

# Final Examination in Linear Algebra: 18.06

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Answer all 8 questions on these pages. This is a closed book exam. Calculators are not needed in any way and therefore not allowed (to be fair to all). *Grades are known only to your recitation instructor.* Best wishes for the summer and thank you for taking 18.06.

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1 If  $A$  is a 5 by 4 matrix with linearly independent columns, find each of these **explicitly**:

- (a) (3 points) The nullspace of  $A$ .
- (b) (3 points) The dimension of the left nullspace  $N(A^T)$ .
- (c) (3 points) One particular solution  $x_p$  to  $Ax_p = \text{column 2 of } A$ .
- (d) (3 points) The general (complete) solution to  $Ax = \text{column 2 of } A$ .
- (e) (3 points) The reduced row echelon form  $R$  of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

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a)  $N(A) = \emptyset$  ✓ ← the matrix has rank 4, and only 4 unknowns, therefore only the zero vector is in the nullspace

b)  $\dim(N(A^T)) = 1$  ✓ ← there is one dependent row giving a dimension of one for the left nullspace

c)  $x_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓ Since all four columns are linearly independent the only way to get  $x_p$  is to contribute zero from all other columns and one times the second.

d)  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓ Since the nullspace is zero, there are no special solutions, only the particular solution

e)  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓ The first four rows =  $I$  because they contain the pivot variables, the last row can be eliminated as it is a linear combination of the others

- 2 (a) (5 points) Find the general (complete) solution to this equation  $Ax = b$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) (3 points) Find a basis for the column space of the 3 by 9 block matrix  $[A \ 2A \ A^2]$ .

a) 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$



$$x_p: \quad x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 2 \quad x_n: \quad x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = -2x_3 = 0$$

$$x_p = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) The colspace of  $A$  is defined by the pivot cols  
therefore:  $C(A): \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^2$  is strictly a subspace of  $A$  because matrix multiplication is merely a linear transformation

$2A$  has the same column space as  $A$  as it is also merely a linear transformation

therefore a basis for  $C([A \ 2A \ A^2]): \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

3 (a) (5 points) The command  $N = \text{null}(A)$  produces a matrix whose columns are a basis for the nullspace of  $A$ . What matrix (describe its properties) is then produced by  $B = \text{null}(N')$ ?  $\leftarrow$  As this is a numeric matrix, I assume  $N = N'$

(b) (3 points) What are the shapes (how many rows and columns) of those matrices  $N$  and  $B$ , if  $A$  is  $m$  by  $n$  of rank  $r$ ?

a)  $N$  will have  $m$  rows and  $n-r$  cols

$B$  will have  $n-r$  rows but only one column, the zero vector



$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(n-r) \times 1}$$

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b)  $N = m \times (n-r)$


$B = (n-r) \times 1$

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4 Find the determinants of these three matrices:


(a) (2 points)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(A) = -1 * (2 * (-3))$   
 $\boxed{= 6}$   



(b) (2 points)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -A \\ I & -I \end{bmatrix}$$

(8 by 8, same A)  $\boxed{= 6}$   


(c) (2 points)

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} A & -A \\ I & -I \end{bmatrix}$$

(8 by 8, same A)  $\boxed{= 0}$   


$$\boxed{6}$$

5 If possible construct 3 by 3 matrices  $A, B, C, D$  with these properties:

(a) (3 points)  $A$  is a **symmetric** matrix. Its row space is spanned by the vector  $(1, 1, 2)$  and its column space is spanned by the vector  $(2, 2, 4)$ .

(b) (3 points) All three of these equations have **no solution** but  $B \neq 0$ :

$$Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) (3 points)  $C$  is a real square matrix but its eigenvalues are not all real and not all pure imaginary.

(d) (3 points) The vector  $(1, 1, 1)$  is in the row space of  $D$  but the vector  $(1, -1, 0)$  is not in the nullspace.

a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

d)  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 9 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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c)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 16$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-60}}{2}$$

$b^2 < 4ac$   
 $\text{trace}^2 < 4 \det(c)$

6 Suppose  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $v_1, v_2$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(a) (5 points) What is the **rank**, what are **all vectors** in the **column space**, and what is a **basis for the nullspace** for the matrix  $B = u_1(v_1 + v_2)^T$ ?

(b) (5 points) Suppose  $A = u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T$ . Multiply  $AA^T$  and simplify. Show that this is a projection matrix by checking the required properties.

