

**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 **four-function calculator** for doing arithmetic, but you should not need one. You may bring a  $8.5 \times 11$ -**inch note sheet** covered with anything you want. 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.

[30 points]

Consider the following matrix  $A$  and its singular value decomposition:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & -3 \\ 5 & 8 & 1 \\ 1 & -8 & 5 \\ 8 & -4 & 10 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T$$

$$\sigma_1 = 3\sqrt{30} \quad u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 3\sqrt{15} \quad u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) The rank of  $A$  is  $r = \boxed{2}$ .

b) An orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  is:  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

c) An orthonormal basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$  is:  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

d) An orthonormal basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$  is: (hint: cross products)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

e) The *maximum* value of  $\|Ax\|$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is  $\boxed{3\sqrt{30}}$ .

f) The *minimum* value of  $\|Ax\|$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is  $\boxed{0}$ .

**Problem 1, continued**

g) Find a left inverse of  $A$  (a matrix  $B$  such that  $BA = I_3$ ), or explain why no such matrix exists:

No such matrix exists, as  $A$  does not have full column rank.

h) The matrix  $A^T A$  has an *orthogonal* diagonalization  $A^T A = QDQ^T$  for

$$Q = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 270 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 135 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem 2.

[25 points]

Consider the matrix

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

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

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{18} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we change matrices to avoid carry-through error. Consider the following matrix and its singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{10} & -1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{15} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{10} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{15} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{10} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -2/\sqrt{15} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{10} & 0 & 3/\sqrt{15} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

b) Compute the pseudo-inverse of  $A$ :

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{15} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Compute the matrix  $P_{V_1}$  for projection onto  $V_1 = \text{Row}(A)$ :

$$P_{V_1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

d) Compute the matrix  $P_{V_2}$  for projection onto  $V_2 = \text{Nul}(A)$ :

$$P_{V_2} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

e) Compute the orthogonal decomposition of  $b = (2, 1, 4, 3)$  with respect to  $V_1 = \text{Row}(A)$ :  $b = b_{V_1} + b_{V_1^\perp}$  for

$$b_{V_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_{V_1^\perp} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

f) Compute the orthogonal decomposition of  $c = (2, 4)$  with respect to  $V_3 = \text{Col}(A)$ :  $c = c_{V_3} + c_{V_3^\perp}$  for

$$c_{V_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad c_{V_3^\perp} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3.

[20 points]

Consider the positive-definite quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 5x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3.$$

The minimum value of  $\|u\|^2$  subject to  $q(u) = 1$  is  $\|u\|^2 = 1/7$ , and the maximum value of  $\|u\|^2$  subject to  $q(u) = 1$  is  $\|u\|^2 = 1$

a) Find a vector  $u_1$  satisfying  $\|u_1\|^2 = 1/7$  and  $q(u_1) = 1$ .

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{7}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Find a vector  $u_3$  satisfying  $\|u_3\|^2 = 1$  and  $q(u_3) = 1$ .

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) The maximum value of  $\|u\|^2$  subject to  $q(u) = 1$  and  $u \perp u_1$  is  $\|u\|^2 = 1/4$ . Find a vector  $u_2$  satisfying  $\|u_2\|^2 = 1/4$  and  $q(u_2) = 1$  and  $u_2 \perp u_1$ .

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

d) Find a change of coordinates  $x = Qy$  such that  $q(y)$  is diagonal:

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{3}(2y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{3}(2y_1 + y_2 - 2y_3)$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{3}(y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3)$$

## Problem 4.

[20 points]

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a) Find the QR decomposition of  $A$ .

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Find the least squares solution of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  using your answer to a).

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Find the orthogonal projection  $b_V$  of  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  onto  $V = \text{Col}(A)$ .

$$b_V = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

d) The singular value decomposition of  $R$  is  $R = U\Sigma V^T$  for:

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the right singular vectors of  $A$  without doing any calculations.

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem 5.

[15 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 8 & 2 & 3 & 9 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

whose columns contain five data points of three measurements each.

a) The averages of the rows are

$$\mu_1 = \boxed{3} \quad \mu_2 = \boxed{6} \quad \mu_3 = \boxed{3}$$

and the centered data matrix is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & -3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) The covariance matrix is

$$S = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 6 & -1 \\ 6 & 42 & 9 \\ -1 & 9 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

The first measurement has variance  $s_1^2 = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}}$  and the total variance is  $s^2 = \boxed{\frac{31}{2}}$ .

