



It will help us to grade your solutions if you draw a box around your final answers to each problem. If we cannot determine what your final is on a problem, you may lose points. Partial credit can be given on some problems. Good luck!

**Problem 1.** (30 points) This question has six parts.

(a) Find the general solution to the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 3 \\ x_3 + x_5 = 2. \end{cases}$$

**Solution to part (a):**

(b) Find the standard matrix of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution to part (b):**

(c) Find the value of  $h$  that makes the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & h \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

as small as possible.

**Solution to part (c):**

(d) Find all  $2 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  that are in **reduced echelon form** and satisfy

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution to part (d):**

- (e) Suppose  $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $ad - bc = 1$  and  $e \neq 0$ .  
Compute the inverse of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & d \\ e & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution to part (e):**

- (f) Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with all real entries. The complex number  $\lambda = 2 + 3i$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and the trace of  $A$  is  $\text{tr}(A) = 7$ . What is the determinant of  $A$ ?

**Solution to part (f):**



**Problem 2.** (10 points) Do there exist two linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are orthogonal to all three of the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -2 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}?$$

Find two such vectors if they exist, and otherwise explain why there are no such linearly independent vectors.

**Solution:**





**Problem 3.** (10 points) This problem has two parts.

Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

**Solution to part (a):**

(b) Determine if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n$  exists and compute its value if it does exist.

Explain how you found your answer to receive full credit.

**Solution to part (b):**





**Problem 4.** (20 points) This problem has four parts.

Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that has exactly two distinct (complex) eigenvalues given by  $-1$  and  $2$ , and that has all three of the following vectors as eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Can the matrix  $A$  be non-diagonalizable? If this is possible then give an example of such a matrix  $A$ , and otherwise explain why it is impossible.

**Solution to part (a):**

- (b) Continue to suppose that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that has exactly two distinct (complex) eigenvalues given by  $-1$  and  $2$ , and that has all three of the following vectors as eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Can the matrix  $A$  be non-invertible? If this is possible then give an example of such a matrix  $A$ , and otherwise explain why it is impossible.

**Solution to part (b):**

- (c) Continue to suppose that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that has exactly two distinct (complex) eigenvalues given by  $-1$  and  $2$ , and that has all three of the following vectors as eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Can the matrix  $A$  be orthogonal? (That is, can it hold that  $A$  is invertible with  $A^{-1} = A^T$ ?) If this is possible then give an example of such a matrix  $A$ , and otherwise explain why it is impossible.

**Solution to part (c):**

- (d) Continue to suppose that  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that has exactly two distinct (complex) eigenvalues given by  $-1$  and  $2$ , and that has all three of the following vectors as eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Can the matrix  $A$  be symmetric? (That is, can it hold that  $A = A^T$ ?) If this is possible then give an example of such a matrix  $A$ , and otherwise explain why it is impossible.

**Solution to part (d):**





**Problem 5.** (10 points) This question has two parts.

Consider the plane  $P = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 3x - y + 6z = 0 \right\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (a) The subspace  $P$  is 2-dimensional. Find an orthogonal basis for  $P$ .

**Solution to part (a):**

(b) Find the vector in  $P$  that is closest to  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution to part (b):**





**Problem 6.** (15 points) This question has three parts.

(a) Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Does the equation  $Ax = b$  have an exact solution?

Find a solution or explain why none exists.

**Solution to part (a):**

(b) Again suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Does the equation  $Ax = b$  have a least-squares solution?

Find a solution or explain why none exists.

**Solution to part (b):**

(c) Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Indicate which of the following are TRUE or FALSE.

You do not need to provide any justification for your answers.

**Correct answers will receive 1 point, blank answers will receive 0 points, and incorrect answers will lose 1 point.**

1. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  has  $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$  then it always holds that  $Ax = b$ .

TRUE

FALSE

2. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  has  $Ax = b$  then it always holds that  $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$ .

TRUE

FALSE

3. If the equation  $Ax = b$  has no solution then  $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$  might also have no solution.

TRUE

FALSE

4. If the equation  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution then  $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$  also has a unique solution.

TRUE

FALSE

5. If the equation  $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$  has a unique solution  $x$  then  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution.

TRUE

FALSE





**Problem 7.** (10 points)

Define  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  to be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices with all real entries.

The set  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is a vector space. Let

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

and define  $T : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  by the formula  $T(A) = JAJ$ . This is a linear function.

Find all real numbers  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $T(A) = \lambda A$  for some  $0 \neq A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ . For each of these eigenvalues  $\lambda$  find a basis for the subspace  $\{A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} : T(A) = \lambda A\}$ .

**Solution :**





**Problem 8.** (15 points) This question has three parts.

- (a) Compute the singular values of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution to part (a):**

(b) Suppose  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with a singular value decomposition

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal  $2 \times 2$  matrices and

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The first column of  $U$  is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -4/5 \\ 3/5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Draw a picture of the region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$\left\{ Ax : x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ is a vector with } x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Make your picture as detailed as possible to receive full credit.

**Solution to part (b):**

(c) Find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution to part (c):**



