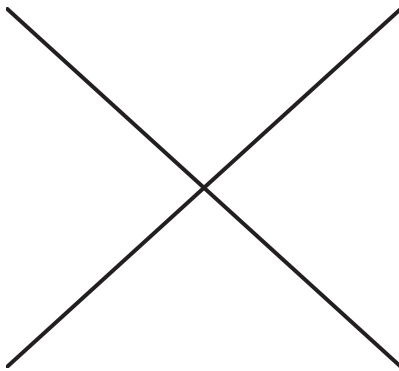
(5) The projection matrix onto the subspace W spanned by \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 is:

$$P_W = B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T$$

Prove that $P_W = P_V$, either by a geometric argument, or by a computation. (10 pts)

$$\begin{aligned} & A X (X^T A^T A X)^{-1} X^T A^T = \\ & = A X X^{-1} (A^T A) X^T,^{-1} X^T A^T \end{aligned}$$

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PROBLEM 2

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(1) Use Gram-Schmidt to obtain a factorization (show all your steps):

$$\boxed{A = QR} \quad \text{of the matrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 15 \\ 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

where Q has orthonormal columns and R is an upper triangular square matrix. (15 pts)

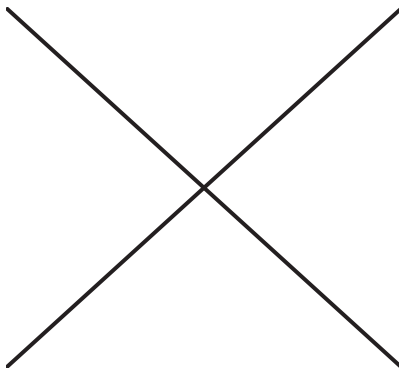
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 15 \\ 8 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 6 \\ 4/9 & 15 \\ 8/9 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 4 \\ 4/9 & 7 \\ 8/9 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 18 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \star$$

$$\begin{aligned} w - \frac{(v, w)}{(v, v)} v &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2+20+32}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 \\ 4/9 \\ 8/9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{54}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 \\ 4/9 \\ 8/9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{len} = \sqrt{32+49} = \sqrt{81} = 9$$

$$\star = \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 4/9 \\ 4/9 & 7/9 \\ 8/9 & -4/9 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 18 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{R = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 18 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}}$$

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(2) With the notation as on the previous page, consider the linear transformation:

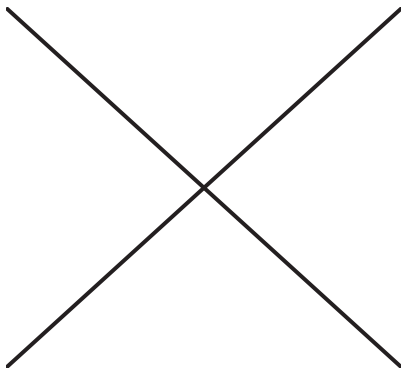
$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad f(\mathbf{v}) = Q\mathbf{v}$$

Suppose you have any two orthogonal (i.e. perpendicular) vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Prove that the vectors $f(\mathbf{v}_1), f(\mathbf{v}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are also orthogonal (justify all your steps). (10 pts)

Do we want to keep the $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & \dots \\ 4/9 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{v}_1)^T f(\mathbf{v}_2) &= \mathbf{v}_1^T Q^T Q \mathbf{v}_2 = \\ &= \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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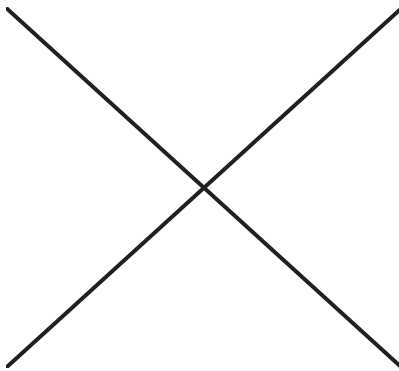
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(3) Compute an eigenvector \mathbf{a} of the matrix R and the corresponding eigenvalue (*Hint: it's easy to spot the eigenvector just by looking at the matrix R*). Draw the linear transformation:

$$g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad g(\mathbf{w}) = R\mathbf{w}$$

on a picture of \mathbb{R}^2 , by drawing the eigenvector \mathbf{a} and showing where the function g sends \mathbf{a} and any other vector in \mathbb{R}^2 of your choice, linearly independent from \mathbf{a} . (10 pts)

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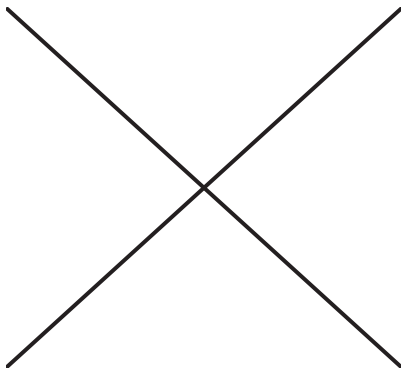
(1) Assume a, d, f are non-zero numbers and b, c, e are arbitrary. Compute all 9 cofactors of:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{bmatrix}$$

and use them to obtain a formula for the inverse matrix A^{-1} . You may use the well-known formula for 2×2 determinants $\det \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix} = xt - yz$. (10 pts)

$$\frac{1}{adf} \begin{bmatrix} df & -bf & be - cd \\ 0 & af & -ae \\ 0 & 0 & ad \end{bmatrix}$$

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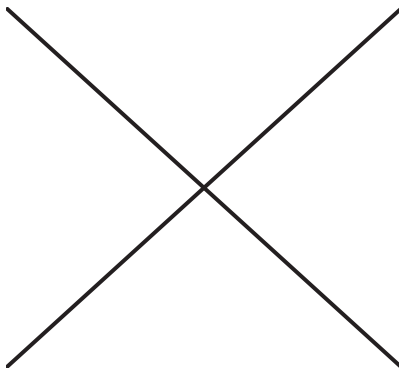
(2) Explain why all $5! = 120$ terms in the big formula for the determinant:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

are zero.

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(3) Use row operations to compute the determinant of the matrix:

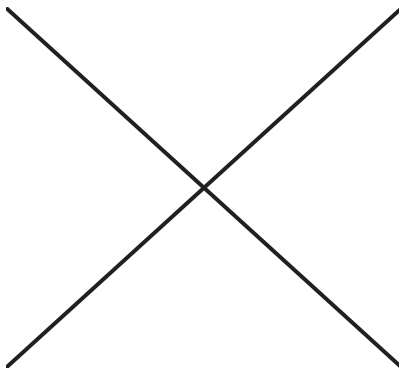
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 1 & \beta & \beta^2 \\ 1 & \gamma & \gamma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(if instead of row operations, you use the formula for 3×3 determinants as a sum of 6 terms to compute the above, you will lose at least half of the points). (10 pts)

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 0 & \beta - \alpha & \beta^2 - \alpha^2 \\ 0 & \gamma - \alpha & \gamma^2 - \alpha^2 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 0 & \beta - \alpha & \beta^2 - \alpha^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma^2 - \alpha^2 - \frac{(\beta - \alpha)(\gamma - \alpha)}{\beta - \alpha} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\beta - \alpha) \left((\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma + \alpha) - (\beta + \alpha)(\gamma - \alpha) \right) = \\ &= (\beta - \alpha)(\gamma - \alpha)(\gamma - \beta) \end{aligned}$$

Should it be pointed out that α, β, γ can be equal?

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