

**Matrix Theory — Exam 2**  
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1. (12pts) Matrix  $A$  is given below.  
 a) Evaluate its determinant by any (efficient) method.  
 b) State if  $A$  is invertible and justify.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{expand} \\ \text{by 1st} \\ \text{column} \end{array} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{expand} \\ \text{by 2nd} \\ \text{row} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3(4 + 12) = 48$$

b) Since  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $A$  is invertible

2. (6pts) If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det A = 3$  and  $\det B = -2$ , find:

$$\det(A^{-1}B) = \frac{\det A^{-1} \det B}{\det A} = \frac{1}{\det A} \det B = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (-2) = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\det(2A) = 2^3 \det A = 8 \cdot 3 = 24$$

$$\det(-A^T B) = (-1)^3 \det A^T \det B = -\det A \det B = -3 \cdot (-2) = 6$$

3. (12pts) The matrix  $A$  is given below.

a) Find the inverse of  $A$ .

b) Use the inverse to easily solve the system below.

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

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 = -2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\cdot(-3)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solution is } A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (14pts) Find the standard matrix of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  and determine whether  $T$  is a) one-to-one, or b) onto.

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ 3x_1 + 9x_2 - 6x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 9 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \cdot (-2) \\ \cdot (-3) \end{array} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 15 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \cdot (-3)$$

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

rank = 2 < no of rows, so  $T$  not onto  
nullity = 1 so  $T$  is not one-to-one

5. (8pts) For a function  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  the following is known:

a)  $T$  is a linear transformation

b)  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3\vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_2$$

$$\text{stand matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T(3\vec{e}_1) - T(\vec{e}_2)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 3T(\vec{e}_1) - \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3T(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



6. (16pts) A matrix  $A$  is given below.

a) Find a basis for the nullspace of  $A$ .

b) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -7 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 + 2R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - 4R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = 7x_3$$

$$x_2 = -2x_3$$

$$x_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is basis for Null } A$$

Pivot columns are basis for  $\text{Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

7. (14pts) The set  $W$  is defined below.

a) Use the definition to show  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

b) Give a set of generating vectors for  $W$ .

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 - x_3 = 0 \right\}$$

Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in W$  Then  $x_1 + 2x_2 = 0, x_2 - x_3 = 0$   
 $y_1 + 2y_2 = 0, y_2 - y_3 = 0$

b)  $x_1 = -2x_2$   
 $x_3 = x_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 \\ x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Check condition on comp. of  $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$ :

$$x_1 + y_1 + 2(x_2 + y_2) = x_1 + 2x_2 + y_1 + 2y_2 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

so  $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in W$

$$x_2 + y_2 - (x_3 + y_3) = x_2 - x_3 + y_2 - y_3 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$cx_1 + 2cx_2 = c(x_1 + 2x_2) = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

so  $c\vec{x} \in W$

$$cx_2 - cx_3 = c(x_2 - x_3) = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

8. (18pts) Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answer by giving a logical argument or a counterexample.

a) If  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  is linearly independent and  $T$  is a nonzero linear transformation, then  $\{T(u_1), T(u_2)\}$  is linearly independent.


b) For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ , if  $\det A = 0$ , then the columns of  $A$  are parallel.

c) The set  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \geq 1 \right\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

a) False: Take  $\underbrace{\vec{u}_1 = \vec{e}_1, \vec{u}_2 = \vec{e}_2}_{\text{lin. indep.}} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \{A\vec{e}_1, A\vec{e}_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
not lin. indep.

b) True. If  $\det A = 0$ ,  $A$  is not invertible so columns are linearly dependent. In the case of two vectors, this means they are parallel.

c) False



$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$  but  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \notin V$   
since  $(\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2 < 1$   
 $x^2 + y^2 \geq 1$

not a line nor plane, not a subspace

Bonus. (10pts) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . If  $B$  is the matrix with columns  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, a_1$  (in that order), how are  $\det A$  and  $\det B$  related?

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_{n-1} & \vec{a}_n \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 & \dots & \vec{a}_{n-1} & \vec{a}_n \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 & \dots & \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_4 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \dots = (-1)^{n-1} \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 & \dots & \vec{a}_n & \vec{a}_1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{n-1} \det B$$

$\vec{a}_1$  swapped places with  $\vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ ,  $n-1$  swaps