

**MATH 218D-1**  
**PRACTICE MIDTERM EXAMINATION 2**

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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 75 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. 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 75 minutes, without notes or distractions.

## Problem 1.

[20 points]

Consider the plane

$$V = \{(x, y, z) : x - y + 2z = 0\}.$$

a) Find a basis for  $V$ .

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

b) Find an orthogonal basis for  $V$ .

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

c) Use the projection formula and your answer to part **b)** to compute the orthogonal projection  $b_V$  of the vector  $b = (1, 1, -3)$  onto  $V$ .

$$b_V = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

d) Find a basis for  $V^\perp$ .

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

e) Find an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  containing the basis vectors you found in **b)**.

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

## Problem 2.

[20 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Find the QR decomposition of  $A$ . You should get  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} & -\sqrt{5} & 4\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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

b) Solve  $R\hat{x} = Q^T \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  to find the least-squares solution of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Compute the matrix  $P_V$  for projection onto  $V = \text{Col}(A)$ .

$$P_V = \begin{pmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

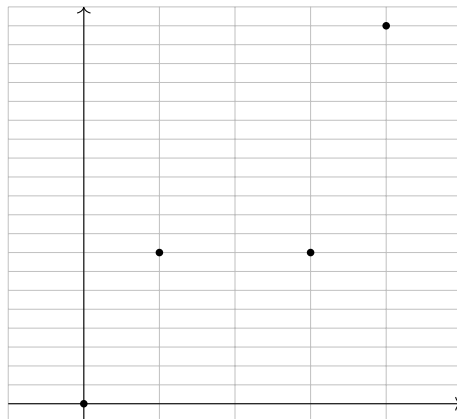
### Problem 3.

[15 points]

Consider the data points

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

drawn below.



- a) Find the matrix  $A$  such that the least-squares solution  $\hat{x} = (C, D)$  of

$$A \begin{pmatrix} C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

gives the coefficients of the best-fit line  $y = Cx + D$ .

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

- b) Find the equation of the best-fit line by computing the least-squares solution of the above equation. Graph this line in the above grid.

$$y = \boxed{\phantom{00}}x + \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

- c) Compute the minimized vector  $b_{V^\perp}$ . What does  $b_{V^\perp}$  represent in the original best-fit problem? (Here  $V = \text{Col}(A)$ .)

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

- d) What is the best-fit line among all lines *passing through the origin*?

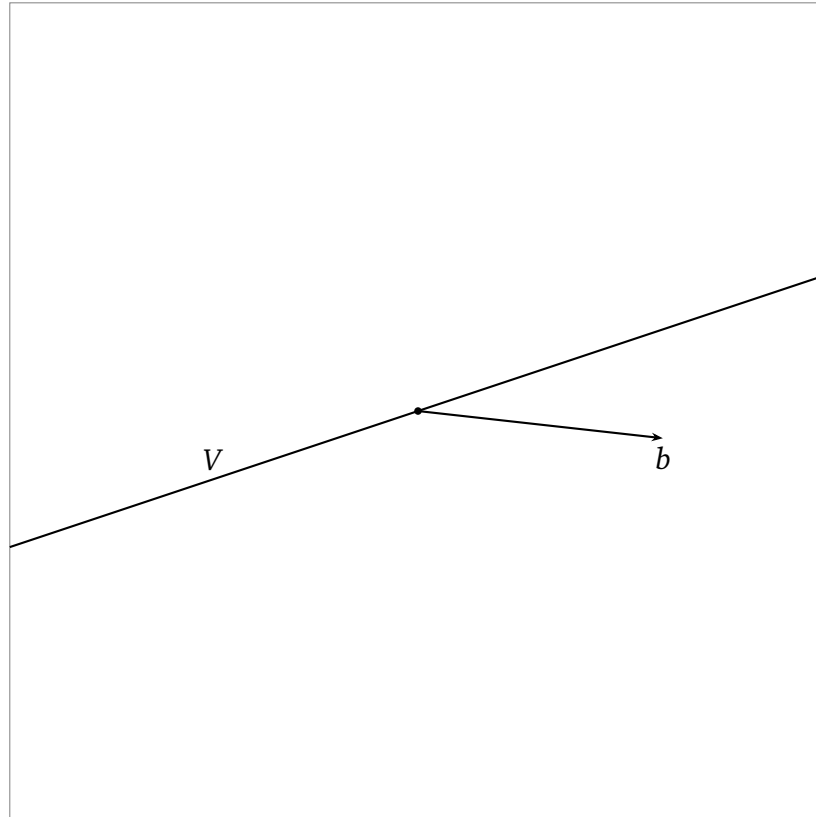
$$y = \boxed{\phantom{0}} x$$

### Problem 4.

[12 points]

A line  $V$  and a vector  $b$  are drawn below. Draw *and label*:

- The orthogonal projection  $b_V$ .
- The projection onto the orthogonal complement  $b_{V^\perp}$ .
- The vector  $b - 2b_{V^\perp}$ .



## Problem 5.

[20 points]

Find a basis of the orthogonal complement of each of the following subspaces.

a)  $\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\text{Col} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & -1 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$

c) The subspace of all vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  whose entries sum to zero.

d) The line  $\{(t, 2t, 3t) : t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ .

e)  $\mathbf{R}^3$



## Problem 6.

[16 points]

- a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ . Which of the following statements are equivalent to “ $A$  has full row rank”?
- (1)  $\text{Nul}(A^T) = \{0\}$
  - (2)  $n = r$
  - (3)  $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbf{R}^m$
  - (4)  $A$  has linearly independent columns
  - (5)  $A$  has a pivot in every row
  - (6)  $A$  is invertible
  - (7)  $Ax = b$  is consistent for every vector  $b$
- b) Explain why the projection matrix  $P_V$  onto a subspace  $V$  can be written as  $QQ^T$  for some matrix  $Q$  with orthonormal columns. (What is  $Q$  in terms of  $V$ ?)
- c) Find three nonzero vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbf{R}^3$  such that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly dependent, but  $v_3$  is not in  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ . Be sure to label which is  $v_3$ .
- d) Give an example of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  such that  $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Row}(A)$ , or explain why no such matrix exists.