

**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 **simple calculator** for doing arithmetic. 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.

[15 points]

- a) Which one of the following symmetric matrices is positive-definite? Circle the correct answer.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 11 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 & 29 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 11 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) Find the  $LU$  decomposition of the following positive-definite symmetric matrix.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ -4 & 11 & -9 \\ 0 & -9 & 31 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- c) Find the  $A = LDL^T$  decomposition and Cholesky decomposition  $A = L_1 L_1^T$  of the matrix in **b**).

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -2\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -3\sqrt{3} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem 2.

[20 points]

Consider the quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2.$$

- a) Find the symmetric matrix  $S$  such that  $q(x) = x^T S x$ .

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $S = QDQ^T$ .

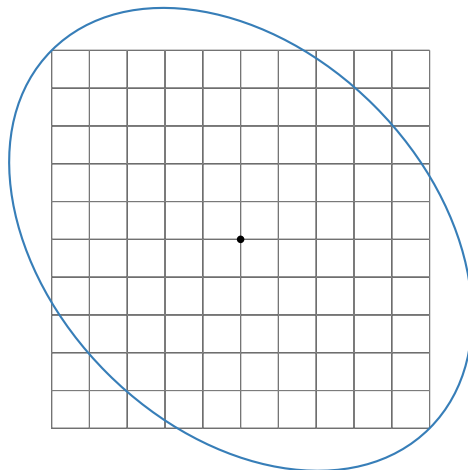
$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- c) Find the minimum and maximum values of  $q(x_1, x_2)$  subject to the constraint  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$ , and all vectors  $(x_1, x_2)$  at which these values are achieved.

$$\text{Min: } q = 2 \quad \text{is achieved at } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Max: } q = 4 \quad \text{is achieved at } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- d) Draw the ellipse defined by the equation  $q(x_1, x_2) = 1$ . Grid lines are 0.1 units apart. Be precise!



### Problem 3.

[20 points]

Consider the matrix

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

a) Compute the symmetric matrix  $S = AA^T$ .

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Find the eigenvalues of  $S$ , and find an orthonormal eigenbasis.

$$\text{Eigenvalues: } 4, 2 \quad \text{Eigenbasis: } v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Compute the singular value decomposition of  $A$  in outer product form.

$$A = 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 \ 0 \ 1) + \sqrt{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 0)$$

d) Compute the cross product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

e) Compute the singular value decomposition of  $A$  in matrix form.

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

## Problem 4.

[20 points]

Consider the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_1' = u_1 & u_1(0) = 1 \\ u_2' = u_1 + 2u_2 & u_2(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

a) Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $u' = Au$ , where  $u = (u_1, u_2)$ .

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

b) Compute the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ , and find the eigenvalues.

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 \quad \text{Eigenvalues: } 1 \text{ and } 2$$

c) Find an eigenbasis of  $A$ .

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

d) Solve the initial value problem.

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= e^t \\ u_2 &= e^{2t} - e^t \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 5.

[20 points]

Consider the subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  defined by the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - 12x_4 = 0.$$

a) Compute an *orthogonal* basis for  $V$ .

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

b) Compute an *orthogonal* basis for  $V^\perp$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

c) Compute the projection matrix  $P_V$ .

$$P_V = \frac{1}{150} \begin{pmatrix} 149 & -1 & -2 & 12 \\ -1 & 149 & -2 & 12 \\ -2 & -2 & 146 & 24 \\ 12 & 12 & 24 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

d) Compute the orthogonal projection of the vector  $b = (-1, -1, 4, -12)$  onto  $V$ .

$$b_V = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

e) The distance from  $(-1, -1, 4, -12)$  to  $V$  is  $\boxed{5\sqrt{6}}$ .

## Problem 6.

[25 points]

The centered data matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2.73 & 0.714 & 1.90 & -2.08 & 2.11 & 0.0825 \\ -8.48 & 2.73 & 0.187 & -1.53 & 6.99 & 0.106 \\ -5.63 & 2.03 & -7.30 & 6.37 & 4.71 & -0.179 \\ -4.91 & 1.64 & 3.12 & -3.91 & 3.91 & 0.149 \end{pmatrix}$$

