

# SOLUTIONS

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Please show your work. No credit is given for solutions without work or justification.

1. [8 points] Compute the determinants of the matrices in (a) and (b) (in each case there is a way that is quite quick).

3 pts. (a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -7 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

use this row: sign -1

$$\det = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -7 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(3 - 8) = 2(-5) = -10.$$

could also row reduce, but has lots of swaps

2 pts. (b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use row reduction:

$$\det = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

upper-triangular  
⇒ product of diag. entries.

$$= -6$$

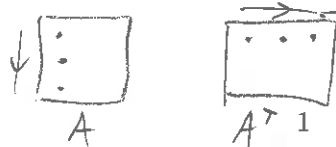
- 2 pts. (c) Explain why if  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix,  $\det A = \det A^T$ .

First note the  $2 \times 2$  case:  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$   
so not changed by transpose.

for  $3 \times 3$ ,

Use cofactor expansion:

Going down 1<sup>st</sup> col. of  $A$  is same as going along 1<sup>st</sup> row of  $A^T$ .



Also, det doesn't depend on only diag. entries of  $A$ !

In each case the  $2 \times 2$  cofactor blocks are transposed, so the same.

[Saying  $A$  &  $A^T$  reduce to same EF isn't true if  $\det = 0$ , & doesn't show values on pivots are equal; they are not!

2. [9 points] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

2pts. (a) Find (and simplify) the characteristic polynomial for  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (1-\lambda) \left[ \underbrace{(1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 1}_{\lambda^2 - 2\lambda} \right] - 1(\lambda - \lambda - 1) + 1(\lambda - \lambda + \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda((1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 2) = +\lambda(\lambda(3-\lambda)) = \lambda^2(3-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

5pts. (b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$  with their multiplicities. For each, give a basis for its eigenspace.

Eigenvalues are Roots of (a), are 0 (twice)  $\leftarrow$  multiplicity 2, 3  $\leftarrow$  multiplicity 1.

$\lambda = 0$ : find Nul  $A$ :

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so } \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 &= x_2 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \text{basis for eigenspace is } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

free:  $x_2, x_3$

$\lambda = 3$ : find Nul  $(A - 3I)$ :

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

$\leftarrow x_3$  free

so  $\begin{aligned} x_1 &= +x_3 \\ x_2 &= x_3 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ eigenvector.}$

2pts. (c) Evaluate  $A^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A^4 \vec{x} = \lambda^4 \vec{x} = 3^4 \vec{x} = 81 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 81 \\ 81 \\ 81 \end{bmatrix}$

3. [9 points] Define the set of vectors  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a+b+2c \\ -b-c \\ 2a+b+3c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \text{ real} \right\}$ .

2pts (a) Explain why  $H$  is a vector space (you may use results from class).

$$H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and any}$$

Span is a subspace, hence a vector space.

3pt (b) Find a basis for  $H$ .

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

$$\text{Basis} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

1pt (c) Is  $H = \mathbb{R}^3$ ? No, since the 3 vectors do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

2pts (d) Each vector in  $H$  is a linear combination of the linearly independent standard basis vectors  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$ . Are these vectors a basis for  $H$ , and why?

No. [Similar to the homework question in HW5, and 4.3.25] #2a.

$\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$  are not even in  $H$ . Their span is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which contains  $H$  but is not equal to  $H$ .

$\hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  etc.

1pt (e) For what  $p$  is  $H$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ? (no explanation needed here)

$$p=2, \text{ since } \dim H = 2$$

4. [8 points]

3pts (a) Is the set  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2a+1 \\ a+1 \end{bmatrix} : a \text{ real} \right\}$  a vector space? Prove your answer.

setting  $\begin{bmatrix} 2a+1 \\ a+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  gives  $a = -1/2$  &  $a = -1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  impossible

The  $\vec{0}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  not in  $V$ .  $\Rightarrow$  not a vector space.

$m \times n$ , say.  $\rightarrow$  set of  $\vec{x}$  s.t.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

3pts (b) Let  $A$  be any matrix. Then is the set  $\text{Nul } A$  a vector space? Prove your answer.

