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## Problems for Chapter 1

### Problem Section 1.1

1 Prove that every basis in a finite dimensional space has the same number of elements.

2 Show that in any inner product space

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2.$$

Interpret this geometrically in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

3 (a) Verify that in an inner product space,

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2).$$

(b) Show that in any real inner product space there is at most one inner product which generates the same induced norm.

(c) In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $n > 1$ , show that  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^p)^{1/p}$  can be induced by an inner product if and only if  $p = 2$ .

4 Suppose  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are continuous real valued function defined for  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Define vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $F = (f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_n))$  and  $G = (g(x_1), g(x_2), \dots, g(x_n))$ , where  $x_k = k/n$ . Why is

$$\langle F, G \rangle_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k)g(x_k)$$

with  $x_k = \frac{k}{n}$ , not an inner product for the space of continuous functions?

5. Show that

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 (f(x)\overline{g(x)} + f'(x)\overline{g'(x)}) dx.$$

is an inner product for continuously differentiable functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

6. Show that any set of mutually orthogonal vectors is linearly independent.

7. (a) Show that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the supremum norm  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_k \{|x_k|\}$  is a normed linear vector space.

(b) Show that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with norm  $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|$  is a normed linear vector.

8. Verify that the choice  $\gamma = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|y\|^2}$  minimizes  $\|x - \gamma y\|^2$ . Show that  $|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 = \|x\|^2 \cdot \|y\|^2$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent.

9.  Starting with the set  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^k, \dots\}$ , use the Gram-Schmidt procedure and the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)\omega(x)dx, \quad \omega(x) > 0$$

to find the first five orthogonal polynomials when

- (a)  $a = -1, b = 1, \omega(x) = 1$  (Legendre polynomials)  
 (b)  $a = -1, b = 1, \omega(x) = (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$  (Chebyshev polynomials)  
 (c)  $a = 0, b = \infty, \omega(x) = e^{-x}$  (Laguerre polynomials)  
 (d)  $a = -\infty, b = \infty, \omega(x) = e^{-x^2}$  (Hermite polynomials)

Remark: All of these polynomials are known by Maple.

10.  Starting with the set  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n, \dots\}$  use the Gram-Schmidt procedure and the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (f(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x))dx$$

to find the first five orthogonal polynomials.

### Problem Section 1.2

1. (a) Represent the transformation whose matrix representation with respect to the natural basis is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

relative to the basis  $\{(1, 1, 0)^T, (0, 1, 1)^T, (1, 0, 1)^T\}$ .

- (b) The representation of a transformation with respect to the basis  $\{(1, 1, 2)^T, (1, 2, 3)^T, (3, 4, 1)^T\}$  is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the representation of this transformation with respect to the basis  $\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (0, 1, -1)^T, (0, 1, 1)^T\}$ .

2. (a) Prove that two symmetric matrices are equivalent if and only if they have the same eigenvalues (with the same multiplicities).  
 (b) Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent, then

$$\det A = \det B.$$

- (c) Is the converse true?

3. (a) Show that if  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix and  $B$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same nonzero eigenvalues.

- (b) Show that the eigenvalues of  $AA^*$  are real and non-negative.

4. Show that the eigenvalues of a real skew-symmetric ( $A = -A^T$ ) matrix are imaginary.

5. Find a basis for the range and null space of the following matrices:

- (a)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

- (b)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. Find an invertible matrix  $T$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$  so that  $A = T\Lambda T^{-1}$  for each of the following matrices  $A$ :

- (a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b)

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

- (c)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d)

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

(e)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/6 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/6 \\ \sqrt{3}/6 & \sqrt{3}/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

7. Find the spectral representation of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Illustrate how  $Ax = b$  can be solved geometrically using the appropriately chosen coordinate system on a piece of graph paper.

8. Suppose  $P$  is the matrix that projects (orthogonally) any vector onto a manifold  $M$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $P$ .9. The sets of vectors  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are said to be biorthogonal if  $\langle \phi_i, \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . Suppose  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are biorthogonal.(a) Show that  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  each form a linearly independent set.(b) Show that any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\{\phi_i\}$  as

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i$$

where  $\alpha_i = \langle x, \psi_i \rangle$ .

(c) Express (b) in matrix form; that is, show that

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i x$$

where  $P_i$  are projection matrices with the properties that  $P_i^2 = P_i$  and  $P_i P_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Express the matrix  $P_i$  in terms of the vectors  $\phi_i$  and  $\psi_i$ .

10. (a) Suppose the eigenvalues of  $A$  all have algebraic multiplicity one. Show that the eigenvectors of  $A$  and the eigenvectors of  $A^*$  form a biorthogonal set.(b) Suppose  $A\phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i$  and  $A^*\psi_i = \bar{\lambda}_i \psi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and that  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . Prove that  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i$  where  $P_i = \phi_i \psi_i^*$  is a projection matrix. Remark: This is an alternate way to express the spectral decomposition theorem for a matrix  $A$ .(c) Express the matrices  $C$  and  $C^{-1}$ , where  $A = CAC^{-1}$ , in terms of  $\phi_i$  and  $\psi_i$ .(d) Suppose  $A\phi = \lambda\phi$  and  $A\psi = \bar{\lambda}\psi$  and the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  is one. Show that it is not necessary that  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle \neq 0$ .

