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## Exam II

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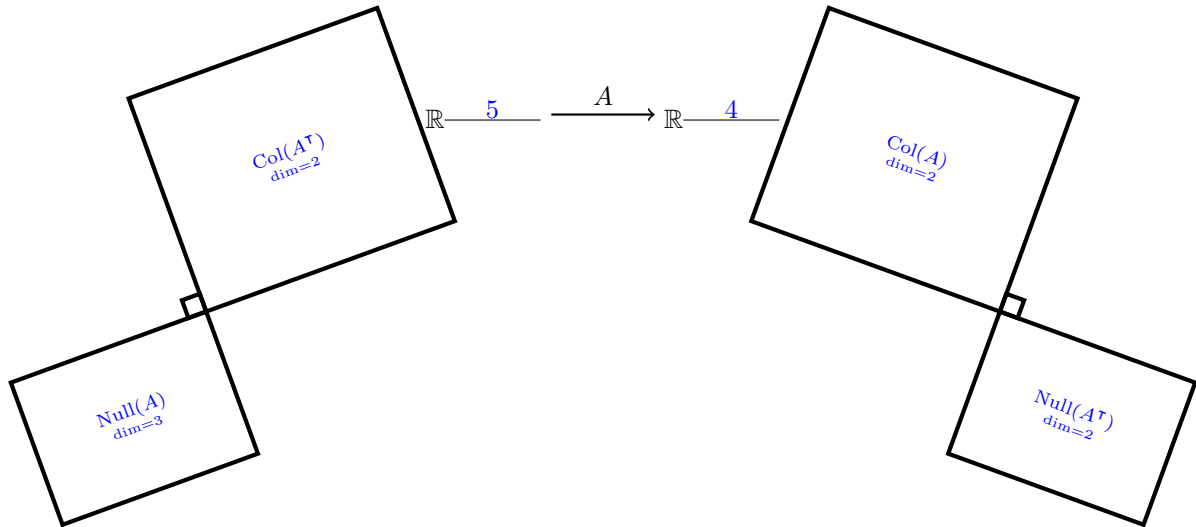
- There are 100 points and 11 problems on this 100-minute exam.
- Unless otherwise stated, your answers must be supported by clear and coherent work to receive credit.
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**Problem 1.** Consider the factorization

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} E \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{a}_4 & \mathbf{a}_5 \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix}.$$

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



(2 pts) (b) The projection matrix  $P$  onto the left null space of  $A$  satisfies  $\text{trace}(P) = \underline{2}$ .

(2 pts) (c) Which of the following statements correctly answers the question “Is  $\lambda = 0$  an eigenvalue of  $E$ ?”

- No, because  $E$  is singular.   
 Yes, because  $E$  is singular.   
 Yes, because  $E$  is nonsingular.  
 No, because  $E$  is nonsingular.   
 No, because  $\text{trace}(E) \neq 0$ .

(3 pts) (d) Find the *pivot basis* of  $\text{Null}(A)$ .

**Solution.** The system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has five variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$ . According to  $R = \text{rref}(A)$ , the free variables are  $x_2 = c_1$ ,  $x_4 = c_2$ , and  $x_5 = c_3$ . Solving for the dependent in terms of the free gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 \\ c_1 \\ 2c_2 - 2c_3 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The “pivot basis” of  $\text{Null}(A)$  is  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3\}$ .

(2 pts) (e) Let  $R'$  be the matrix obtained by deleting all of the rows of zeros from  $R$ . Which (if any) of the following formulas for  $C$  satisfies the equation  $A = CR'$ ?

- $C = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$    
  $C = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_4 & \mathbf{a}_5 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$    
  $C = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_4 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$    
  $C = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_3 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$    
 None of these.

(10 pts) **Problem 2.** Calculate  $PA = LU$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -12 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** Following the algorithm from class, we have

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -12 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 & 22 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 + r_1 \rightarrow r_2 \\ r_3 + 2r_1 \rightarrow r_3 \\ r_4 - 4r_1 \rightarrow r_4}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 18 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 18 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_4 + 6 \cdot r_2 \rightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_4 - 2 \cdot r_3 \rightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -6 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

This gives our desired factorization

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -12 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 & 22 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(6 pts) **Problem 3.** Find a matrix  $B$  satisfying  $\text{Null}(B) = \text{Col}(A)$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** The criteria for  $\mathbf{b} = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \ b_4]^T$  to be in  $\text{Col}(A)$  is that the augmented matrix  $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$  is a consistent system. The consistency of this system is resolved with row reductions

