

**Final Examination in Linear Algebra: 18.06**  
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1. (a) zero vector  $\{0\}$

(b)  $5 - 4 = 1$

(c)  $x_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $x = x_p$  because  $\mathbf{N}(A) = \{0\}$ .

(e)  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2. (a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

The free variable is  $x_2$ . The complete solution is

$$x = x_p + x_n = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) A basis is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

3. (a) The columns of  $B$  are a basis for the row space of  $A$  (because the row space is the orthogonal complement of the nullspace).

(b)  $N$  is  $n$  by  $(n - r)$ ;  $B$  is  $n$  by  $r$ .

4. (a)  $\det A = 6$

(b)  $\det B = 6$

(c)  $\det C = 0$

$$5. \quad (a) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

All four matrices are only examples (many other correct answers exist).

6. (a)  $\text{rank}(B) = 1$ ; all multiples of  $u_1$  are in the column space; the vectors  $v_1 - v_2$  and  $v_3$  are a basis for the nullspace.

(b)  $AA^T = (u_1v_1^T + u_2v_2^T)(v_1u_1^T + v_2u_2^T) = u_1u_1^T + u_2u_2^T$  since  $v_1^T v_2 = 0$ .  $AA^T$  is symmetric and it equals  $(AA^T)^2$ :

$$(u_1u_1^T + u_2u_2^T)(u_1u_1^T + u_2u_2^T) = u_1u_1^T + u_2u_2^T$$

(The eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  are 1, 1, 0)

(c)  $A^T A = v_1v_1^T + v_2v_2^T$  since  $u_1^T u_2 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A v_1 &= (v_1v_1^T + v_2v_2^T)v_1 = v_1 \\ A^T A v_2 &= (v_1v_1^T + v_2v_2^T)v_2 = v_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v_1, v_2$  are a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ,  $A^T A v = v$  for all  $v$ .

7. (a)  $Ax = b$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ B \end{bmatrix}$ . This is solvable if  $B = 2$ .

(b)  $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C} \\ \bar{D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+B \\ B \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\bar{C} = \frac{1+B}{3}$  and  $\bar{D} = \frac{B}{2}$

(c)  $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T b$  is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad p = A\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 \\ 1/3 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d)  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$  columns were already orthogonal, now orthonormal

8. (a)  $\lambda = 1, 1, 4$ . Eigenvectors can be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(could also be chosen orthonormal because  $A = A^T$ )

(b) Circle all the properties of this matrix  $A$ :

$A$  is a projection matrix

$A$  is a positive definite matrix

$A$  is a Markov matrix

$A$  has determinant larger than trace

$A$  has three orthonormal eigenvectors

$A$  can be factored into  $A = LU$

(c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{100} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1^{100} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4^{100} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4^{100} + 1 \\ 4^{100} - 1 \\ 4^{100} \end{bmatrix}.$$