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## 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:

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

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

$$\dim C(A^\top) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

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

$$\dim C(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

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

$$\dim N(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

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

**3.** (6 pts) Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix. Show that  $A^\top A$  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.

(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?

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

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 9 \\3x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 &= 17\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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$$\dim N(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

$$\dim N(A^\top) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

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  $P\mathbf{b} = \hat{x}\mathbf{a}$ .

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

**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.

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