

**MATH 218D-1**  
**PRACTICE FINAL EXAMINATION**

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Please **read all instructions** carefully before beginning.

- Do not open this test booklet until you are directed to do so.
- You have 180 minutes to complete this exam.
- If you finish early, go back and check your work.
- The graders will only see the work on the **printed pages** (front and back). You may use other scratch paper, but the graders will not see anything written there.
- You may use a **calculator** for doing arithmetic, but you should not need one. You may use an  $8.5 \times 11$ " **note sheet** as well. All other materials and aids are strictly prohibited.
- For full credit you must **show your work** so that your reasoning is clear, unless otherwise indicated.
- Do not spend too much time on any one problem. Read them all through first and attack them in an order that allows you to make the most progress.
- Good luck!

This is a practice exam. It is meant to be similar in format, length, and difficulty to the real exam. It is **not** meant as a comprehensive list of study problems. I recommend completing the practice exam in 180 minutes, without notes or distractions.

## Problem 1.

[15 points]

Consider the symmetric matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 11 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of  $S$  are 2, 9, and 12.

- a) Orthogonally diagonalize  $S$ : find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $S = QDQ^T$ .

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Compute the quadratic form associated to  $S$ :

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 11 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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c) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $q(x)$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$ . At which vectors are these extrema achieved?

Minimum value:  achieved at  $\begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$

Maximum value:  achieved at  $\begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$

## Problem 2.

[15 points]

Consider the following symmetric matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -6 & -3 \\ -6 & 13 & 9 \\ -3 & 9 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 11 \\ 2 & 11 & 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Which *one* of the above matrices is positive-definite? Circle your answer.

b) Compute the  $LDL^T$  and Cholesky decompositions of the matrix you selected in a):  
 $A = LDL^T = L_1 L_1^T$  for

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3.

[40 points]

A certain  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has the singular value decomposition

$$A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= 2 & u_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} & v_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_2 &= \frac{1}{2} & u_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & v_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This problem is *much easier* if you do not compute  $A$ .

a) What is the rank of  $A$ ? What is  $\dim \text{Nul}(A)$ ?

$$\text{rank}(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \dim \text{Nul}(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

b) Find orthonormal bases for all four fundamental subspaces of  $A$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Col}(A): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{Row}(A): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Nul}(A): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{Nul}(A^T): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \\ \phantom{000} \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$



g) Compute  $A^+(4u_1 - 3u_2)$ . (Don't expand out your answer in f.)

$$A^+(4u_1 - 3u_2) =$$

h) Find the orthogonal decomposition of  $b = (3, 6, -3)$  with respect to  $V = \text{Col}(A)$ :

$b = b_V + b_{V^\perp}$  for

$$b_V = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix} \quad b_{V^\perp} = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem 4.

[10 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Diagonalize  $A$ : find an invertible matrix  $C$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = CDC^{-1}$ .

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} & \\ & \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) For which vectors  $x$  does  $\|A^k x\|$  *not* approach  $\infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ?



## Problem 5.

[15 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Compute the singular value decomposition of  $A$  in matrix form:  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  for

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

b) (Unrelated to a).) Is  $A$  diagonalizable over the real numbers? Why or why not?

## Problem 6.

[20 points]

*Short answer questions:* you need not explain your answers. In each case, assume that the entries of all matrices are real numbers.

a) Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ? *Circle all that apply.*

$$\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{Col} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{The solution set of } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{The 1-eigenspace of } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 4$  matrix. Which of the following are possible? *Circle all that apply.*

- (1) The equation  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution.
- (2)  $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Nul}(A))$ .
- (3) The equation  $Ax = b$  is consistent for each  $b \in \mathbf{R}^3$ .

c) Suppose  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = -2$ . Find  $\det(3A)$  for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4a + d & -4b + e & -4c + f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\det(3A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

- d) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with eigenvalue 5. Suppose that  $A$  is *not* diagonalizable. What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ?

$$p(\lambda) =$$

- e) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose 3-eigenspace is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and whose 1-

eigenspace is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Find  $\det(A)$ .

$$\det(A) = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

## Problem 7.

[20 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Find the QR decomposition of  $A$ :  $A = QR$  for

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Find the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$ :  $A = LU$  for

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Which of the above decompositions would you use to solve  $Ax = b$  for multiple values of  $b$ , and why?

## Problem 8.

[10 points]

Consider the following centered data points (five samples of three measurements each):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.843 \\ -2.725 \\ 1.862 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -0.942 \\ -2.794 \\ -1.653 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -0.117 \\ 7.972 \\ -0.171 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2.732 \\ 0.409 \\ 5.238 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -2.515 \\ -2.862 \\ -5.275 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The covariance matrix is

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 3.851 & 1.929 & 7.682 \\ 1.929 & 21.788 & 3.857 \\ 7.682 & 3.857 & 15.373 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of  $S$  are  $\lambda_1 = 25$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 16$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0.01$ , with associated unit eigenvectors

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.267 \\ 0.802 \\ 0.535 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.359 \\ -0.598 \\ 0.717 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.894 \\ 0 \\ -0.447 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) What is the total variance of these data points?

$$s^2 =$$

b) The first and third measurements are (circle one):

correlated      anti-correlated      not correlated

c) These data fit well to the (circle one)

point      line      plane

spanned by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

because:

## Problem 9.

[10 points]

For a certain  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ , the set

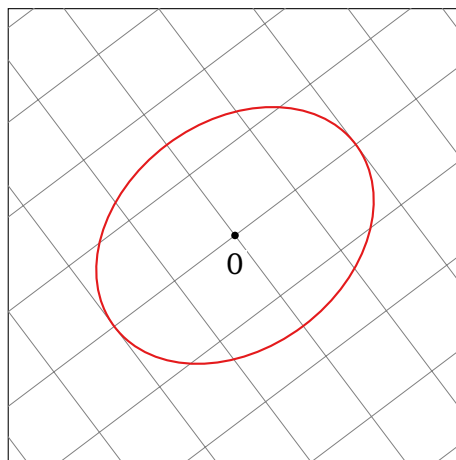
$$\{Ax: \|x\| = 1\}$$

is drawn below.

a) What are the singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of  $A$ ?

$$\sigma_1 = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \quad \sigma_2 = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$$

b) Draw and label the right singular vectors  $u_1, u_2$  of  $A$ .



grid lines are 1 unit apart

### Problem 10.

[10 points]

A certain  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  has the singular value decomposition

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ | & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ v_1 & v_2 \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}^T,$$

where  $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2$  are drawn in the diagrams below. Given  $x$  and  $y$  in the diagram on the left, draw  $Ax$  and  $Ay$  on the diagram on the right.

