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MATH 430 (Fall 2006) Exam 1, October 4th

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) Define the term *maximal linearly independent set*.

(b) State the Basis Characterization Theorem.

(c) State the definition of a least squares solution of a linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

(d) Suppose that  $\mathbf{B}_{r \times r}$  is an invertible  $r \times r$  matrix and that  $\mathbf{0}_{p \times q}$  is the  $p \times q$  zero matrix. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the square matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{r \times r} & \mathbf{0}_{r \times s} \\ \mathbf{0}_{s \times r} & \mathbf{0}_{s \times s} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find bases for the nullspace,  $N(\mathbf{A})$ , and the range,  $R(\mathbf{A})$ , of  $\mathbf{A}$  and verify that the Rank and Nullity Theorem holds for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(e) Suppose that  $N(\mathbf{A}) = N(\mathbf{B})$  for two matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . Must it be true that  $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Rank}(\mathbf{B})$ ?

(f) Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  and let  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{V}$ . Prove that there are unique scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathcal{R}$  so that

$$\mathbf{u} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n.$$

(2) [15 pts] Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the matrix

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

Find bases for the nullspace and range of the  $\mathbf{A}$  and for the range of  $\mathbf{A}^T$ .

(3) [15 pts] Find the least squares solutions to the linear system

$$2x + 3y = 2$$

$$4x - 2y = -1$$

$$x + 5y = 1$$

$$2x + 0y = 3$$

(4) [10 pts] Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be two matrices with the same number of columns and let  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$ . Prove that  $N(\mathbf{C}) \subseteq N(\mathbf{A})$ . Is  $N(\mathbf{C}) = N(\mathbf{A})$ ? Why?

(5) [10 pts] Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Without working out the entries of  $\mathbf{A}$ , find  $\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(6) [10 pts] Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Suppose that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{R}^n$  such that  $\{\mathbf{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $N(\mathbf{A})$ . Prove that  $\{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_r\}$  is a basis for  $R(\mathbf{A})$ .



(7) [10 pts] Let  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be two column vectors in  $\mathcal{R}^n$  and let  $I$  denote the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Suppose that  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{v} \neq 1$ . Show that the matrix  $I - \mathbf{v} \mathbf{w}^T$  is invertible and that its inverse is a matrix of the form  $I - c \mathbf{v} \mathbf{w}^T$ , for some scalar  $c$ . Also, find a formula for  $c$  in terms of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

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

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