### Problem Section 1.3

1. Use the minimax principle to show that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 60 & 12 \\ 1 & 3 & 12 & 48 \end{pmatrix}$$

has an eigenvalue  $\lambda_4 < -2.1$  and an eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 > 67.4$ .

2. (a) Prove an inequality relating the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix before and after one of its diagonal elements is increased.

(b) Use this inequality and the minimax principle to show that the smallest eigenvalue of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is smaller than  $-1/3$ .3. Use the minimax principle to show that the intermediate eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not positive.

4. The moment of inertia of any solid object about an axis along the unit vector  $x$  is defined by

$$I(x) = \int_R d_x^2(y) \rho dV,$$

where  $d_x(y)$  is the perpendicular distance from the point  $y$  to the axis along  $x$ ,  $\rho$  is the density of the material, and  $R$  is the region occupied by the object. Show that  $I(x)$  is a quadratic function of  $x$ ,  $I(x) = x^T A x$  where  $A$  is a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

5. Suppose  $A$  is a symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 > \lambda_3 > \dots$ . Show that

$$\max_{\langle u, v \rangle = 0} (Au, u) + (Av, v) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

where  $\|u\| = \|v\| = 1$ .

### Problem Section 1.4

1. Under what conditions do the matrices of Problem 1.2.5 have solutions  $Ax = b$ ? Are they unique?

2. Suppose  $P$  projects vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (orthogonally) onto a linear manifold  $M$ . What is the solvability condition for the equation  $Px = b$ ?
3. Show that the matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  where  $a_{ij} = \langle \phi_i, \phi_j \rangle$  is invertible if and only if the vectors  $\phi_i$  are linearly independent.
4. A square matrix  $A$  (with real entries) is positive-definite if  $(Ax, x) > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$ . Use the Froehlm alternative to prove that a positive definite matrix is invertible.

### Problem Section 1.5

1. Use any of the algorithms in the text to find the least squares pseudo-inverse for the following matrices:

(a)

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

(b)


$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2/3 & 2/3 \\ -1 & -2/3 & 7/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (e)  The linear algebra package of Maple has procedures to calculate the range, null space, etc. of a matrix and to augment a matrix with another. Use these features of Maple to develop a program that uses exact computations to find  $A'$  using the Gaussian elimination method (Method 1), and use this program to find  $A'$  for each of the above matrices.

2. Verify that the least squares pseudo-inverse of an  $m \times n$  diagonal matrix  $D$  with  $d_{ij} = \sigma_i \delta_{ij}$  is the  $n \times m$  diagonal matrix  $D'$  with  $d'_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \delta_{ij}$  whenever  $\sigma_i \neq 0$  and  $d'_{ij} = 0$  otherwise.

3. (a) For any two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\| = \|y\|$  find the Householder (orthogonal) transformation  $U$  that satisfies  $Ux = y$ .

(b) Verify that a Householder transformation  $U$  satisfies  $U^*U = I$ .

4. Use the Gram-Schmidt procedure (even though Householder transformations are generally preferable) to find the  $QR$  representation of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. For the matrix


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

illustrate on a piece of graph paper how the singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^*$  transforms a vector  $x$  onto  $Ax$ . Compare this with how  $A = T\Lambda T^{-1}$  transforms a vector  $x$  onto  $Ax$ .

6. For the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

illustrate on a piece of graph paper how the least squares pseudo-inverse  $A' = Q^{-1}\Lambda'Q$  transforms a vector  $b$  into the least squares solution of  $Ax = b$ .

7.  For each of the matrices in Problem 1.2.6, use the  $QR$  algorithm to form the iterates  $A_{n+1} = Q_n^{-1}A_nQ_n$ , where  $A_n = Q_nR_n$ . Examine a few of the iterates to determine why the iteration works and what it converges to.

8. For the matrices

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

and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1.002 & 0.998 \\ 1.999 & 2.001 \end{pmatrix},$$

illustrate on a piece of graph paper how the least squares pseudo-inverse  $A' = V\Sigma'U^*$  transforms a vector  $b$  onto the least squares solution of  $Ax = b$ . For the second of these matrices, show how setting the smallest singular value to zero stabilizes the inversion process.

9. For a nonsymmetric matrix  $A = T^{-1}\Lambda T$ , with  $\Lambda$  a diagonal matrix, it is not true in general that  $A' = T^{-1}\Lambda'T$  is the pseudo-inverse. Find a  $2 \times 2$  example which illustrates geometrically what goes wrong.