MATH. 20F SAMPLE FINAL (WINTER 2010)

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(1) (25 points) Find bases for the row space, column space and nullspace of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 9 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 5 & -6 & 10 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Performing ERO's lead to the echelon form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 9 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So a basis for the row space is:

$$(1, -4, 9, 7)^T \quad \text{and} \quad (0, 2, -5, 6)^T$$

and a basis for the column space is

$$(1, -1, 5)^T \quad \text{and} \quad (-4, 2, -6).$$

On the other hand, a general element of the nullspace has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4\alpha - 5\beta \\ 5\alpha - 6\beta \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -6 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So a basis for the nullspace consists of the two vectors on the RHS.

(2) (20 points) Give the definitions of the following terms:

(i) a linearly independent set of vectors;

A set of vectors $\{v_1, ..., v + n\}$ is linearly independent if the following condition holds: if a linear combination $c_1v_1 + ...c_nv_n$ is equal to 0, then $c + 1 = ... = c + n = 0$.

(ii) the nullspace of a matrix A.

The nullspace of an $m \times n$ matrix A is the set of all vectors x in $\mathbb{R}^n$ which satisfy $Ax = 0$.

(iii) a basis of a vector space

A basis of a vector space is a linearly independent set of vectors which span the vector space.

(iv) the dimension of a vector space

The dimension of a vector space V is the number of elements in any basis of V.

(v) the orthogonal complement of a subspace W of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

This is the set of all vectors v in $\mathbb{R}^n$ such that $v^T w = 0$ for all w in W.

(3i) (20 points) Find the eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors of the following matrix

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

The characteristic polynomial of A is equal to

$$-(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3),$$

so that the eigenvalues are

$$\lambda = 1,\ 2,\ 3.$$

The 1-eigenspace is the nullspace of $A - I$. A short calculation shows that the 1-eigenspace is spanned by the vector $(1, 1, 1)^T$.

Similarly, the 2-eigenspace is spanned by $(2, 3, 3)^T$ and the 3-eigenspace is spanned by $(1, 3, 4)^T$.

(ii) (10 points) Find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $P^{-1}AP = D$.

We take P to be the matrix whose columns are the 3 eigenvectors we found in (i):

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and D to be the diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the corresponding eigenvalues:

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(iii)(5 points) Compute A^{10}. You may express your answer as the product of not more than 3 matrices.

We have

$$A^{10} = (PDP^{-1})^{10} = PD^{10}P^{-1}.$$

Moreover, we have

$$D^{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 2^{10} & \\ & & 3^{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(4i) (20 points) LEt W be the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^4$ spanned by the vectors

$$w_1 = (1, -4, 0, 1)^T \quad \text{and} \quad w_2 = (7, -7, -4, 1)^T.$$

By performing the Gram-Schmidt process to these vectors, find an orthogonal basis for W.

Note that $||w_1|| = \sqrt{18}$. Hence set

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \cdot w_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \cdot (1, -4, 0, 1).$$

Compute the projection of w_2 to the subspace spanned by w_1:

$$proj_{w_1}(w_2) = \left(\frac{w_1 \cdot w_2}{w_1 \cdot w_1} \right) w_1| = 2w_1.$$

So the vector

$$w_2 - 2w_1 = (5, 1, -4, -1)$$

is orthogonal to $w_1$and lies in W. Moreover, it has length $\sqrt{43}$. Hence set

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{43}} \cdot (5, 1, -4, -1).$$

Then $\{u_1, u_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W.

(ii) (10 points) Find the distance of y to W, where

$$y = (1, 0, 0, 1)^T$$

The projection of y to W is given by

$$proj_W(y) = (y \cdot u_1)u_1 + (y \cdot u_2)u_2$$

A short calculation gives:

$$proj_W(y) = ...$$

Mmmm......this is getting messy.......it's probably not worth it to spend more time on it..........surely I will still get an A if I give up on this part, given my near perfect answers to the other questions? In any case, the distance of y to W is given by the length of the vector $y - proj_W(y)$.

(iii) (10 points) Find a basis for $W^\perp$.