3 tests:  
 (since it's  
 a subset  
 of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

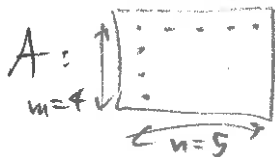
a)  $\vec{0}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$  since  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  always has trivial solution.

b) let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  be in  $\text{Nul } A$ , then is  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ ?  
 Well,  $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  &  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , adding gives  $A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$   
 by linearity  $\Rightarrow A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ , so  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

c) Let  $\vec{u}$  be in  $\text{Nul } A$ , so  $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ , and  $c$  be any scalar.

Mult. by  $c$  to get  $c(A\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$ , i.e.  $A(c\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$  so  $c\vec{u}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

2pts. (c) If all solutions to a homogeneous  $4 \times 5$  linear system are multiples of one nontrivial vector, then must the linear system be consistent whatever constants are chosen for the right-hand side? Explain.  $\Rightarrow$  Yes.



$\dim \text{Nul } A = 1$  since "multiples of one nontrivial vec."

By the Rank Theorem,  $\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$   
 $\uparrow 4 \quad \quad \quad \uparrow 1 \quad \quad \quad \uparrow 5$

So there's a pivot in every row,

so, consistent for every right-hand side, yes.

+1  $\rightarrow$  BONUS: Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix with  $\text{Nul } A = \mathbb{R}^n$ . What can you prove about  $A$ ?

$A$  has all entries zero, i.e. the zero matrix. Proof:

$\text{rank } A = n - \dim \text{Nul } A = n - n = 0$ , so no pivots.

5. [8 points]

3pts (a) Give the definition of a set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  being a *basis* for a vector space  $V$ .

i) The set  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  are linearly independent.

ii)  $V$  is precisely equal to  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ .

3pts (b) Show that  $\mathcal{B} = \{t^2 + 1, t - 2, t + 3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

By isomorphism of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  via the coord map using standard basis  $\{1, t, t^2\}$ , use coords:

Are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? reduce the matrix from stacking as columns:

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ EF, full rank } \Rightarrow \text{ cols. are a basis for } \mathbb{R}^3. \quad (3 \text{ pivots}) \quad \square$$

3pts (c) Let  $v = 8t^2 - 4t + 6$ . Find its coordinate vector  $[v]_{\mathcal{B}}$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$  in part (b).  
RHS is coords of  $\vec{v}$  in std. basis.

Solve  $3 \times 3$  lin sys:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 8 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 5 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

answer is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , not a poly!

6. [8 points] In this question only, no working is needed; just circle T or F.

(a) T /  F: Row reduction of a square matrix preserves its eigenvalues.

*NO! crosses them up.*

(b) T /  F: If the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  span a vector space  $V$ , then  $\dim V = p$ .

*would also require L.I.*

(c)  T / F: If  $A$  and  $B$  are row-equivalent, then  $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } B$ .

*since by Rank Thm, rank  $A = \dim \text{Row } A$   
& Row space preserved.*

(d) T /  F: If  $A$  is an  $n \times (n-1)$  matrix and  $\text{rank } A = n-2$ , then  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$ .

*Rank-Nulity Theorem.  $n-1 = \text{rank } A + \dim(\text{Nul } A)$*

*So  $\dim(\text{Nul } A) = n-1 - (n-2) = 1$*

(e)  T / F: For sufficiently small positive  $\epsilon$  the computer will report the rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$  as one.

*yes, eg  $\epsilon < 10^{-16}$   
in usual computers.*

(f) T /  F:  $\mathbb{R}^6$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .

(g)  T / F: The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  has no real eigenvalues.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -7-\lambda & -5 \\ 10 & 5-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (-7-\lambda)(5-\lambda) + 50 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 15 \quad \lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-60}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-56}}{2}$$

(h)  T / F: The subset of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^1 f(t) dt = 0$  is a subspace of the set of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ .

①  $\int_0^1 0 dt = 0$

②  $\int_0^1 f_1(t) + f_2(t) dt = \int_0^1 f_1(t) dt + \int_0^1 f_2(t) dt = 0$

③  $\int_0^1 c f(t) dt = c \int_0^1 f(t) dt = 0$