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -5 & b_1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 & b_2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 & -6 & b_3 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 & 3 & 5 & b_4 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 - r_1 \rightarrow r_2 \\ r_3 - 2r_1 \rightarrow r_3 \\ r_4 + r_1 \rightarrow r_4}} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -2b_1 + b_3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 + b_4 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{r_3 - r_2 \rightarrow r_3 \\ r_4 + r_2 \rightarrow r_4}} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -b_1 - b_2 + b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & b_2 + b_4 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{r_4 - r_3 \rightarrow r_4} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & -5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -b_1 - b_2 + b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1 + 2b_2 - b_3 + b_4 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Here, we find that whether or not  $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$  is consistent is identical to the question of whether or not  $b_1 + 2b_2 - b_3 + b_4 = 0$ . This means that  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Null}(B)$  where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Problem 4.** Suppose  $B = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$  is  $n \times 3$  and  $A$  is  $m \times n$  such that  $\{A\mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2, A\mathbf{v}_3\}$  is independent.

(5 pts) (a) Show that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is independent.

**Solution.** Suppose that  $c_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ . Multiplying by  $A$  gives

$$c_1 \cdot A\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \cdot A\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \cdot A\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$

We are told that  $\{A\mathbf{v}_1, A\mathbf{v}_2, A\mathbf{v}_3\}$  is independent, so we must have  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

(5 pts) (b) The data from this problem along with the result from part (a) allows us to infer which of the following statements? Select all that apply (one point each).

$B$  has full column rank      $\text{rank}(AB) = 3$       $B$  has full row rank

$AB$  has full row rank      $\text{nullity}(B) = 0$

(10 pts) **Problem 5.** Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to calculate  $Q$  in  $A = QR$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** Call the columns  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  and start with

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The formula for  $\mathbf{w}_2$  is  $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{w}_1}(\mathbf{v}_2)$ , which is

$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \frac{18}{9} \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The formula for  $\mathbf{w}_3$  is  $\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{w}_1}(\mathbf{v}_3) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{w}_2}(\mathbf{v}_3)$ , which is

$$\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle} \mathbf{w}_1 - \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle} \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \frac{9}{9} \mathbf{w}_1 - \frac{-9}{9} \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The columns of  $Q$  are the normalizations of these vectors.

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}_1\|} \mathbf{w}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|} \mathbf{w}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{q}_3 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}_3\|} \mathbf{w}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives

$$Q = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

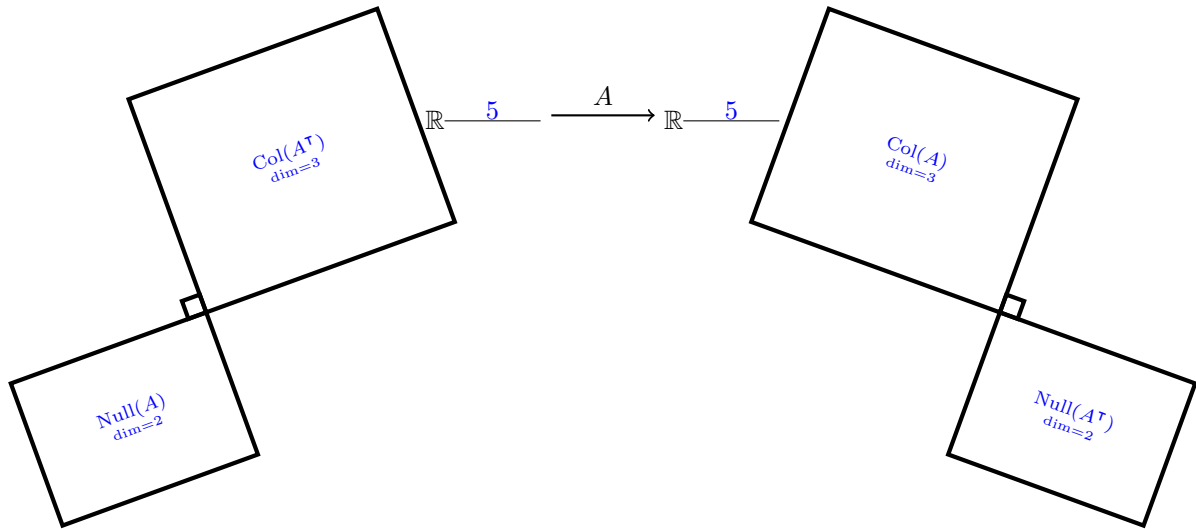
**Problem 6.** The equation below depicts  $A = QR$  where  $A$  is the incidence matrix of a directed graph  $G$  along with a vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} Q \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6}/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6}/2 & * \end{bmatrix} R \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the matrix  $R$  is missing several entries marked as  $*$ .