Let A be the matrix whose rows are the two vectors w_1 and w_2, i.e.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 7 & -7 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $W^\perp$ is the nullspace of A. Performing ERO's, see that $W^\perp$ is spanned by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover, it is easy to see that these are linearly independent, so that they form a basis of $W^\perp$.

(5i) (5 points) Let V be the vector space of polynomials of degree ≤ 2. Show that

$$\mathcal{B} = \{t^2 + 1, t - 2, 1\}$$

is a basis of V

Since $\dim V = 3$, it suffices to show that the vectors in $\mathcal{B}$ are linearly independent. But suppose that

$$a(t^2 + 1) + b(t - 2) + c \cdot 1 = 0.$$

Then

$$at^2 + bt + (a - 2b + c) = 0$$

so that

$$a = b = 0 = a - 2b + c.$$

This implies $c = 0$ also. Hence the 3 vectors are linearly independent.

(ii) (10 points) Find the coordinate vector of $q(t) = 3t^2 - 1$ with respect to the basis $\mathcal{B}$.

Need to find a, b and c such that

$$3t^2 - 1 = a(t^2 + 1) + b(t - 2) + c \cdot 1 = at^2 + bt + (a - 2b + c).$$

Hence, need

$$a = 3, \quad b = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a - 2b + c = -1.$$

Hence $c = -4$. So the coordinate vector in question is

$$(3, 0, -4)^T.$$

(iii) (5 points) If $T : V \longrightarrow V$ is the function defined by

$$T(p) = p''(t) - tp'(t) + p(0).$$

Show that T is linear.

We need to check:

$$T(p+q) = (p+q)''(t) - t(p+q)'(t) + (p+q)(0) = p''(t) + q''(t) - tp'(t) - tq'(t) + p(0) + q(0) = T(p) + T(q)$$

and

$$T(\lambda p) = (\lambda p)''(t) - t(\lambda p)'(t) + (\lambda p)(0) = \lambda \cdot T(p).$$

(iv) (10 points) Find the matrix representing T with respect to the basis $\mathcal{B}$.

We have:

$$T(t^2+1) = -2t^2+3 = -2(t^2+1) + 0\cdot(t-2) + 1$$
$$T(t-2) = -t-2 = 0\cdot(t^2+1) - (t-2) - 4.$$
$$T(1) = 1.$$

So the matrix in question is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(6) (30 points) Determine if the following statements are true or false and give justifications for your answers.

(a) If A is a 4×5 matrix, then there is a vector b such that $Ax = b$ has unique solution.

False. The equation $Ax = b$ consists of 4 equations in 5 unknowns. So there can be at most 4 basic variables, so that there will be at least one free variable. Henc e$Ax = b$ is either inconsistent or has infinitely many solutions.

(b) If A is a 7×5 matrix, then its row space may have dimension 7.

False. Since row rank is equal to column rank, and A has 5 columns, the rank of A is at most 5.

(c) If A is a 6×5 matrix whose row space has dimension 4, then its nullspace has dimension 2.

False. The rank-nullity theorem implies that the sum of the row rank of A and the nullity of A is 5. So the nullity of A is equal to 1.

(d) If A is a 3×5 matrix, then its nullspace must have dimension at least 2.

True. The rank of A is at most 3. Hence, the rank-nullity theorem says that the sum of the row rank of A and the nullity of A is 5. Hence the nullity of A is at least 2.

(e) If AB is invertible, so are A and B. Here, A and B are $n \times n$ matrices.

True. There is a matrix C such that $ABC = I = CAB$. Thus, $A(BC) = I$ showing that A is invertible, and $(CA)B = I$ showing that B is invertible.

Alternatively, AB invertible implies that $\det(AB) \neq 0$. Since $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$, we see that both $\det(A)$ and $\det(B)$ are nonzero, showing that both A and B are invertible.

(f) If A is an orthogonal matrix, then $\det A = 1$ or -1.

True. A orthogonal implies that $A^T A = I$. So

$$1 = \det(A^T A) = \det(A^T) \cdot \det(A) = \det(A)^2.$$

So $\det(A) = \pm 1$.