

**MATH 218D-1**  
**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]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

$$A = 4\sqrt{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1 \ 0 \ 2 \ -1) + 2\sqrt{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (2 \ 1 \ -1 \ 0)$$

## Problem 2.

[15 points]

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 1 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & -8 & -4 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $A^T A$  has orthogonal diagonalization  $A^T A = Q D Q^T$  where

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -2/\sqrt{30} & 1/\sqrt{15} & 8/3\sqrt{10} & 2/3\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{30} & 3/\sqrt{15} & -1/3\sqrt{10} & -4/3\sqrt{5} \\ 3/\sqrt{30} & -1/\sqrt{15} & 5/3\sqrt{10} & -4/3\sqrt{5} \\ 4/\sqrt{30} & 2/\sqrt{15} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 270 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 135 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

b) The SVD of  $A$  in matrix form is  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  where:

$$U = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 3\sqrt{30} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3\sqrt{15} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = Q$$

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

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

e) The *minimum* value of  $\|A^T x\|$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is  $\boxed{0}$ .

### Problem 3.

[20 points]

The following centered data matrix contains six samples of four measurements each:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 3 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 & 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 7 & 1 & 2 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The covariance matrix is

$$S = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 58 & 1 & 0 & 33 \\ 1 & 28 & -17 & -9 \\ 0 & -17 & 26 & -25 \\ 33 & -9 & -25 & 88 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) The measurement variances are

$$s_1^2 = \boxed{58/5} \quad s_2^2 = \boxed{28/5} \quad s_3^2 = \boxed{26/5} \quad s_4^2 = \boxed{88/5}.$$

b) The total variance is  $s^2 = \boxed{40}$ .

c) The variance along the subspace  $\mathbf{R}^4$  is  $s(\mathbf{R}^4)^2 = \boxed{40}$ .

d) The variance in the direction  $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, 1, 0)$  is  $s(u)^2 = \boxed{2}$ .

e) The variance along the plane

$$V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{is} \quad s(V)^2 = \boxed{58/5}.$$

f) The variance along  $V^\perp$  is  $s(V^\perp)^2 = \boxed{142/5}$ .

The covariance matrix has an orthogonal diagonalization  $S = UDU^T$  where

$$U \approx \begin{pmatrix} -0.49 & -0.61 & 0.59 & -0.21 \\ 0.036 & 0.45 & 0.69 & 0.57 \\ 0.23 & -0.63 & -0.2 & 0.72 \\ -0.84 & 0.2 & -0.37 & 0.34 \end{pmatrix} \quad D \approx \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & .13 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- g) For  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , find an orthonormal basis for the  $k$ -space of best fit  $V_k$ , and find the error<sup>2</sup> in the sense of variance of the orthogonal distance from  $V_k$ :

$$V_1: \text{ basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -.49 \\ .036 \\ .23 \\ -.84 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad s(V_1^\perp)^2 = \boxed{17.13}$$

$$V_2: \text{ basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -.49 \\ .036 \\ .23 \\ -.84 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -.61 \\ .45 \\ -.63 \\ .2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad s(V_2^\perp)^2 = \boxed{7.83}$$

$$V_3: \text{ basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -.49 \\ .036 \\ .23 \\ -.84 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -.61 \\ .45 \\ -.63 \\ .2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} .59 \\ .69 \\ -.2 \\ -.37 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad s(V_3^\perp)^2 = \boxed{.13}$$

- h) Which subspace  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  is the most useful approximation for your data set, and why?

The most useful approximation is  $V_3$ : it is a very good fit for the data (the error<sup>2</sup> is small), and it still reduces the dimension of the data set from 4 to 3.

### Problem 4.

[15 points]

A certain matrix  $A$  has a factorization  $A = CDC^{-1}$  where

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) The trace and determinant of  $A$  are

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \boxed{3} \quad \det(A) = \boxed{-3}.$$

b) Compute  $C^{-1}$ . (Its entries are all whole numbers.)

$$C^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } A^k \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 3^k \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{d) If } v \in \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ then } \|A^k v\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ unless } v \in \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

## Problem 5.

[15 points]

Consider the quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3 + 8x_2x_3$$

corresponding to the symmetric matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) The maximum value of  $q(x)$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is 9. Find a unit vector  $u_1$  such that  $q(u_1) = 9$ .

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) The minimum value of  $q(x)$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is  $-3$ . Find a unit vector  $u_3$  such that  $q(u_3) = -3$ .

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

- c) Compute the maximum value of  $q(x)$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $x \cdot u_1 = 0$ , and find a unit vector  $u_2$  achieving this value. [Hint: use cross products!]

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad q(u_2) = \boxed{3}$$

- d) Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that  $q$  becomes diagonal after changing coordinates  $x = Qy$ .

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- e) Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $S = A^T A$ , or explain why no such matrix exists.

No such matrix exists because  $S$  is indefinite.

## Problem 6.

[15 points]

This problem contains short, unrelated computations.

- a) Find the singular value decomposition of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  in outer product form.