has normalized singular value decomposition

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}A = 7 \begin{pmatrix} 0.195 \\ 0.706 \\ 0.575 \\ 0.364 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -0.738 \\ 0.245 \\ -0.164 \\ 0.0479 \\ 0.606 \\ 0.00268 \end{pmatrix}^T + 5 \begin{pmatrix} 0.297 \\ 0.260 \\ -0.753 \\ 0.527 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -0.122 \\ 0.0231 \\ 0.694 \\ -0.704 \\ 0.0853 \\ 0.0237 \end{pmatrix}^T + 0.1 \begin{pmatrix} 0.867 \\ 0.0176 \\ -0.000602 \\ -0.498 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -0.284 \\ -0.682 \\ 0.465 \\ 0.487 \\ 0.0173 \\ -0.00242 \end{pmatrix}^T + 0.05 \begin{pmatrix} -0.350 \\ 0.659 \\ -0.320 \\ -0.585 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.380 \\ -0.539 \\ -0.284 \\ -0.285 \\ 0.626 \\ 0.102 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

a) The total variance of the data points is  $s^2 = \boxed{74.0125}$ .

b) The nonzero eigenvalues of  $\frac{1}{5}A^T A$  are  $\boxed{49, 25, .01, .0025}$ .

c)  $\frac{1}{5}AA^T = QDQ^T$  where  $Q$  and  $D$  are orthogonal and diagonal matrices, respectively:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0.195 & 0.297 & 0.867 & -0.350 \\ 0.706 & 0.260 & 0.0176 & 0.659 \\ 0.575 & -0.753 & -0.000602 & -0.320 \\ 0.364 & 0.527 & -0.498 & -0.585 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 49 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & .0025 \end{pmatrix}$$

d) The variance  $s(u)^2$  is maximized at the unit vector

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 0.195 \\ 0.706 \\ 0.575 \\ 0.364 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with maximum value } s(u)^2 = 49.$$

e) The line  $L$  of best fit is spanned by the vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.195 \\ 0.706 \\ 0.575 \\ 0.364 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } s(L^\perp)^2 = 25.0125$$

f) The orthogonal projection of the first column of  $A$  onto  $L$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2.25 \\ -8.15 \\ -6.64 \\ -4.20 \end{pmatrix}$$

g) The plane  $V$  of best fit is spanned by the vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.195 \\ 0.706 \\ 0.575 \\ 0.364 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0.297 \\ 0.260 \\ -0.753 \\ 0.527 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ with } s(V^\perp)^2 = 0.0125$$

h) What kind of linear space best describes the shape of the data? Circle one.

line   plane   3-space    $\mathbf{R}^4$

i) Suppose that the recentered data point  $(1, 1, x, y)$  was drawn from the same data set. What would you predict for the values of  $x$  and  $y$ ?

[Hint: to maximize your exam score, finish the rest of the exam first.]

$$x = -2.29$$

$$y = 1.78$$



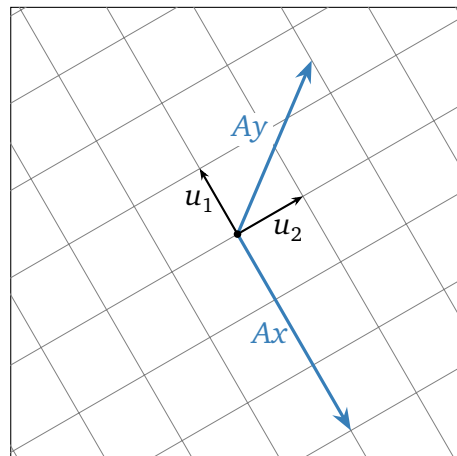
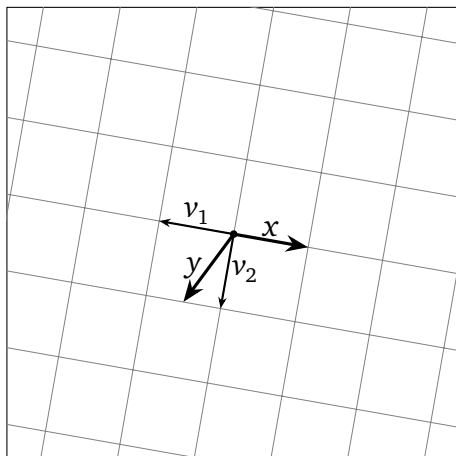
# Problem 7.

