

Math 224

Practice Exam 3.

Solutions.

**Problem 1** (a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 3}$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} - & v_1 & - \\ - & v_2 & - \\ - & v_3 & - \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times n}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \cdot v_1 & v_1 \cdot v_2 & v_1 \cdot v_3 \\ v_2 \cdot v_1 & v_2 \cdot v_2 & v_2 \cdot v_3 \\ v_3 \cdot v_1 & v_3 \cdot v_2 & v_3 \cdot v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \|v_1\|^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \|v_2\|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \|v_3\|^2 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

$$\text{Thus } A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} = 16I_3.$$

(b) Using the same reasoning as in part (a),

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 2**  $W = \text{sp}([1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8])$ .

(a) To find a basis for  $W^\perp$ , we find a basis for the nullspace of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{array}{cccc|c} & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & 0 \end{array}$$

let  $x_3 = r, x_4 = s$ .

$$x_1 = r + 2s$$

$$x_2 = -2r - 3s$$

$$\vec{x} = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow W^\perp = \text{nullspace}(A)$$

$$= \text{sp}([1, -2, 1, 0], [2, -3, 0, 1]).$$

(b). To write  $\vec{b} = [3, -2, 1, 5]$  in the form  $\vec{b} = \vec{b}_w + \vec{b}_{w^\perp}$ ,

we need to find  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + r_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we form the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

and row-reduce:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} & & & 41/40 \\ & I_4 & & -1/8 \\ & & & -6/5 \\ & & & 19/10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_w = \frac{41}{40} [1, 2, 3, 4] - \frac{1}{8} [5, 6, 7, 8]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2}{5}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{11}{5}, \frac{31}{10} \right]$$

$$\vec{b}_{w^\perp} = -\frac{6}{5} [1, -2, 1, 0] + \frac{19}{10} [2, -3, 0, 1]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{13}{5}, -\frac{33}{10}, -\frac{6}{5}, \frac{19}{10} \right]$$

(c) let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7/10 & 2/5 & 1/10 & -1/5 \\ 2/5 & 3/10 & 1/5 & 1/10 \\ 1/10 & 1/5 & 3/10 & 2/5 \\ -1/5 & 1/10 & 2/5 & 7/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) \vec{b}_w = P \vec{b}$$

$$= [2/5, 13/10, 11/5, 31/10] \checkmark$$

Problem 3 (a)  $[2, 3, 1] \cdot [-1, 1, -1] = -2 + 3 - 1$   
 $= 0,$

so the set  $\{ [2, 3, 1], [-1, 1, -1] \}$  is orthogonal.

(b)  $\vec{b} = [2, 1, 4]$   $W = \text{sp}([2, 3, 1], [-1, 1, -1])$

since  $\vec{a}_1 = [2, 3, 1]$  and  $\vec{a}_2 = [-1, 1, -1]$  are orthogonal,

the projection of  $\vec{b}$  on  $\text{sp}(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2)$  is:

$$\vec{b}_W = \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}_1}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_1} \vec{a}_1 + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}_2}{\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2} \vec{a}_2$$

$$= \frac{11}{14} [2, 3, 1] + -\frac{5}{3} [-1, 1, -1]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{68}{21}, \frac{29}{42}, \frac{103}{42} \right].$$

**Problem 4** First, find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the vector  $[1, 1, 1]$ . Once we do that, we can use the Gram-Schmidt process. We know that  $\{[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Thus  $\{[1, 1, 1], [1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (it's not a basis since the vectors aren't independent). Form the matrix

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

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 no pivot

Thus the set  $\{[1, 1, 1], [1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0]\}$  is a basis

for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Finally, use the Gram-Schmidt command in

Maple to obtain an orthogonal basis:  $\{[1, 1, 1], [2/3, -1/3, -1/3], [0, 1/2, -1/2]\}$

Problem 5 Suppose that  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix.

Then (as we have seen in class and in a homework problem), for any vectors  $x$  and  $y$  (of the right size so that the multiplication makes sense),

$$A\vec{x} \cdot A\vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} \cdot A\vec{x} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$\|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2$$

$$\|A\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|.$$

Problem 6. Suppose that  $P$  is a projection matrix and that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $P$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\Rightarrow P\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

$$P^2\vec{v} = \lambda^2\vec{v}$$

Since  $P^2 = P$  for any projection matrix,

$$P\vec{v} = P^2\vec{v}, \text{ so } \lambda\vec{v} = \lambda^2\vec{v}.$$



Thus we conclude that

$$\lambda^2 = \lambda,$$

so the only possible eigenvalues of  $P$  are

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ and } \lambda = 1.$$

As review for the exam, you should think geometrically about why this is true. In particular, suppose that  $P$  is the projection matrix for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Prove the following:

(i) If  $\vec{v}$  is in  $W$ , then  $P\vec{v} = \vec{v}$ , so  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $P$  with eigenvalue 1.

