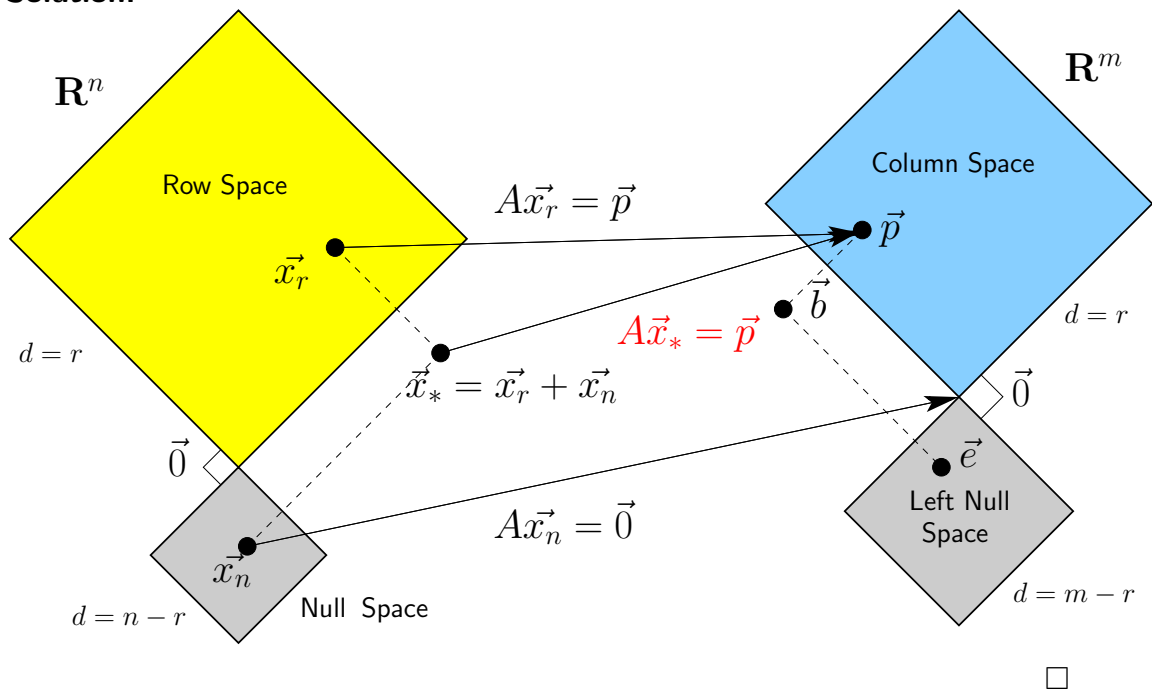




**Solutions to 122 Matrixology (Linear Algebra)—Practice exam #4**  
**University of Vermont, Fall Semester**

1. Draw the 'big picture' of how  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  works when  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Indicate on your diagram the following:
- Which space is  $R^m$  and which is  $R^n$ .
  - Row space, column space, nullspace, and left nullspace.
  - The dimensions of the above subspaces in terms of  $r$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$ .
  - How  $\mathbf{A}$  maps vectors.
  - Where the vectors  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_r + \vec{x}_n$  and  $\vec{b} = \vec{p} + \vec{e}$  live.
  - The appropriate orthogonality of subspaces.

**Solution:**



2. For the four general cases of  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  below:

- give an example reduced row echelon form matrix  $\mathbf{R}_A$ ;

- (b) sketch the appropriate cartoon abstract 'big pictures';  
 (c) indicate the number of possible solutions (0, 1, or  $\infty$ );  
 (d) and note whether or not nullspace and left nullspace are equal to  $\{\vec{0}\}$  (Y/N).

**Solution:**

case	example $\mathbf{R}_A$	big picture	# solutions	$N(\mathbf{A}) = \{\vec{0}\}$ ?	$N(\mathbf{A}^T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ ?
$m = r$ $n = r$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		1 always	Y	Y
$m = r,$ $n > r$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \text{⚽}_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \text{⚽}_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		$\infty$ always	N	Y
$m > r,$ $n = r$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		0 or 1	Y	N
$m > r,$ $n > r$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \text{☹} & \text{✂} \\ 0 & 1 & \text{⚡} & \text{☢} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		0 or $\infty$	N	N

□

3. Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and its transpose  $\mathbf{A}^T$  have the following reduced row echelon forms, respectively,

$$\mathbf{R}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{R}_{A^T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

answer the following questions.

- (a) **Solution:**  $m = 3,$   $n = 5,$   $r = 3,$

$$\dim C(\mathbf{A}^T) = 3, \dim C(\mathbf{A}) = 3,$$

$$\dim N(\mathbf{A}) = 2, \dim N(\mathbf{A}^T) = 0.$$

□

(b) Find bases for  $\mathbf{A}$ 's row space and column space.