(c) (4 points) Multiply  $A^T A$  and simplify. This is the identity matrix! Prove this (for example compute  $A^T A v_1$  and then finish the reasoning).

a) i)  $B$  has rank 1 because it is the product of two vectors.

3/5 ii) the colspace of  $B$  is spanned by  $u_1$ , therefore all vectors are  $c u_1$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

iii) the nullspace of  $B$  is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

b)  $AA^T = (u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T)(u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T)^T$

$$= (u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T)(v_1 u_1^T + v_2 u_2^T)$$

$$(AA^T)^2 = (u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T)(v_1 u_1^T + v_2 u_2^T)(u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T)(v_1 u_1^T + v_2 u_2^T)$$

$$\therefore (AA^T)^2 = AA^T \leftarrow \text{therefore } AA^T \text{ is a projection matrix}$$

c)  $A^T A = (v_1 u_1^T + v_2 u_2^T)(u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T) = I$

$$A^T A v_1 = (v_1 u_1^T + v_2 u_2^T)(u_1 v_1^T + u_2 v_2^T) v_1 = I v_1 = v_1$$

- 7 (a) (4 points) If these three points happen to lie on a line  $y = C + Dt$ , what system  $Ax = b$  of three equations in two unknowns would be solvable?

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$$y = 0 \text{ at } t = -1, \quad y = 1 \text{ at } t = 0, \quad y = B \text{ at } t = 1.$$

Which value of  $B$  puts the vector  $b = (0, 1, B)$  into the column space of  $A$ ?

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- (b) (4 points) For every  $B$  find the numbers  $\bar{C}$  and  $\bar{D}$  that give the best straight line  $y = \bar{C} + \bar{D}t$  (closest to the three points in the least squares sense).

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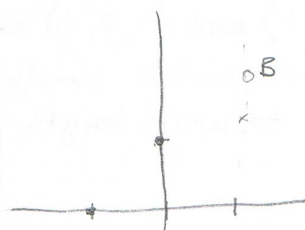
- (c) (4 points) Find the projection of  $b = (1, 0, 0)$  onto the column space of  $A$ .

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- (d) (2 points) If you apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to this matrix  $A$ , what is the resulting matrix  $Q$  that has orthonormal columns?

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a)



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

if  $B = 2$ ,  
this system  
is solvable ✓

b)

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+B \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C} \\ \bar{D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+B \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3\bar{C} = 1+B$$

$$2\bar{D} = B$$

$$\bar{D} = \frac{B}{2}, \quad \bar{C} = \frac{1+B}{3}$$

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$$c) \quad \bar{b}' = Pb$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b' = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

$$b' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \times$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d) \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

✓ Since  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(-1, 0, 1)$  are  $\perp$  the orthonormal matrix simply scales these vectors to unit length

- 8 (a) (5 points) Find a complete set of eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix

$\lambda = 1$   
 $\alpha_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\det(A) = 2(3) - 1(1) + 1(-1) = 6 - 1 - 1 = 4$

- (b) (6 points, 1 each) Circle all the properties of this matrix A:

~~A is a projection matrix~~ ✓

A is a positive definite matrix ✓

~~A is a Markov matrix~~ ✓

~~A has determinant larger than trace~~ ✓

~~A has three orthonormal eigenvectors~~ ✗

A can be factored into  $A = LU$  ✓

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$A^2 \neq A$$

- (c) (4 points) Write the vector  $u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as a combination of eigenvectors of A, and

compute the vector  $u_{100} = A^{100}u_0$ .

a)  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$\lambda = 1$

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

$$\alpha_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -x_2 - x_3$$

$$\alpha_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$x_3 = -3$$

$$x_2 = -2$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$u_0 = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0+2 \\ -3-0 \\ 3-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$a) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)-1) - 1(2-\lambda-1) + 1(1-2+\lambda)$$

$$= -2+2+1+1-2+\lambda$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -7 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-7x_1 + x_2 = -1$$

$$x_1 - 7x_2 = -1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = -7$$

$$x_1 = -7 - x_2$$

$$-8x_2 = 6$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$x_1 - \frac{3}{4} - 7 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{31}{4}$$

$$-7(\frac{31}{4}) - \frac{3}{4} + 1 = 0$$

$$-31 - \frac{3}{4} + 1 = 0$$