

18.06 Professor A.J. de Jong Exam 2 April 9, 2003

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Important: Briefly explain all of your answers.

**1 (29 pts.)**

(a) Compute the determinant of the following matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

We expanded the determinant along row 1 then subtracted row 1 from rows 3 and 4 and then expanded the determinant along the 1st column. The last 3x3 determinant was computed directly.

(b) Give a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces associated to the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We switched rows 1 and 2 then subtracted row 1 from row 3 and then subtracted row 2 from row 3.

First two rows  $(0, 1, -1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, -1, 0)$  is a basis for the row space.

First two columns  $(0, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, -1)$  is a basis for the column space.

Solving  $Av = 0$  we get  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3$ . Thus,  $(1, 1, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$  is a basis for the  $Null(A)$  space.

Solving  $A^t v = 0$  we get  $x_1 = -x_2 = x_3$ . Thus,  $(1, -1, 1)$  is a basis for the  $Null(A^t)$  space.



**2 (29 pts.)**

- (a) Apply the Gram-schmidt algorithm to the columns of the matrix  $A$  below. (Use the order in which they occur in the matrix!) Use this to write  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is a matrix with orthonormal columns, and  $R$  is upper triangular.

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

$$q_1 = a_1 = (1, 0, 0, -1).$$

$$q_2 = a_2 - \frac{(a_2 \cdot q_1)}{(q_1 \cdot q_1)} q_1 = (0, 1, 0, -1) - (1/2, 0, 0, -1/2) = (-1/2, 1, 0, -1/2).$$

Normalize  $q_1 = (1/\sqrt{2}, 0, 0, -1/\sqrt{2})$ ,  $q_2 = (-1/\sqrt{6}, 2/\sqrt{6}, 0, -1/\sqrt{6})$ .  $Q = [q_1, q_2]$ ,  
 $R = Q^t A$ .

$$A = QR = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 3/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Compute the matrix of the projection onto the column space of  $A$ . What is the distance of the point  $(1, 1, 1, 0)$  to this column space?

$$P = QQ^t = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 & 0 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & -1/3 & 0 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $b = (1, 1, 1, 0)$  then its projection is  $p = Pb = (1/3, 1/3, 0, -2/3)$ . The distance  $d = \|b - p\| = \|(2/3, 2/3, 1, 2/3)\| = \sqrt{21}/3$ .



**3 (14 pts.)** Show that the following determinant is zero for any values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a+b+c & b+c+a & c+a+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

We added row 2 to row 3. The determinant is 0 since rows 1 and 3 are multiples of each other.



4 (28 pts.) Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Find matrices  $S$  and  $\Lambda$  such that  $A$  has a factorization of the form

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1},$$

where  $S$  is invertible and  $\Lambda$  is diagonal:  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . The eigenvalues:  $\lambda^2 - 64 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 8$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -8$ . Eigenvectors:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ 3 & -15 \end{pmatrix} v_1 = 0 \text{ then } v_1 = (5, 1),$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 I)v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} v_2 = 0 \text{ then } v_2 = (1, -3).$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix}, S^{-1} = (-1/16) \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Find a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^3 = A$ . (Hint: First find such a matrix for  $\Lambda$ . Then use the formula above.)

$$B = S\Lambda^{1/3}S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-1/16) \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = 1/4 \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}.$$



