

# Final Exam

## Linear Algebra: Matrix Methods

MATH 2130

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## PRACTICE EXAM

Question:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Points:	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	140
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- The exam is closed book. You **may not use any resources** whatsoever, other than paper, pencil, and pen, to complete this exam.
- You **may not discuss the exam** with anyone except me, in any way, under any circumstances.
- You **must explain your answers**, and you will be **graded on the clarity of your solutions**.
- You must upload your exam as a single **.pdf** to **Canvas**, with the questions in the correct order, etc.
- You have 70 minutes to complete the exam.

1. (20 points) • Let  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Use the Gram–Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for the vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_4$ .

2. (20 points) • Let  $\mathbb{P}_3$  be the real vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3 (my notation for this vector space has been  $\mathbb{R}[t]_3$ , but here I am using the textbook's notation). A basis of  $\mathbb{P}_3$  is given by the polynomials  $1, t, t^2, t^3$ .

We have seen that there is an inner product on  $\mathbb{P}_3$  given by evaluation at  $-2, -1, 1,$  and  $2$ . In other words, given polynomials  $p(t), q(t) \in \mathbb{P}_3$ , we define the inner product by the rule

$$\begin{aligned}(p(t), q(t)) &:= (p(-2), p(-1), p(1), p(2)) \cdot (q(-2), q(-1), q(1), q(2)) \\ &= p(-2)q(-2) + p(-1)q(-1) + p(1)q(1) + p(2)q(2).\end{aligned}$$

Let  $p_1(t) = t$ , and  $p_2(t) = t^2$ .

*Find the best approximation to  $p(t) = t^3$  by the polynomials in  $\text{Span}\{p_1(t), p_2(t)\}$ .*

In other words, find the polynomial  $q(t)$  in the span of  $p_1(t)$  and  $p_2(t)$ , that is closest to the polynomial  $p(t)$  with respect to the given inner product on  $\mathbb{P}_3$ .

3. (20 points) • Find the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  of the line that best fits the given data points, as a least squares model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. • Consider the following real matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) (4 points) Find the characteristic polynomial  $p_A(t)$  of  $A$ .

(b) (4 points) *Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .*

(c) (4 points) *Find a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .*



(d) (4 points) *Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, find a matrix  $S \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $S^{-1}AS$  is diagonal. If not, explain.*

(e) (4 points) *Is  $A$  diagonalizable with orthogonal matrices? If so, find an orthogonal matrix  $U \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $U^T AU$  is diagonal. If not, explain.*



5. (20 points) • Maximize the quadratic form

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 3x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 5x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + 3x_3^2$$

subject to the constraint that  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$ . [Hint: Compare to the matrix in Problem 3.]

6. (20 points) • Find a singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

7. • **TRUE** or **FALSE**. For this problem, and this problem only, **you do not need to justify your answer**.

(a) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). If  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|$ .

(b) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). Two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if their dot product is zero.

(c) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). If  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector subspace and  $W^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement, then  $W \subseteq W^\perp$ .

(d) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then a least squares solution to the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A^T A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ .

(e) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). For the real vector space  $C^0([0, 1])$  consisting of continuous functions  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ , the rule

$$(f(t), g(t)) = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt$$

defines an inner product on  $C^0([0, 1])$ .

(f) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). If  $A$  is any real matrix, then the matrix  $A^T A$  has non-negative eigenvalues.

(g) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). Every real square matrix is diagonalizable with orthogonal matrices.

(h) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). Given symmetric matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of the same size, then  $AB$  is a symmetric matrix.

(i) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). Every quadratic form has a maximum value.

(j) (2 points) **TRUE** or **FALSE** (circle one). Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the angle  $\theta$  between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  satisfies  $\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}$ .