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## Exam II

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- There are 100 points and 6 problems on this 50-minute exam.
- Unless otherwise stated, your answers must be supported by clear and coherent work to receive credit.
- The back of each page of this exam is left blank and may be used for scratch work.
- Scratch work will not be graded unless it is clearly labeled and requested in the body of the original problem.

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**Problem 1.** The rows of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ -4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfy  $\text{Row}_1 + \text{Row}_2 + \text{Row}_3 = \text{Row}_4 + \text{Row}_5$ .

(5 pts) (a) Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top \in \text{Null}(A)$ . Clearly explain your reasoning.

**Solution.** This is a question of whether or not  $A\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top = \mathbf{0}$ , which is resolved by the calculation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ -4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evidently,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top \notin \text{Null}(A)$ .

Of course, it also suffices to note that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top$  is not orthogonal to any of the second, fourth, or fifth rows of  $A$ .

(5 pts) (b) Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top \in \text{Col}(A)$ . Clearly explain your reasoning. *Hint.* What is the third coordinate of every column of  $A$ ?

**Solution.** The third coordinate of every column of  $A$  is zero, which means no linear combination of the columns of  $A$  will produce  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top$ . This means that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^\top \notin \text{Col}(A)$ .

(5 pts) (c) Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top \in \text{Col}(A^\top)$ . Clearly explain your reasoning.

**Solution.** This matrix has three rows, so  $\text{Col}(A^\top) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$  is certainly not in  $\text{Col}(A^\top)$ .

(5 pts) (d) Find a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{Null}(A^\top)$  such that every coordinate of  $\mathbf{v}$  is not zero.

**Solution.** We are told that  $\text{Row}_1 + \text{Row}_2 + \text{Row}_3 = \text{Row}_4 + \text{Row}_5$ , which is equivalent to

$$\text{Row}_1 + \text{Row}_2 + \text{Row}_3 - \text{Row}_4 - \text{Row}_5 = \mathbf{0}$$

This means that

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & A^\top & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A suitable choice for  $\mathbf{v}$  is thus  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$ .

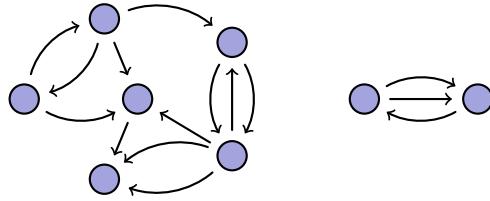
(8 pts) **Problem 2.** Suppose that  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and that  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{Null}(A^\top A)$ . Find the scalar value of  $\|A\mathbf{v}\|^2$ .

**Solution.** We are given that  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{Null}(A^\top A)$ , which means  $A^\top A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . It follows that

$$\|A\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \langle A\mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, A^\top A\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0} \rangle = 0$$

Of course, the second equals sign is justified by the adjoint property of inner products.

**Problem 3.** The directed graph  $G$  depicted below has eight nodes and fifteen arrows.



Let  $A$  be the incidence matrix of  $G$ .

(4 pts) (a)  $h_0(G) = \underline{\quad 2 \quad}$  and  $h_1(G) = \underline{\quad 9 \quad}$

(8 pts) (b) Are the rows of  $A$  linearly independent? Clearly explain why or why not.

**Solution.** Since the rows of  $A$  are the columns of  $A^\top$ , this is a question of whether or not  $A^\top$  has full column rank, which is the same as asking if  $A$  is full row rank.

Note that  $A$  is  $8 \times 15$ . Since  $\dim \text{Null}(A^\top) = h_0(G) = 2$ , it follows that  $\text{rank}(A) = \dim \text{Col}(A) = 8 - 2 = 6 \neq 8$ . This means that  $A$  does not have independent rows!

(8 pts) **Problem 4.** The scalar  $\lambda = 3$  is an eigenvalue of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & -6 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . According to a theorem from class, every basis of  $\mathcal{E}_A(\lambda)$  has the same number of vectors. Find this number and clearly justify your answer.

**Solution.** This is the dimension of the eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}_A(3) = \text{Null}(3 \cdot I_4 - A)$ , so we are looking for the nullity of  $3 \cdot I_4 - A$ . The characteristic matrix is

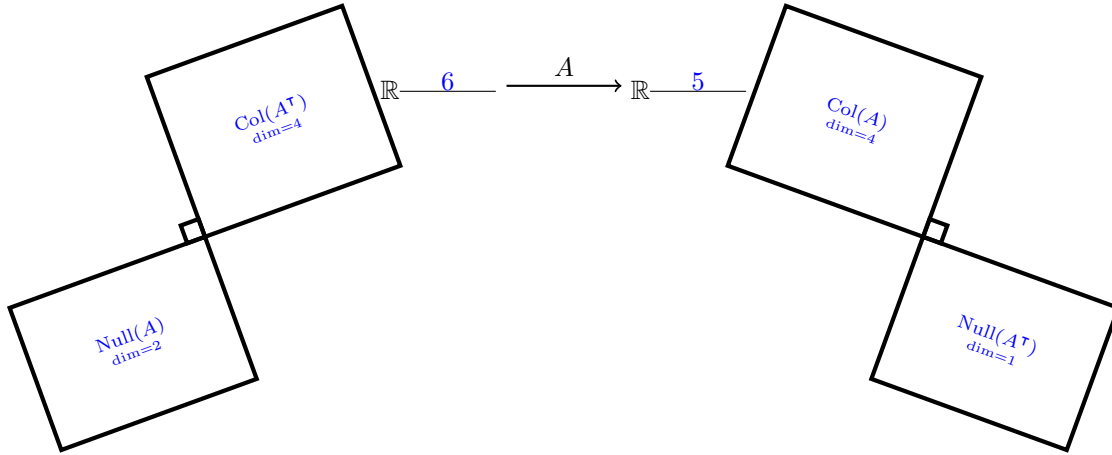
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 & -6 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank one!}$$

