

1. For each of the following, provide a brief proof or justification.

- (a) (6 points) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Is  $\sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$  a valid norm?
- (b) (6 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Does the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have a unique least squares solution?
- (c) (6 points) Let  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  all be vectors in the same inner product space. If  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$  is it necessarily true that  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ ?
- (d) (6 points) Let  $A^+$  be the pseudo-inverse of  $A$ . Does  $A^+ A A^+ = A^+$ ?
- (e) (6 points) Does whether a set of vectors is linearly independent depend on the specific choice of inner product?

**Solutions:**

- (a) No, it fails positivity. Take for example  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{-1} = i$  which is not real.
- (b) No, the solution will not be unique since the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent.
- (c) No, as a counterexample, take the standard dot product,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{w} = 0$  but  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$ .
- (d) Yes. Let  $A$  have the reduced SVD  $A = P\Sigma Q^T$ , then  $A^+ = Q\Sigma^{-1}P^T$  and we have
 
$$\begin{aligned} A^+ A A^+ &= Q\Sigma^{-1}P^T P\Sigma Q^T Q\Sigma^{-1}P^T \\ &= Q\Sigma^{-1}\Sigma\Sigma^{-1}P^T \\ &= Q\Sigma^{-1}P^T \\ &= A^+ \end{aligned}$$
- (e) No, the linear dependence or independence of vectors is determined by the solutions to  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$ , independent of the inner product.

2. (20 points) Suppose  $A = SJS^{-1}$ , the Jordan decomposition of matrix  $A$ , and matrix  $J$  is given by

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- List all eigenvalues of  $A$ , together with their associated algebraic and geometric multiplicities.
- Is  $A$  singular? Why or why not?
- Is  $A$  complete? Why or why not?
- If  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_6$  are the columns of  $S$ , which of the following, if any, are eigenvectors of  $A$ : (i)  $\mathbf{s}_1$ , (ii)  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$ , (iii)  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_3$ , (iv)  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_5$ ? Explain.

**Solution:**

- The eigenvalues of  $A$  are 0, 1, and 4 with algebraic multiplicities 2, 3, and 1. Eigenvalues 0 and 4 have geometric multiplicity of 1, while eigenvalue 1 has geometric multiplicity of 2.
- $A$  is singular since one eigenvalue is 0.
- The matrix  $A$  is not complete since eigenvalue 1 has algebraic multiplicity 3 and geometric multiplicity 1 and eigenvalue 0 has algebraic multiplicity of 2 and geometric multiplicity 1.
- Vectors  $\mathbf{s}_1$  and  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_3$  are eigenvectors while  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$  and  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_5$  are not. Vector  $\mathbf{s}_1$  is the eigenvector that starts the Jordan chain, while  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_3$  is adding 2 eigenvectors with the same eigenvalue together, and so is itself an eigenvector.

Vector  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$  is a generalized eigenvector with eigenvalue 1, while  $\mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_5$  adds together two eigenvectors with different eigenvalues, which is not an eigenvector.

3. (20 points) Let  $p(\mathbf{x}) = 5x^2 - 6xy - 2xz + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 4x + 2y + 2z$

- (a) Show that  $p(\mathbf{x})$  has a minimum value.
- (b) Find all the minimizers of  $p(\mathbf{x})$
- (c) Find the minimum value of  $p(\mathbf{x})$

**Solution:**

- (a) We let  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T K \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{f} + c$  and read off the  $K$  matrix and  $\mathbf{f}$  vector:

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

$$\mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We need to show that either  $K$  is positive definite or that  $K$  is positive semi-definite with  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{img } K$ . We solve  $K\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$  using row reduction as this will allow us to check both conditions at once:

$$\begin{aligned} (K|\mathbf{f}) &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -3 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1/5 & -3/5 & 1/5 \\ 0 & -3/5 & 9/5 & -3/5 \end{array} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1/5 & -3/5 & 1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $K$  is positive semi-definite and that  $K\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$  has a solution. Therefore,  $p(\mathbf{x})$  has a minimum.

- (b) To find the minimizers, we continue solving  $K\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (K|\mathbf{f}) &\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 0 & -10 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This system has the particular solution

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and homogeneous solution

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the minimizers are all the vectors

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

4. (20 points) Let  $A$  be the matrix with the SVD

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{30} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{15} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) What is  $\text{rank } A$ ? Justify your answer.
- (b) Find the best rank 1 approximation of  $A$ .
- (c) Find  $A^+$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) As there are two singular values, the  $\text{rank } A = 2$
- (b) Using the singular vectors with the largest singular value gives

$$2\sqrt{30} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 \\ -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) If the reduced SVD  $A = P\Sigma Q^T$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} A^+ &= Q\Sigma^{-1}P^T \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2\sqrt{30} & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{15} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/12\sqrt{5} & 2/12\sqrt{5} & -1/12\sqrt{5} \\ -1/3\sqrt{5} & 1/3\sqrt{5} & 1/3\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{12\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ A^+ &= \frac{1}{60} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -6 & -9 \\ -2 & 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

5. (20 points) The  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 2$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = -1$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) What is the matrix  $A$ ?

(b) Find  $e^{At}$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We calculate  $A$  from its diagonalization.

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ S &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ S^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -7 & -9 \\ 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Since we already have the diagonalization, we only need to calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{At} &= S e^{\Lambda t} S^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{2t} & -3e^{2t} \\ e^{-t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{2t} + 3e^{-t} & -3e^{2t} + 3e^{-t} \\ 2e^{2t} - 2e^{-t} & 3e^{2t} - 2e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

6. (20 points) Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S$  be the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

- (a) Are the vectors in  $S$  linearly independent?  
 (b) Find the projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto the span of  $S$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) No, the vectors are not linearly independent. Combining them into a matrix  $A$  and reducing it gives

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

We see that the last vector in our set was a linear combination of the first two, so  $S$  is a set of linearly dependent vectors.

- (b) We exclude the last vector from our basis as it is a linear combination of the first two. The remaining vectors aren't orthogonal, so we can't use our projection formula yet until we perform Gram-Schmidt on them:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_1 &= \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \mathbf{w}_2 &= \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{a}_2}{\mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{w}_1} \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2 - \frac{6}{6} \mathbf{w}_1 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We now project onto our new orthogonal basis:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}_1}{\mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{w}_1} \mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}_2}{\mathbf{w}_2^T \mathbf{w}_2} \mathbf{w}_2 = \frac{15}{6} \mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{6}{3} \mathbf{w}_2 \\ &= \frac{5}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

7. (20 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) Find a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces of  $A$

(b) Use the Fredholm alternative to determine if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution when  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We find the REF of  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see that  $A$  has full column rank, so the columns are a basis for the image and the kernel is just the zero vector:

$$\text{img } A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \qquad \ker A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

We can use the transposed non-zero rows of the REF as a basis for the coimage:

$$\text{coimg } A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

For the cokernel, we need to find the kernel of  $A^T$ :

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving the homogeneous equation gives us our basis vector:

$$\text{coker } A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(b) We check to see if  $\mathbf{b}$  is orthogonal to the cokernel's basis vector:

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

So  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does **not** have a solution.