[20 points]

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

$$A = 3u_1v_1^T + 2u_2v_2^T$$

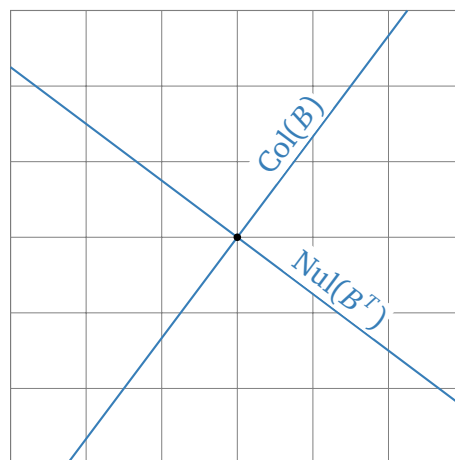
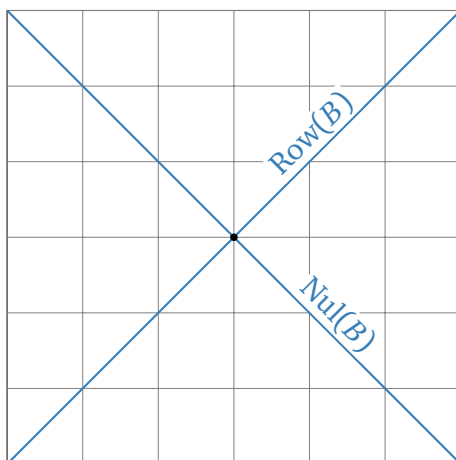
where  $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2$  are drawn in the diagrams below. Given  $x$  and  $y$  in the diagram on the left, draw  $Ax$  and  $Ay$  on the diagram on the right.



b) A certain  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $B$  has singular value decomposition

$$B = 13 \begin{pmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Draw and label  $\text{Row}(B)$  and  $\text{Nul}(B)$  on the grid on the left, and draw and label  $\text{Col}(B)$  and  $\text{Nul}(B^T)$  on the grid on the right.



## Problem 8.

[20 points]

True/false problems: **circle** the correct answer. No justification is needed.

*All matrices in this problem have real entries.*

- a)  **T**    **F**   If  $A$  is a matrix of rank  $r$ , then  $A$  is a linear combination of  $r$  rank-1 matrices.
- b)  **T**    **F**   For any matrix  $A$ , the matrices  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$  have the same eigenvalues.
- c)  **T**    **F**   The only positive-semidefinite projection matrix is the identity.
- d)  **T**    **F**   Any  $3 \times 3$  real matrix with a complex (non-real) eigenvalue is diagonalizable over the complex numbers.
- e)  **T**    **F**   The eigenvalues of an invertible matrix are all nonzero.
- f)  **T**    **F**   A matrix with nonzero orthogonal columns has full column rank.
- g)  **T**    **F**   If  $P_V$  is the projection matrix onto a subspace  $V$ , then  $\text{Nul}(P_V)$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\text{Col}(P_V)$ .
- h)  **T**    **F**   If  $b \in V^\perp$  then  $b_V = b$ .
- i)  **T**    **F**   If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbf{R}^m$ , then  $A$  has full column rank.
- j)  **T**    **F**   If  $U$  is an echelon form of  $A$ , then  $\text{Nul}(U) = \text{Nul}(A)$ .

## Problem 9.

[20 points]

Short-answer problems: no justification is necessary.

a) Find the matrix  $A$  satisfying

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

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

b) Which of the following sets form a basis for  $\text{Span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$ ?

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

c) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 10$  centered data matrix and let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Suppose that  $s(V^\perp)^2 = 0$ . What does this tell you about the columns of  $A$ ?

They all lie on  $V$ .

d) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that is neither invertible nor diagonalizable. What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ?

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2$$

e) Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix such that  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  does not have a solution. Which of the following are *impossible*?

- The solution set of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is empty.  
 The solution set of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a point.  
 The solution set of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a line.  
 The solution set of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a plane.  
 The solution set of  $Ax = 0$  is  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .  
 The solution set of  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a plane and the solution set of  $Ax = 0$  is  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

## Problem 10.

[20 points]

Give examples satisfying the following requirements, 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  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix  $S$  with eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{2}(1 + i\sqrt{3})$ .

Impossible by the spectral theorem.

- b) A  $3 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A^+A$  is the identity matrix.

Any  $3 \times 2$  matrix with full column rank will do. For instance,

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

- c) A nonzero  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $Ax = 0$  is inconsistent.

Impossible:  $x = 0$  is a solution.

- d) A basis for  $\mathbf{R}^3$  containing the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

There are many correct answers. For instance,

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

- e) A basis for  $\mathbf{R}^3$  containing the vector  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

Impossible: a set containing the zero vector is linearly dependent.