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

b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .1 & .2 \\ .1 & .8 & .2 \\ .1 & .1 & .6 \end{pmatrix}^k \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

c) If  $V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix} : x, z \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$  (this is the  $xz$ -plane in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ) then  $P_V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- d) Is this symmetric matrix positive-definite? ☐ Yes ☒ No

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & -3 \\ 6 & 11 & -7 \\ -3 & -7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



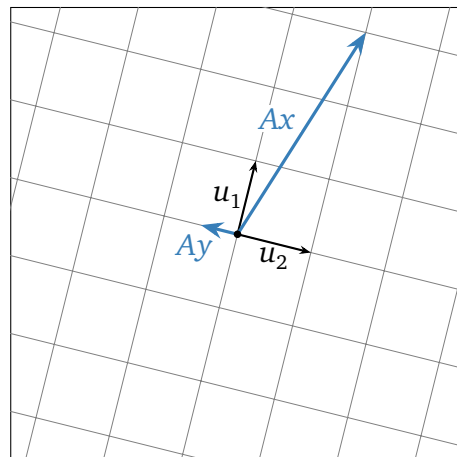
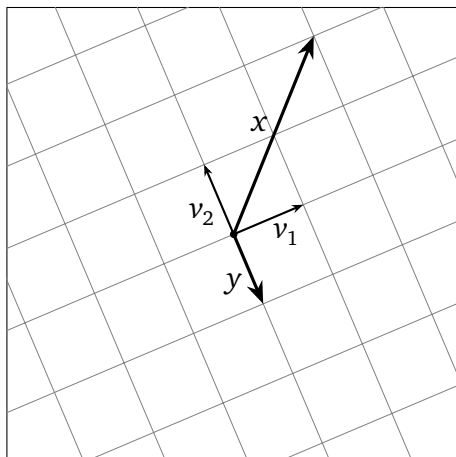
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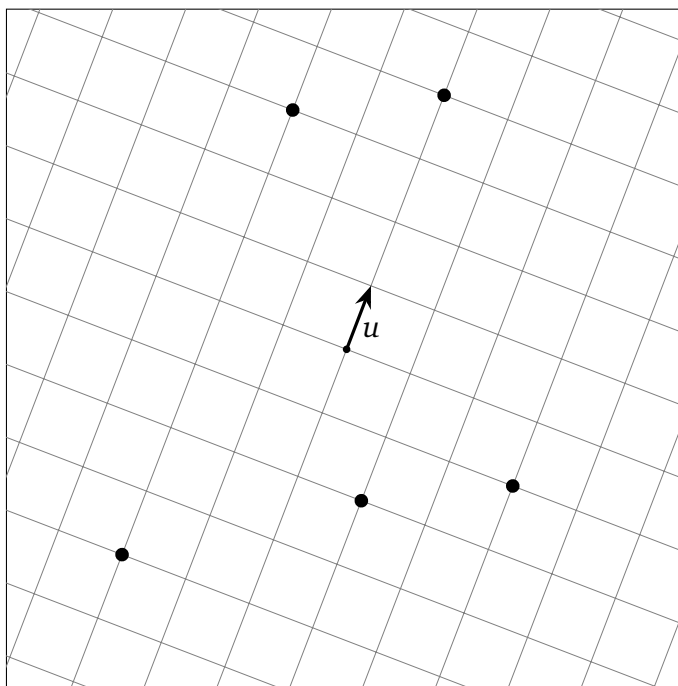
- a) A certain  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  has the singular value decomposition

$$A = \frac{3}{2}u_1v_1^T + \frac{1}{2}u_2v_2^T,$$

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) The columns of a certain  $2 \times 5$  centered data matrix  $A$  are drawn as dots in the diagram below. Compute the variance in the  $u$ -direction, where  $u$  is the vector in the diagram. (Grid marks are one unit apart.)



$$s(u)^2 = \boxed{23/2}$$

## Problem 8.

[20 points]

Short-answer questions: no justification is necessary unless otherwise indicated.

- a) Suppose that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  has exactly one solution. Which of the following can you conclude about  $A$ ? Fill in the bubbles of all correct answers.

- ☒  $A$  has full row rank      ☒  $A$  has full column rank  
☒  $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  has exactly one solution      ☒  $A$  is invertible  
☐  $\det(A) = 0$       ☐  $A$  is diagonalizable  
☒  $Ax = 0$  has a solution

- b) Which of the following matrices are diagonalizable using real and/or complex numbers?

- ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$       ☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
☒  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ☒  $P_V$  for  $V = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ -2 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

- c) Suppose that  $A$  is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix with singular value decomposition  $A = 3u_1v_1^T + 2u_2v_2^T$ .

$$\det(A^T A) = \boxed{0} \qquad \det(AA^T) = \boxed{36}$$

$$\text{Tr}(A^T A) = \boxed{13} \qquad \text{Tr}(AA^T) = \boxed{13}$$

- d) Which of the following subspaces are equal to  $V = \{(x, y, z) : x + y + z = 0\}$ ? Fill in the bubbles of all correct answers.

- ☒  $\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ☒  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^\perp$       ☒  $\text{Col} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
☐  $\text{Row} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$       ☐  $\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$       ☒  $\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

- e) If  $A$  is a positive stochastic matrix, explain why the steady state  $w$  is in  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

By definition we have  $Aw = w$ , so the equation  $Ax = w$  is consistent, which means  $w \in \text{Col}(A)$ .

- f) If  $A$  is a  $30 \times 40$  matrix of rank 25, then  $\dim \text{Row}(A) + \dim \text{Nul}(A) = \boxed{40}$ .

## Problem 9.

[20 points]

In each part either provide an example, or briefly *explain* why no such example exists. All matrices have real entries.

- a) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix of rank 1 with infinitely many singular value decompositions.

This is impossible. In order for a matrix to have infinitely many singular value decompositions, it must have a repeated singular value, but a matrix of rank 1 has only one singular value.

- b) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Row}(A)$ .

This is impossible because the null space and the row space are orthogonal complements.

- c) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix with singular values  $\sigma_1 = 2$  and  $\sigma_2 = 1$ , and left singular vectors  $u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We can choose any right singular vectors that we like. For instance,

$$A = 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 0) + 1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- d) A basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the vectors  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -1)$ .

There are many answers. One is

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

- e) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A^T A$  is not diagonalizable.

This is impossible by the spectral theorem since  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

- f) A  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix that does not have a Cholesky decomposition.

You just have to write down a symmetric matrix that is not positive definite. For instance,

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