**Solution:** We read these off the non-zero rows of  $\mathbf{R}_\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{A}^T}$ :

A basis for row space is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and for column space:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

□

(c) Find a basis for  $\mathbf{A}$ 's nullspace

**Solution:** The free variables are  $x_2$  and  $x_5$  and the pivot variables are  $x_1, x_3$  and  $x_4$ . We express the pivot variables in terms of the free variables:  $x_1 = -2x_2 + x_5$ ,  $x_3 = -3x_5$ ,  $x_4 = 0$ . We therefore have

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 + x_5 \\ x_2 \\ -3x_5 \\ 0 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $x_2$  and  $x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$ . One possible basis for nullspace is therefore

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

□

4. LU decomposition:

Find  $\mathbf{U}$  for the following matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 \\ -4 & 11 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write down each row operation, the multipliers  $l_{21}$ ,  $l_{31}$ , and  $l_{32}$ , and the corresponding elimination matrices  $\mathbf{E}_{21}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_{31}$ , and  $\mathbf{E}_{32}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 \\ -4 & 11 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow[\substack{\text{R2}' \\ = \text{R2} - \\ 2 \text{ R1}}]{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -4 & 11 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{R3}' \\ = \text{R3} - \\ (-2) \text{ R1}}]{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow[\substack{\text{R3}' \\ = \text{R3} - \\ 3 \text{ R1}}]{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So we have:  $l_{21} = 2$ ,  $l_{31} = -2$ , and  $l_{32} = 3$ ;

$$\mathbf{E}_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E}_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E}_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

and

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

5. This question carries on with the the preceding question's  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(a) What are the pivots of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

**Solution:** From  $\mathbf{U}$ :  $d_1 = 2$ ,  $d_2 = 3$ , and  $d_3 = 4$ .

□

(b) Write down a general formula for  $|\mathbf{A}|$  in terms of its pivots (remembering that in general, row swaps may be needed to reduce  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{U}$ ), and compute the determinant of the  $\mathbf{A}$  we have here.

**Solution:**

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \pm \prod_{i=1}^n d_i$$

where  $\pm$  depends on the number of row swaps (+ if even, - if odd).

$$|\mathbf{A}| = (2) \cdot (3) \cdot (4) = 24. \quad \square$$

(c) Write down the inverses of the elimination matrices and compute

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{E}_{21}^{-1} \mathbf{E}_{31}^{-1} \mathbf{E}_{32}^{-1}.$$

**Solution:** We flip the sign of the  $-l_{ij}$ 's to find the inverses of the  $\mathbf{E}$ 's:

$$\mathbf{E}_{21}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{E}_{31}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E}_{32}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  is lower triangular and built out of the multipliers we found in the previous question. We know that the inverses of the  $\mathbf{E}$ 's combine in a simple way:

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\square$

6. Least squares approximation:

(a) Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

solve the normal equation  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \vec{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T \vec{b}$ .

**Solution:** First build the normal equation:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Convert the right hand side:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is invertible, we can compute the solution as

$$\vec{x}^* = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \vec{b} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(b) Find  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{e}$ , the components of  $\vec{b}$  that live in column space and left nullspace respectively.

**Solution:** The simplest way to find  $\vec{p}$  is to use the fact that  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x}^* = \vec{p}$ . So

$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{A}\vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The error vector  $\vec{e}$  is given by  $\vec{b} - \vec{p}$ :

$$\vec{e} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A quick check shows that  $\vec{e}$  is orthogonal to the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  and to  $\vec{p}$  (gasp).

□

#### 7. The Gram-Schmidt process:

Consider the subspace  $\mathbf{S}$  of  $R^3$  that is spanned by the following two linearly independent vectors:

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find an orthonormal basis vectors ( $\hat{q}_1$  and  $\hat{q}_2$ ) for  $\mathbf{S}$  using the (exciting) Gram-Schmidt process.

