

MATH 2270  
Exam #2 - Fall 2008

Name: Answer Key

1. (8 points) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}; \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) If  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3$ , find  $(\vec{x})_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

$$(\vec{x})_{\mathfrak{B}} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\mathfrak{B}}$$

(b) Observe  $A\vec{v}_1 = 9\vec{v}_1$ . Find  $(A\vec{v}_1)_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

$$(A\vec{v}_1)_{\mathfrak{B}} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\mathfrak{B}}$$

(c) Find  $(A\vec{v}_3)_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\mathfrak{B}}$$

- (d) Find the matrix  $B$  of the linear transformation  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .  
(HINT: Proceed column by column — don't try to take an inverse).

$$(A\vec{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B &= \left( \begin{array}{c} | \\ T(\vec{v}_1)_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ T(\vec{v}_2)_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ T(\vec{v}_3)_{\mathcal{B}} \\ | \end{array} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \end{aligned}$$

2. (8 points) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(M) = AM$$

where  $A$  is a fixed *invertible* matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

(a) Find the image of  $T$ .

If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , then  $AM = B \Leftrightarrow M = A^{-1}B$ . Therefore  $T$  is surjective and  $\text{im}(T) = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

(b) Find the rank of  $T$ .

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}) = 2 \cdot 2 = \boxed{4}.$$

(c) Find the kernel of  $T$ .

$$AM = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow M = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

(d) Find the nullity of  $T$ .

$$= \dim(\ker(T)) = \boxed{0}.$$

3. (6 points) Let  $V$  be the linear space spanned by the functions  $\mathfrak{B} = \{\cos(t), \sin(t)\}$  and let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(f) = f'' + 2f' + 3f.$$

Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\mathfrak{B}$ . (HINT: recall  $\sin(t)' = \cos(t)$  and  $\cos(t)' = -\sin(t)$ ).

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} T(\cos(t))_{\mathfrak{B}} & T(\sin(t))_{\mathfrak{B}} \\ \hline 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\cos(t)) &= \cos''(t) + 2\cos'(t) + 3\cos(t) \\ &= -\cos(t) - 2\sin(t) + 3\cos(t) \\ &= 2\cos(t) - 2\sin(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\sin(t)) &= \sin''(t) + 2\sin'(t) + 3\sin(t) \\ &= -\sin(t) + 2\cos(t) + 3\sin(t) \\ &= 2\sin(t) + 2\cos(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}_{\mathfrak{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\mathfrak{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}$$

4. (8 points) Find the  $QR$  factorization of the matrix

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

Clearly show each step.

$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{\vec{v}_1}{\|\vec{v}_1\|} = \frac{\vec{v}_1}{1} = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{v}_2^\perp = \vec{v}_2 - \underbrace{(\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1)}_{=1} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{u}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_3^\perp &= \vec{v}_3 - \underbrace{(\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_1)}_{=1} \cdot \vec{u}_1 - \underbrace{(\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_2)}_{=1} \cdot \vec{u}_2 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{u}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore M = QR = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. (6 points) Recall the *trace* of a square matrix is the sum of its diagonal entries. For example,

$$\text{trace} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + 4 = 5.$$

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be the inner product space with inner product

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(A^T B).$$

(a) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $\langle A, B \rangle$ .

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{trace} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0 + 0 = \boxed{0}$$

(b) Is  $A$  orthogonal to  $B$  in  $V$ ?

Yes, b/c  $\langle A, B \rangle = 0$ .

(c) Normalize  $A$  (i.e. find an element of unit length in the direction of  $A$  in  $V$ ).

$$\|A\|^2 = \langle A, A \rangle = \text{trace} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{trace} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 4 + 4 = \boxed{8}$$

$$\therefore \|A\| = \sqrt{8} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{A}{\|A\|} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{8}} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{8} & 2/\sqrt{8} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(d) What is the norm of an orthogonal matrix in  $V$ ?

$$\|A\|^2 = \langle A, A \rangle = \text{trace}(A^T A) = \text{trace}(I_2) = 2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\|A\| = \sqrt{2}}.$$

6. (4 points) Multiple choice. Choose the best answer to each of the following questions.

(a) If  $T: \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is a linear transformation, then the kernel of  $T$  must be at least

- i. 1-dimensional.
- ii. 2-dimensional.
- iii. 3-dimensional.
- iv. 4-dimensional.

v. 5-dimensional.

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{im}(T)) &= \dim(\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}) = 9 \\ \therefore \dim(\ker(T)) &= 9 - \dim(\text{im}(T)) \\ &\geq 9 - \dim(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}) \\ &\geq 9 - 4 = \boxed{5} \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $\vec{v}$  is a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the matrix  $\vec{v}\vec{v}^T$  has rank

i. 0.

ii. 1.

iii.  $n$ .

iv.  $n - 1$ .

v. cannot be determined from the given information.

The  $n \times n$  matrix  $\vec{v}\vec{v}^T$  represents projection onto the line spanned by  $\vec{v}$ . Therefore the image of  $\vec{v}\vec{v}^T$  is one-dimensional.