The eigenvalues and unit eigenvectors of  $S$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &\approx 11.3 & \lambda_2 &\approx 2.74 & \lambda_3 &\approx 1.45 \\ u_1 &\approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.156 \\ 0.958 \\ 0.240 \end{pmatrix} & u_2 &\approx \begin{pmatrix} -0.792 \\ -0.024 \\ 0.610 \end{pmatrix} & u_3 &\approx \begin{pmatrix} -0.590 \\ 0.286 \\ -0.755 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

c) In the sense of orthogonal least squares, the best-fit...

$$\text{line is } L = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.156 \\ 0.958 \\ 0.240 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{and plane is } V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.156 \\ 0.958 \\ 0.240 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -0.792 \\ -0.024 \\ 0.610 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

The variance along  $L$  is  $\boxed{11.3}$  and the variance along  $V$  is  $\boxed{14.04}$ .

## Problem 6.

[25 points]

Fill in the circles of all choices that apply. No justification is necessary.

a) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $Ax = (2, 1, 0)$  does not have a solution. Which of the following are *impossible*?

- $A$  is invertible.
- $Ax = (1, 2, 0)$  does not have a solution.
- The solution set of  $Ax = (1, 2, 0)$  is  $\{(1, 1, 0)\}$ .
- The solution set of  $Ax = (4, 2, 0)$  is a line.
- The solution set of  $Ax = (2, 4, 0)$  is a line through the origin.

b) Which of the following sets form a basis for  $\text{Nul}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ ?

- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

c) Which of the following quadratic forms are positive-definite?

- $q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3$
- $q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 11x_1^2 + 10x_2^2 + 13x_3^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 6x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3$
- $q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 - x_3)^2$
- $q(x) = x^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} x$

d) Which of the following matrices are diagonalizable over the real numbers?

- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- $\begin{pmatrix} \cos(27^\circ) & -\sin(27^\circ) \\ \sin(27^\circ) & \cos(27^\circ) \end{pmatrix}$
- $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{The matrix} \\ \text{for projection} \\ \text{onto} \end{array} \right) \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

e) Which of the following phrases do *not* make sense? The letter  $A$  refers to a matrix.

- The dimension of  $A$  is equal to 5.
- $A$  is linearly independent.
- The subspace of  $A$  has dimension 4.
- The solution set of  $Ax = (1, 2)$  is empty.
- The orthogonal complement of  $A$  is a plane.



## Problem 7.

[25 points]

Give an example of a matrix with each of the following properties, or explain why no such example exists. (No justification is needed if an example does exist.)

*All matrices in this problem have real entries.*

- a) A non-diagonalizable  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues 1 and 2.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) A symmetric matrix whose 1-eigenspace is spanned by  $\{(1, 2, 0), (1, 1, 0)\}$  and whose 2-eigenspace is spanned by  $\{(-1, 1, 1)\}$ .

No such matrix exists: eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix with different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

- c) A  $2 \times 2$ , non-diagonal matrix with singular values 1 and 2.

Many answers can be produced by writing down an SVD. For instance,

$$2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- d) A  $2 \times 3$  matrix that does not have a singular value decomposition.

Every matrix has an SVD.

- e) A matrix  $A$  satisfying  $\dim(\text{Row}(A)^\perp) = 2$  and  $\dim(\text{Col}(A)^\perp) = 3$ .

Working through the numerics, you need  $n - r = 2$  and  $m - r = 3$ . Taking  $r = 1$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $m = 4$ , we can use

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Problem 8.

[30 points]

True/false problems: **circle** the correct answer. No justification is needed. *All matrices in this problem have real entries.*

- a) **T**  **F** The singular values of a symmetric matrix are the absolute values of the eigenvalues.
- b)  **T** **F** If  $A$  has linearly independent columns, then  $A^+A$  is the identity matrix.
- c)  **T** **F** A positive-definite matrix has positive numbers on the main diagonal.
- d) **T**  **F** A diagonalizable  $5 \times 5$  matrix has 5 different eigenvalues.
- e)  **T** **F** Every subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  has an orthonormal basis.
- f)  **T** **F** If  $V = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 : x = 2y\}$ , then  $V^\perp$  is a line.
- g) **T**  **F** If  $V$  is a subspace and  $x$  is not in  $V$ , then the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $V$  is zero.
- h)  **T** **F** If  $V$  is a subspace and  $x$  is not in  $V$ , then the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto  $V^\perp$  is nonzero.
- i)  **T** **F** If  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^5$ , then  $n = 5$ .
- j) **T**  **F** If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AA^T$  then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^T A$ .