**Solution:**

$$\vec{q}_1 = \vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\vec{q}_2 = \vec{a}_2 - \frac{\vec{q}_1^T \vec{a}_2}{\vec{q}_1^T \vec{q}_1} \vec{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We normalize to find

$$\hat{q}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

(b) Consequently, for the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  find the factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$  (i.e., find  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{-4}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

□

8. (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix:

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

**Solution:** For the eigenvalues, we solve  $|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$  for  $\lambda$ :

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = (3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda).$$

Let's assign these eigenvalues as  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ . Eigenvectors:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(b) Write down  $\mathbf{A}$ 's diagonalized counterpart  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  and the transformation matrices  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(c) Hence determine  $\mathbf{A}^n$  where  $n$  is arbitrary.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}^n &= \mathbf{S}\mathbf{\Lambda}^n\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3^n & 0 \\ 3(3^n - 1) & 2 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

□

9. Computing determinants: Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

(a) Write down the minor matrices  $\mathbf{M}_{12}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_{22}$ , and  $\mathbf{M}_{32}$ , compute the cofactors  $C_{12}$ ,  $C_{22}$ , and  $C_{32}$ , and hence find  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{M}_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{M}_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{M}_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}|\mathbf{M}_{ij}|$ , we have  $C_{12} = -8$ ,  $C_{22} = 12$ , and  $C_{32} = -8$ .

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i2}C_{i2} = (2) \cdot (-8) + (4) \cdot (12) + (2)(-8) = 16.$$

□

(b) Also find  $|\mathbf{A}|$  by reducing  $\mathbf{A}$  to an upper triangular matrix with 1's on the leading diagonal.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathbf{A}| &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{=}{\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{R2}' = \\ \text{R2} - 1 \text{ R1} \end{array} \right)} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{=}{\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{R3}' = \\ \text{R3} - \frac{1}{2} \text{ R1} \end{array} \right)} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\stackrel{=}{\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{R3}' = \\ \text{R3} - \frac{1}{2} \text{ R1} \end{array} \right)} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (4)(2)(2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 16.\end{aligned}$$

□



10. Positive Definite Matrices

Let  $f(x, x_2, x_3) = 2x^2 + x_2^2 + 6x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 4x_1x_3 + 4x_2x_3$ .

(a) Rewrite  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  as  $[x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix.

**Solution:**

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

□

(b) Determine the signs of eigenvalues by finding the pivots.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ reduces to } \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -14 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The pivots are thus  $2, \frac{1}{2}, -14$  and we must have two positive eigenvalues and one negative eigenvalue. □

(c) Write down the definition of positive definiteness. Is this matrix positive definite?

**Solution:** A positive definite matrix is one that has all eigenvalues  $> 0$ .

Therefore, our  $\mathbf{A}$  is not positive definite. □

11. Singular Value Decomposition

(a) Consider the matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 12 \\ 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine the singular value decomposition of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e., find the three matrices  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}^T$  such that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ .

(Reminder:  $\mathbf{A}\hat{v}_i = \sigma_i\hat{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}\hat{v}_i = \sigma_i^2\hat{v}_i$ .)

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 145 & 60 \\ 60 & 180 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 29 & 12 \\ 12 & 36 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sneaky trick #37: Find eigenvalues for the matrix  $5\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 29 & 12 \\ 12 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$  and

then divide them by 5 to find the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$ .

$0 = |5\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = (29 - \lambda)(36 - \lambda) - 12^2 = \lambda^2 - 65\lambda + 1044 - 144 = \lambda^2 - 65\lambda + 900 = (\lambda - 45)(\lambda - 20)$ . One can see the factorization just by making some reasonable guess, or by using the quadratic formula. The eigenvalues for  $5\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  are therefore 45 and 20 and for  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  we then have  $\lambda_1 = 45/5 = 9$  and  $\lambda_2 = 20/5 = 4$ .

Therefore,  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{9} = 3$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{4} = 2$ .

Next task: we find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  to obtain the  $v$  vectors. (We must be careful with the factor of 5.)

$\lambda_1 = 9$ : we have the nullspace problem

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} &= (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A} - 9\mathbf{I})\vec{v}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 29 & 12 \\ 12 & 36 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right) \vec{v}_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 12 \\ 12 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1. \end{aligned}$$

We can see that  $\hat{v}_1 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  where we have correctly normalized the vector.

And since  $\hat{v}_1 \perp \hat{v}_2$ , we can also simply see that  $\hat{v}_2 = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The above then gives us

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^T = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Last, the connection  $\mathbf{A}\hat{v}_i = \sigma_i\hat{u}_i$  gives

