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Math 337 – Fall 2004 Final Examination

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Problem 1. (14 points) Find the general solution of the following system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem 2. (12 points) For the matrix A below find (a) the LU factorization, (b) the determinant, and (c) the inverse.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3. (16 points)

(a) For the 1×3 matrix A below, find an orthonormal basis for its null space.

$$A = [1 \quad 1 \quad 1]$$

(b) Use projection to find the point in the plane $x + y + z = 0$ that is closest to $(0, 1, 0)$.
Hint: The plane $x + y + z = 0$ is the same as the null space in part (a).

Problem 4. (12 points) Find the eigenvalues for each of the following matrices:

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Problem 5. (10 points) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine whether or not each of the following vectors is an eigenvector of A . If the vector is an eigenvector give the corresponding eigenvalue.

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (e) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 6. (16 points) Diagonalize the following two matrices:

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hint: To diagonalize a matrix A means to find an invertible matrix S and a diagonal matrix Λ such that $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$.

Problem 7. (8 points) Which of the following transformations are linear?

$$(a) T(v_1, v_2) = (v_2, v_1) \quad (b) T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1, v_1) \\ (c) T(v_1, v_2) = (0, v_1) \quad (d) T(v_1, v_2) = (0, 1)$$

Problem 8. (6 points) The sequence x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots has the property that

$$x_{n+2} = \frac{x_{n+1} + x_n}{2} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Notice that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{n+2} \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Diagonalize A .
- Find a formula for (x_{n+1}, x_n) in terms of (x_1, x_0) and powers of A .
- Suppose $x_0 = 0$ and $x_1 = 1$. Give an explicit formula for x_n .

Problem 9. (6 points) Suppose that a and b are real numbers satisfying $a^2 + b^2 = 1$. Consider the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + a^2 & -ab \\ -ab & 1 + b^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the eigenvalues of A . (*Hint: Computing the determinant and trace of A may be helpful. Remember $a^2 + b^2 = 1$.)*
- Find the eigenvectors of A .
- Diagonalize A with an orthogonal matrix of eigenvectors.

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