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MATH 430 (Fall 2005) Exam 2, November 3rd

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 100 points.

(1) [30 pts]

(a) Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a non-zero  $n \times 1$  column vector and  $\mathbf{v}$  a non-zero  $m \times 1$  column vector. Prove that  $\mathbf{uv}^T$  has rank 1.

(b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. Prove that  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{BA})$ .

(c) Let  $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , be a linear operator, where  $\mathcal{V}$  is a finite dimensional vector space. Using (b), define  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{T})$ .

(d) State the three properties that characterize the determinant as a function from the space of  $n \times n$  real matrices to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

(e) Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices. Using the definition you gave in (d) to prove that  $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})$ .

(f) Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a length one vector in  $\mathcal{R}^n$ , and let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}_n - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ . Calculate  $\det(\mathbf{R})$ , and explain the physical meaning of the linear operator defined by  $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}$ .

(2) [10 pts] True or false? If true give a brief justification. If false provide a counterexample.

(a)  $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \det(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) = \det(\mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2)$ .

(b) Let  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 3)^T$ . In the standard basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathcal{R}^2$ , the matrix of the projection operator  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{v}} : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$  onto the span of  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$[\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{v}}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(3) [12 pts] For the linear operator  $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$  defined by  $\mathbf{T}(x, y) = (x - y, 2x + 4y)$ , calculate the matrix,  $[\mathbf{T}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , of  $\mathbf{T}$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

(4) [18 pts] Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Calculate  $\det(\mathbf{P})$  using

(i) Row operations

(ii) Block determinants based on the blocking

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} \text{ is } 1 \times 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{D} \text{ is } 2 \times 2.$$

(iii) A cofactor expansion.

(b) What is  $\det(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P})$ , and why?

(5) [10 pts] Let  $\mathbf{T} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  be a linear transformation between finite-dimensional vector spaces  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a basis for  $\mathcal{V}$  and let  $\mathcal{B}'$  be a basis for  $\mathcal{W}$ . Define the matrix  $[\mathbf{T}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}'}$  of  $\mathbf{T}$  with respect to these two bases, and prove that

$$[\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{u})]_{\mathcal{B}'} = [\mathbf{T}]_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}'}[\mathbf{u}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$



(6) [8 pts] Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix whose entries are differentiable functions of a real variable  $t$ , that is,  $\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_{ij}(t)$ . Prove that  $\det \mathbf{A}$  is also a differentiable function of  $t$ .

(7) [12 pts] The least squares quadratic fit to  $m$  data points  $(t_1, y_1), (t_2, y_2), \dots, (t_m, y_m)$  in  $\mathcal{R}^2$  is the quadratic function  $y = f(t) = \alpha + \beta t + \gamma t^2$  for which the parameter vector  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is the global minimum of the function

$$Q = Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha + \beta t_i + \gamma t_i^2 - y_i)^2.$$

(a) Let  $\mathbf{x} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)^T$ . Find an  $m \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{y}$  and an  $m \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  so that

$$Q = Q(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|^2.$$

(b) By differentiating  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  with respect to the  $i$ -th coordinate  $\mathbf{x}_i$  of  $\mathbf{x}$ , prove that the minimizer of  $Q$  satisfies the normal equations  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$ .

Pledge: *I have neither given nor received aid on this exam*

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