

MATH 251 (Winter, 2022)
Test 2

1. (4 marks) Factor $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ into a product of elementary matrices.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] & E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^{-1} = E_3 E_2 E_1$$

$$\therefore A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Answers vary})$$

Note: Since the question does not ask for A^{-1} , it's sufficient to RREF matrix A rather than the augmented matrix $[A|I]$.

2. (3 marks) Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} 11x_1 + 6x_2 - 3x_3 - 7x_4 = 3 \\ -26x_1 - 13x_2 + 8x_3 + 16x_4 = -1 \\ -61x_1 - 31x_2 + 18x_3 + 38x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + x_4 = 4 \end{cases} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{cases} 11x_1 + 6x_2 - 3x_3 - 7x_4 = 3 \\ -26x_1 - 13x_2 + 8x_3 + 16x_4 = -1 \\ -61x_1 - 31x_2 + 18x_3 + 38x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + x_4 = 4 \end{cases}} \right\} A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

using the fact that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 6 & -3 & -7 \\ -26 & -13 & 8 & 16 \\ -61 & -31 & 18 & 38 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = I_4$$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \\ 10 \\ 38 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (8 marks) A matrix B is said to be a square root of a matrix A if $B^2 = A$. Consider a 2×2 matrix B having the form

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & k^2 \\ -k & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where k is a real number. Find the value(s) of k (if any) if

(a) B is a square root of the identity matrix I_2 .

(b) $B\mathbf{x} = 6\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) B is a symmetric matrix.

(d) B is an invertible matrix.

$$a) B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & k^2 \\ -k & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & k^2 \\ -k & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9-k^3 & 0 \\ 0 & 9-k^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9-k^3=1 \Rightarrow k^3=8 \quad \therefore \boxed{k=2}$$

$$b) B\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & k^2 \\ -k & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9+k^2 \\ -3k-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 6\vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 9+k^2=18 \\ k^2=9 \\ k=\pm 3 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{l} -3k-3=6 \\ -3k=9 \\ k=-3 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{k=-3}$$

$$c) B^T = B \Rightarrow k^2 = -k \Rightarrow k^2 + k = 0 \Rightarrow k(k+1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{k=0 \text{ or } k=-1}$$

$$d) \det(B) = -9 + k^3 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \sqrt[3]{9}. \text{ Need } \det(B) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{k \text{ is any real number except } \sqrt[3]{9}}$$

4. (6 marks) Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for the column space of A consisting of columns of A .
- (b) Find a basis for the row space of A consisting of rows of A .
- (c) Find a basis for the null space of A .
- (d) Find $\text{rank}(A)$ and $\text{nullity}(A)$.

a) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

b) $\left\{ [1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2], [2 \ 1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 5], [4 \ 2 \ 6 \ 1 \ 7] \right\}$
 (using $\text{row}(A) = \text{col}(A^T)$)

c) Solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. From RREF $x_3 = s$ and $x_5 = t$ are free variables and $x_1 = -s - 3t$, $x_2 = -s + 3t$ and $x_4 = -t$.

$$\vec{x} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

d) $\text{rank}(A) = 3$
 $\text{nullity}(A) = 2$

5. (4 marks) Suppose T is a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 satisfying

$$T(\mathbf{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T(\mathbf{j}) = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Evaluate $T(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$.
(b) Find the standard matrix for T^{-1} .
(c) Evaluate $T^{-1}(\mathbf{i})$ and $T^{-1}(\mathbf{j})$.

$$\text{a) } T(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) = 2T(\hat{i}) - 3T(\hat{j}) = 2\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 3\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) matrix for } T \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{ matrix for } T^{-1} \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } T^{-1}(\hat{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T^{-1}(\hat{j}) = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$