(ii) If  $\vec{v}$  is in  $W^\perp$ , then  $P\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , so  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $P$  with eigenvalue 0.

(iii) If  $\vec{v}$  is not in  $W$  or  $W^\perp$ , then  $\vec{v}$  cannot be an eigenvector of  $P$ .

Thus the only possible eigenvalues of  $P$  are  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$ , corresponding to cases (i) and (ii) above.

Problem 7 The rank of  $P$  is equal (by definition) to the dimension of the column space of  $P$ .

The column space of  $P$  is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $P$ .

For every vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$P\vec{v} \text{ is in } W.$$

Since  $\dim(W) = 3$ , the column space of  $P$  has dimension 3. Thus:

$$\text{rank}(P) = 3.$$

Alternatively, think of  $P$  as corresponding to a linear transformation and use the rank equation for linear transformations.

**Problem 8** Suppose that  $P$  is a projection matrix for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for any vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $P\vec{v} = \vec{v}_W$ , the projection of  $\vec{v}$  on the subspace  $W$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } P^2\vec{v} &= P(P\vec{v}) \\ &= P\vec{v}_W \\ &= \vec{v}_W,\end{aligned}$$

since  $\vec{v}_W$  is already in  $W$ , i.e. the projection of  $\vec{v}_W$  on  $W$  is just  $\vec{v}_W$ . Thus, for every vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$P^2\vec{v} = P\vec{v}$$
$$(P^2 - P)\vec{v} = \vec{0}.$$

since this is true for every vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$P^2 - P = \mathbf{0}, \text{ so } P^2 = P.$$

Problem 9. If  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_k \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}_{n \times k} \text{ is an orthogonal matrix,}$$

$$\text{i.e. } A^T A = I.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P &= A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \\ &= A \cdot I \cdot A^T \\ &= A A^T \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A^T A = I$  does not imply  $A^T = A^{-1}$  in this case since  $A$  might not be a square matrix (and thus might not be invertible).

Problem 10  $\vec{v} = x + x^4$  in  $P_4$ .

$$B = (1, 2x-1, x^3+x^4, 2x^3, x^2+2)$$

consider the standard basis

$$B' = (x^4, x^3, x^2, x, 1)$$

$$\vec{v}_{B'} = [1, 0, 0, 1, 0]$$

$$(1)_{B'} = [0, 0, 0, 0, 1]$$

$$(2x^3)_{B'} = [0, 2, 0, 0, 0]$$

$$(2x-1)_{B'} = [0, 0, 0, 2, 1]$$

$$(x^2+2)_{B'} = [0, 0, 1, 0, 2]$$

$$(x^3+x^4)_{B'} = [1, 1, 0, 0, 0]$$

so we need to solve the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + r_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r_5 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we form the corresponding augmented matrix and row-reduce.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc|c} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 & r_4 & r_5 & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \quad I_5 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = -1/2 \quad r_3 = 1 \quad r_5 = 0$$

$$r_2 = 1/2 \quad r_4 = -1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{V}_B = [-1/2, 1/2, 1, -1/2, 0].$$

Problem 11 Note: You won't need to know how to do this problem for Exam 3 (since we won't cover all of the details until class on Tuesday, 12/14), but you will need to be able to do it on the Final Exam.

First, note that  $\dim(\mathbb{P}_3) = 4$ , and  $B'$  contains 4 vectors, so we just need to determine if the vectors are independent. To do this, we coordinatize the vectors relative to the standard basis

$B = (x^3, x^2, x, 1)$  and determine whether the resulting vectors in  $\mathbb{F}^4$  are independent.

$$(x+1)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1 \Rightarrow ((x+1)^3)_B = [1, 3, 3, 1]$$

$$(x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1 \Rightarrow ((x+1)^2)_B = [0, 1, 2, 1]$$

$$(x+1)_B = [0, 0, 1, 0]$$

$$(1)_B = [0, 0, 0, 1].$$

To determine if these 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{F}^4$  are independent, we form the matrix  $A$  whose columns are the vectors.

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

since  $\text{ref}(A) = I_4$ , the vectors are independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

Thus  $B'$  is a basis for  $P_3$ .



## Problem 12

(a). True: every vector space must contain a zero vector.

(b). False. The set  $\{\vec{0}\}$  is a vector space.

(c). True. This number is equal to  $\dim(V)$ .

(d). False. (see below)

(e) True. The projection of  $\vec{b}$  on  $\text{sp}(\vec{a})$  is:

$$\frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}} \cdot \vec{a}.$$

(f). False. The zero vector is in  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ .

(g). True. If  $A^T A = B^T B = I$ , then  $(AB)^T AB =$

$$B^T A^T AB = B^T I B = B^T B = I.$$

(h) True. We have seen in a homework problem that every projection matrix  $P$  satisfies  $P^T = P$ .