## Problem 9.

[15 points]

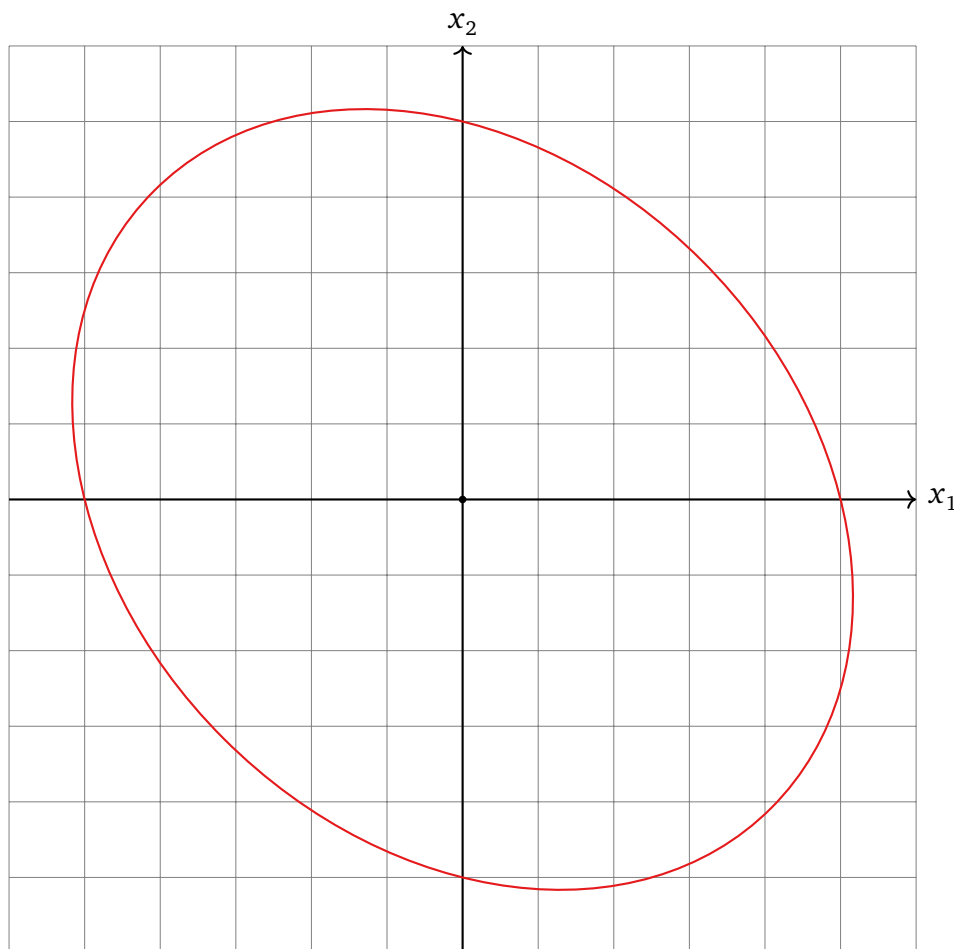
Consider the positive-definite quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 4x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2.$$

- a) Find a change of variables  $x = Qy$  such that  $q(y)$  is diagonal, and write the diagonal form  $q(y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y_1 - y_2) \\ x_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(y_1 + y_2) \end{aligned} \quad q(y_1, y_2) = 5y_1^2 + 3y_2^2$$

- b) Draw the set of all points  $(x_1, x_2)$  satisfying  $q(x_1, x_2) = 1$  on the grid below. Be precise!



grid lines are 0.1 unit apart

## Problem 10.

[15 points]

A centered data matrix  $A$  has 2 rows and 10 columns. Its SVD has the form

$$A = 5u_1v_1^T + 2u_2v_2^T,$$

where  $u_1, u_2$  and  $v_1, v_2$  are the singular vectors. The columns of  $A$  and the first left singular vector  $u_1$  are drawn below. Draw and label:

- the best-fit line in the sense of orthogonal least squares;
- the direction of *smallest* variance;
- the columns of  $5u_1v_1^T$  (drawn as dots).

The variance in the direction of *smallest* variance is .

