

## Midterm Exam 2

No book, notes, electronics, calculator, or internet access. 100 points possible. 65 minutes maximum.

1. Here is a matrix and its row-reduced echelon form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) (5 pts) What is the **dimension** of the row space  $C(A^T)$ ? **Provide a basis** for  $C(A^T)$ . (Suggestion: Write your basis as  $C(A^T) = \text{span}\{\dots\}$  with particular vectors.)

$$\dim C(A^T) = \boxed{2}$$

$$C(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(b) (5 pts) What is the **dimension** of the column space  $C(A)$ ? **Provide a basis**.

$$\dim C(A) = \boxed{2}$$

$$C(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(c) (5 pts) What is the **dimension** of the null space  $N(A)$ ? **Provide a basis**.

$$\dim N(A) = \boxed{3}$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 + x_5 = 0$$

$$x_3 + x_5 = 0$$

$$N(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

2. (10 pts) Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix. Show that the null space  $N(A)$  and the row space  $C(A^T)$  are orthogonal, as subspaces of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (Hint. What is a good way to write a generic vector from  $C(A^T)$ ?)

Let  $\vec{x}$  be in  $N(A)$ , so  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

Let  $\vec{z}$  be in  $C(A^T)$  so  $\vec{z} = A^T\vec{y}$  for some  $\vec{y}$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}^T \vec{z} &= \vec{x}^T (A^T \vec{y}) = (\vec{x}^T A^T) \vec{y} \\ &= (A \vec{x})^T \vec{y} = \vec{0}^T \vec{y} = 0\end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{x}, \vec{z}$  are orthogonal. Thus  $N(A)$  and  $C(A^T)$  are orthogonal subspaces.

3. (6 pts) Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix. Show that  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

A matrix is symmetric if it equals its own transpose. But

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A$$

So  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

4. Consider the overdetermined linear system " $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}$ " with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (10 pts) Write down the normal equations for this system.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 10 \\ -1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

normal equations:

$$3v_1 + 2v_2 = 5$$

$$2v_1 + 10v_2 = 12$$

(b) (6 pts) The solution of the normal equations is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the column space  $C(A)$  for this system? How do you know?

Notice  $A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \vec{b}$ . So  $A\vec{v} = P\vec{b}$

is not equal to  $\vec{b}$ . So  $\vec{b}$  is not in  $C(A)$ .

5. (10 pts) Consider this linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ :

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 9$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 = 17$$

Here is the row-reduced echelon form of the augmented matrix:

$$[A \ \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow [R \ \mathbf{d}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the general solution of the system? Show your work.

$$\vec{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{s}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{s}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

general solution:

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_p + c_1 \vec{s}_1 + c_2 \vec{s}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - 2c_1 + c_2 \\ c_1 \\ 5 - c_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for any  $c_1, c_2$

6. (6 pts) Show that if  $A$  is any matrix and  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $N(A)$  then  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $N(A^T A)$ .

If  $\vec{x}$  is in  $N(A)$  then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

But then

$$(A^T A) \vec{x} = A^T (A\vec{x}) = A^T \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

so  $\vec{x}$  is also in  $N(A^T A)$ .

7. (8 pts)  $M_3$  is the vector space of all 3 by 3 matrices. Give a basis for the subspace  $S$  of symmetric matrices.

$$S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \right. \\ \left. \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(6 dimensions)

8. (6 pts) Suppose  $A$  is any  $m$  by  $n$  matrix with full rank. Let  $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ , the projection onto  $C(A)$ . Show that  $P^2 = P$ .

$$P^2 = A(A^T A)^{-1} \underbrace{A^T A (A^T A)^{-1}}_{= I} A^T \\ = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = P$$

9. (8 pts) Suppose  $I$  is the 3 by 3 identity matrix and  $O$  is the 2 by 3 zero matrix. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} I & I \\ O & O \end{bmatrix},$$

$A$  is  $5 \times 3$

which is 5 by 6. What are the dimensions of the four subspaces?