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

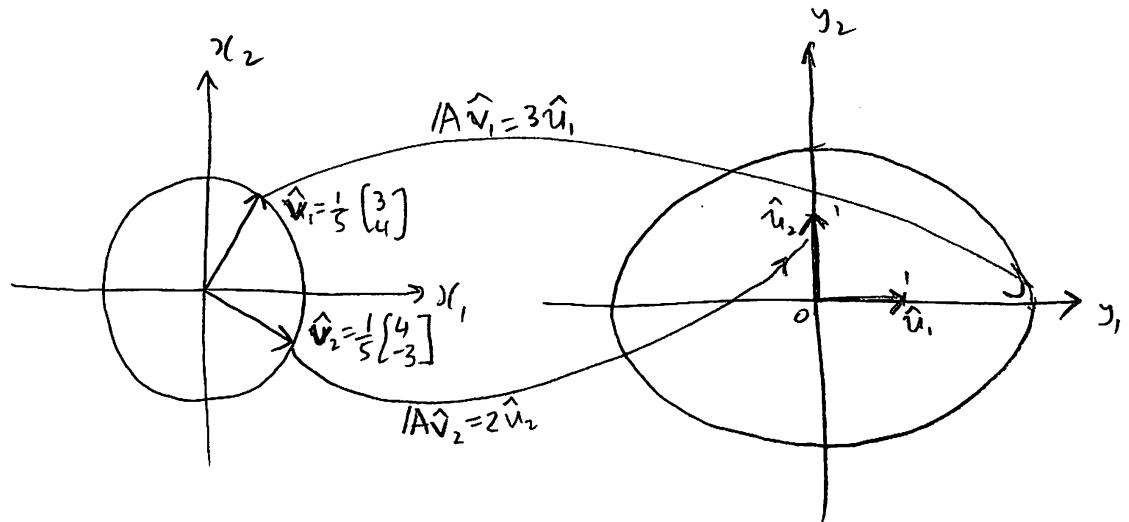
Multiplying everything together indeed gives  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$ .

□

- (b) The Big Picture: Illustrate how  $\mathbf{A}$  maps between the happy basis vectors that are the  $\hat{v}_i$ 's and  $\hat{u}_i$ 's. (Please draw the particular Big Picture not the abstract Big picture.)

Complete your picture by adding a unit circle in row space and the ellipse that  $\mathbf{A}$  creates in column space by transforming this circle.

**Solution:**



□

12. (a) True or False (2 pts):

i. The nullspace of a nontrivial  $1 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is a 2-D plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

**Solution:** True. The equation of the plane is given by  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

□

ii. The product  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric for any  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :

**Solution:** True.  $(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^T = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$

□

iii. An  $n \times n$  matrix cannot be diagonalized if one or more eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 0:

**Solution:** False. Such a matrix has no inverse. Whether or not it is diagonalizable depends on its eigenvectors being a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or not.

□

iv. The matrix  $\mathbf{M} = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2]$  transforms a vector's representation from the basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  to the natural basis:

**Solution:** True.

□

v. The determinant of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is equal to the sum of  $\mathbf{A}$ 's eigenvalues:

**Solution:** False. The determinant is equal to the product of the eigenvalues.

□

vi. The matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T$  have different eigenvalues:

**Solution:** False.  $|\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = |(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})^T| = |\mathbf{A}^T - \lambda\mathbf{I}^T| = |\mathbf{A}^T - \lambda\mathbf{I}|$ .

□

(b) Find the determinant of the following matrix (1 pt):

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(1) & \cos(2) & \cdots & \cos(n) \\ \cos(n+1) & \cos(n+2) & \cdots & \cos(2n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cos(n(n-1)+1) & \cos(n(n-1)+2) & \cdots & \cos(n^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We use multilinearity of determinants, the sum rule for cosines (i.e.,  $\cos(x+y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$ ), and the fact that if two rows of a matrix are equal, then its determinant is 0.

We find that  $\det(\mathbf{A}_n) = 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ . It's enough to see the general proof working with  $\mathbf{A}_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}_3) &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \cos 4 & \cos 5 & \cos 6 \\ \cos 7 & \cos 8 & \cos 9 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \cos 3 \cos 1 & \cos 3 \cos 2 & \cos 3 \cos 3 \\ \cos 7 & \cos 8 & \cos 9 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \sin 3 \sin 1 & \sin 3 \sin 2 & \sin 3 \sin 3 \\ \cos 7 & \cos 8 & \cos 9 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \cos 3 \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \cos 7 & \cos 8 & \cos 9 \end{vmatrix} - \sin 3 \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \sin 1 & \sin 2 & \sin 3 \\ \cos 7 & \cos 8 & \cos 9 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(now work on the third row with the sum rule:)

$$= -\sin 3 \cos 6 \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \sin 1 & \sin 2 & \sin 3 \\ \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \end{vmatrix} + \sin 3 \sin 6 \begin{vmatrix} \cos 1 & \cos 2 & \cos 3 \\ \sin 1 & \sin 2 & \sin 3 \\ \sin 1 & \sin 2 & \sin 3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

We can see that the above treatment works for all  $n \geq 3$ . Only the first three rows need to be manipulated to obtain the same result.

Also, we see that  $|\mathbf{A}_1| = \cos 1 \neq 0$ .

Therefore,  $|\mathbf{A}_n| = 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

□