(6 pts) (a) Calculate  $h_0(G)$  and  $h_1(G)$ . Show your work in the space provided and fill in your answers in the blanks below.

**Solution.** The given equation is  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is  $5 \times 3$  and  $R$  is  $3 \times 5$ . This tells us that  $A$  is  $5 \times 5$  with rank three. The picture of the four fundamental subspaces is



From class we know that  $h_0(G) = \dim \text{Null}(A^T)$  and  $h_1(G) = \dim \text{Null}(A)$ .

$$h_0(G) = \underline{2} \quad h_1(G) = \underline{2}$$

(6 pts) (b) Find the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$ . Use this projection to decide if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent.

**Solution.** From class we know that the projection matrix onto  $\text{Col}(A)$  is  $P = QQ^T$ . Our desired projection is then

$$P\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} Q \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{6}/6 & -\sqrt{6}/6 & \sqrt{6}/3 \end{bmatrix} Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6}/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Our equation shows that  $P\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{b}$ , so  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is *inconsistent*.



(7 pts) **Problem 9.** Suppose that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  complex matrix satisfying  $A^* = iA$  and consider the vectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^3$  satisfying

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 - 2i \\ 4 - 2i \\ -1 - i \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - i \\ i \\ 1 + i \end{bmatrix} \quad A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find  $\langle \mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{w} \rangle$ .

**Solution.** Here, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{v}, A\mathbf{w} \rangle &= \langle A^* \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \langle iA\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= \bar{i} \cdot \langle A\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \\ &= -i \cdot \langle [2 \ 2i \ 2]^T, [1 - i \ i \ 1 + i]^T \rangle \\ &= -i \cdot \{ \bar{2} \cdot (1 - i) + \overline{2i} \cdot i + \bar{2} \cdot (1 + i) \} \\ &= -i \cdot \{ 2 \cdot (1 - i) - 2i \cdot i + 2 \cdot (1 + i) \} \\ &= -i \cdot \{ 2 - 2i - 2i^2 + 2 + 2i \} \\ &= -i \cdot \{ 2 - 2i + 2 + 2 + 2i \} \\ &= -i \cdot \{ 6 \} \\ &= -6i \end{aligned}$$

(7 pts) **Problem 10.** The data below depicts a system of linear equations along with three determinant calculations.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 5y - 11z = -4 \\ x + y - 4z = 0 \\ x - y - 3z = -8 \end{array} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & -11 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \quad \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 5 & -11 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ -8 & -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 100 \quad \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -8 \end{vmatrix} = 24$$

Fill in the blanks below with the values of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  that solve this system (each of these values will simplify to an integer quantity).

$$x = \underline{-25} \quad y = \underline{1} \quad z = \underline{-6}$$

Use the space below for any necessary scratch work.

**Solution.** In the notation for Cramer's rule, we are given the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  along with  $\det(A) = -4$ ,  $\det(A_1) = 100$ , and  $\det(A_3) = 24$ . Immediately we find  $x = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{100}{-4} = -25$  and  $z = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)} = \frac{24}{-4} = -6$ . We'll need to then calculate  $\det(A_2)$  to find  $y$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & -11 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -8 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{A_2 \\ r_3 - 2 \cdot r_1 \rightarrow r_3}} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & -11 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -5 & 0 & 19 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Col}_3} -(-4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -5 & 19 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \cdot (19 - 20) = -4$$

It follows that  $y = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1$ .



(10 pts) **Problem 11.** Find bases of all eigenspaces of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & -4 \\ -3 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** We must start by finding the *eigenvalues* of  $A$ , which requires us to factor the characteristic polynomial.

$$\chi_A(t) = \begin{vmatrix} t-6 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & t+3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & t-3 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Row}_3} (t-3) \begin{vmatrix} t-6 & -6 \\ 3 & t+3 \end{vmatrix} = (t-3)\{(t+3)(t-6) + 18\} = (t-3)\{t^2 - 3t\} = (t-3)^2 t$$

This demonstrates that  $E\text{-Vals}(A) = \{0, 3\}$ . For  $\lambda = 0$ , the eigenspace is

$$\mathcal{E}_A(0) = \text{Null} \begin{matrix} 0 \cdot I_3 - A \\ \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

For  $\lambda = 3$ , the eigenspace is

$$\mathcal{E}_A(3) = \text{Null} \begin{matrix} 3 \cdot I_3 - A \\ \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$