Every column of  $3 \cdot I_4 - A$  is a multiple of the first column, so  $3 \cdot I_4 - A$  is rank one. This means that  $\dim \mathcal{E}_A(3) = \text{nullity}(3 \cdot I_4 - A) = 4 - \text{rank}(3 \cdot I_4 - A) = 3$ .

**Problem 5.** Suppose that  $EA = R$  where

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & -9 & -17 \\ -2 & -3 & -1 & 10 & 16 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 6 & 14 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 7 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (10 pts) (a) Fill in every missing label in the picture of the four fundamental subspaces below, including the dimension of each fundamental subspace.



- (4 pts) (b) Which of the following rows of  $E$  is orthogonal to the columns of  $A$ ? Select all that apply (no partial credit on this problem). ☐ Row<sub>1</sub> ☐ Row<sub>2</sub> ☐ Row<sub>3</sub> ☐ Row<sub>4</sub> ☒ Row<sub>5</sub>
- (4 pts) (c) Which of the following vectors belongs to  $\text{Col}(A)$ ? Select all that apply (no partial credit on this problem). ☒  $[7 \ -5 \ 4 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  ☐  $[0 \ 0 \ 5 \ 1 \ 0]^T$  ☒  $[2 \ 0 \ 5 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  ☐  $[3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -2]^T$
- (4 pts) (d) Which of the following vectors belongs to  $\text{Null}(A^T)$ ? Select all that apply (no partial credit on this problem). ☐  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$  ☒  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2 \ 6]^T$  ☒  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -3 \ -9]^T$  ☐  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 3 \ -1]^T$
- (10 pts) (e) Find the projection of  $\mathbf{b} = [0 \ 0 \ 100 \ 100 \ 100]^T$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

**Solution.** Note that  $\dim \text{Col}(A) = 4$  while  $\dim \text{Null}(A^T) = 1$ . Since  $\text{Null}(A^T) = \text{Col}(A)^\perp$  it will be easier to start by projecting  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Null}(A^T)$ .

To do so, note that the last row  $\mathbf{v}_1 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3]^T$  of  $E$  gives our basis vector of  $\text{Null}(A^T)$ . The projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Null}(A^T)$  is then

$$P_{\text{Null}(A^T)}\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 100 \\ 100 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 40 \\ 120 \end{bmatrix}$$

The projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$  is then

$$\mathbf{b} - P_{\text{Null}(A^T)}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 100 \\ 100 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 40 \\ 120 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 100 \\ 60 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 6.** Consider the matrices  $G$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  given by

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -14 & 9 \\ -14 & 221 & -106 \\ 9 & -106 & 146 \end{bmatrix} \quad Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -14 & * \\ 0 & 5 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that  $A$  is a matrix whose Gramian is  $G$  and that  $A = QR$ . The entries of  $R$  marked  $*$  are unknown.

(5 pts) (a) Every column of  $I_4 - QQ^\top$  belongs to one of the following vector spaces. Select this space.

☐  $\text{Col}(A^\top)$    ☐  $\text{Null}(A)$    ☐  $\text{Col}(A)$    ☒  $\text{Null}(A^\top)$

(5 pts) (b) If possible, calculate  $R^\top R$ . If this is not possible, then explain why.

**Solution.** In class we argued that  $A^\top A = R^\top R$  when  $A = QR$ . We are told that  $A^\top A = G$ , so we immediately know that  $R^\top R = G$  too.

(10 pts) (c) The vector  $\mathbf{b} = [5\sqrt{3} \quad -5\sqrt{3} \quad 0 \quad 0]^\top$  satisfies  $A^\top \mathbf{b} = [5 \quad -95 \quad 25]^\top$ . Find all solutions  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $G\mathbf{x} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$ .

**Solution.** The system  $G\mathbf{x} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$  is  $A^\top A\mathbf{x} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$ , which is the least squares problem! Since  $A = QR$ , we can instead solve  $R\mathbf{x} = Q^\top \mathbf{b}$ .

To do so, we start by calculating

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5\sqrt{3} \\ -5\sqrt{3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we solve  $R\mathbf{x} = Q^\top \mathbf{b}$  with back-substitution

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} x_1 & - & 14x_2 & + & *x_3 & = & 5 & \rightarrow & x_1 = -9 \\ & & 5x_2 & + & *x_3 & = & -5 & \rightarrow & x_2 = -1 \\ & & & & 7x_3 & = & 0 & \rightarrow & x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

The only solution to  $G\mathbf{x} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = [-9 \quad -1 \quad 0]^\top$ .