$r=3 \rightarrow$

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

$$\dim C(A) = \boxed{3}$$

$$\dim N(A) = \boxed{3}$$

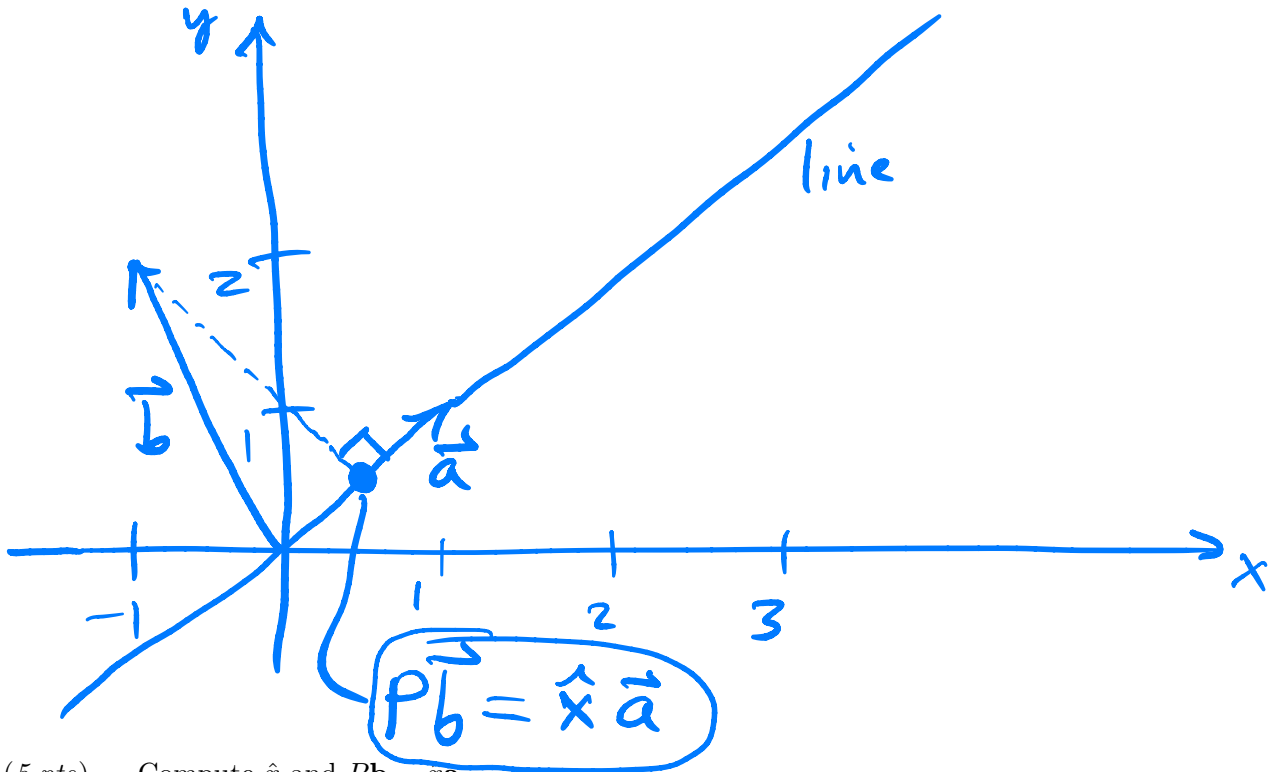
$$\dim N(A^T) = \boxed{2}$$

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3 free variables

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 $m-r = 5-3$

10. Consider the line through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  along the vector  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (5 pts) Sketch  $\mathbf{a}$ , the line along  $\mathbf{a}$ , and the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ , all on the same axes. (Try to make your sketch to scale!) Add  $P\mathbf{b} = \hat{x}\mathbf{a}$ , the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto the line.



(b) (5 pts) Compute  $\hat{x}$  and  $P\mathbf{b} = x\mathbf{a}$ .

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{-1+2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } P\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) (5 pts) Compute the projection matrix  $P$ .

$$P = \frac{\mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Extra Credit.** (3 pts) The complete solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A$ . Show your work.

$A$  is  $2 \times 2$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 3 & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{but } A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \text{ so } \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

So:

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

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