



Linear Algebra (Math 251)
Level IV, Assignment 3
(Fall, 2016)

1. State whether the following statements are true or false:

[6]

(a) If 2, 3 and 4 are eigen values of a matrix A , then $\det(A) = 9$.

(a) False

(b) $(1, -1, 2)$ is the real part of the complex vector $(1 + i, -1 + i, i, 2)$.

(b) False

(c) The inner product of a nonzero vector with itself is always a positive real number.

(c) True

(d) If $u = (1, -1)$, $v = (-2, 2)$ and $k = 4$, then $\langle ku, v \rangle = 16$.

(d) False

(e) If determinant of a matrix is 1 or -1, then the matrix is orthogonal.

(e) False

(f) The rows and columns of an orthogonal matrix are orthonormal.

(f) True

2. Select one of the alternatives from the following questions as your answer.

[6]

(a) The characteristic equation of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is

A. $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 10 = 0$

B. $\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 10 = 0$

C. $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = 0$

D. $\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 10 = 0$

(b) The eigenvalues of the matrix A^3 , where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, are

A. $\{1, 4, -3\}$

B. $\{1, 12, -9\}$

C. $\{1, 64, 27\}$

D. $\{1, 64, -27\}$

(c) Which of the following sets of vectors are orthogonal with respect to the Euclidean inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 :

A. $(1,2), (-2,1)$

B. $(3,4), (2,6)$

C. $(6,9), (5,2)$

D. $(0,4), (0,6)$

(d) If angle between vectors u and v is zero such that $\|u\| = 4$, $\|v\| = 6$, then $\langle u, v \rangle =$

A. 10

B. 24

C. $\sqrt{24}$

D. $\sqrt{10}$

(e) If $3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 4x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 6x_1x_3 - 4x_2x_3$ be the quadratic form, then the associated symmetric matrix will be

A. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

B. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

C. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$D. \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(f) For which value of a and b , the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & i+2 & 2+6i \\ a & -1 & 2i-1 \\ 2-6i & b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is Hermitian?

- A. $a = i - 2, b = -2i - 1$
 B. $a = -i + 2, b = 2i + 1$
 C. $a = -i + 2, b = -2i - 1$
 D. $a = i - 2, b = 2i + 1$

3. Find all the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. [4]

Solution: The characteristic equation of the matrix is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -2 \\ 3 & 0 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) &= 0 \\ \lambda &= 2, 3 \end{aligned}$$

The roots 2 and 3 are eigenvalues of A .

Eigen Vectors

For $\lambda = 2$: Let $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ be the eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = 2$. So

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)X &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{which gives } 3x_1 - 2x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This system has only one free variable x_2 . Take $x_2 = 1$, which gives $x_1 = 2/3$ and so $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the required eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = 2$.

Similarly, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = 3$.

4. For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3i & 2 \\ 3+i & 4-i \end{bmatrix}$ Find \bar{A} , $Re(A)$, $Im(A)$, $Tr(A)$ and $\det(A)$. [2]

Solution: $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3i & 2 \\ 3-i & 4+i \end{bmatrix}$

$$Re(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad Im(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Tr(A) = 5 + 2i.$$

$$\det(A) = (1+3i)(4-i) - 2(3-i) = 1+9i.$$

5. Find the value of k , for which the matrices $U = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $V = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ k & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ are orthogonal in the vector space $M_{2 \times 2}$ with usual inner product on $M_{2 \times 2}$. [2]

Solution: Since U, V are orthogonal, so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U, V \rangle &= 0 \\ 18 - 8 + 2k + 24 &= 0 \\ 2k &= -34 \\ k &= -17. \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the least squares solution of the system of linear equation $AX = B$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. [4]

Solution: We know that for every linear system $AX = B$, the associated normal system $A^TAX = A^TB$ is consistent, and all its solutions are least squares solutions of $AX = B$.

The associated normal system is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A^TAX &= A^TB \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

which gives, $9x = 3$, $5y = 8$ and hence $x = 1/3$, $y = 8/5$ are the required least squares solution.

7. Show that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$ is unitary. [3]

Solution: We know that a square complex matrix A is said to be unitary if $A^*A = I$, where A^* is the conjugate transpose of A . Given that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{So, } A^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } A^*A &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1-i}{3} - \frac{1-i}{3} \\ \frac{1+i}{3} - \frac{1+i}{3} & \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

Hence A is an unitary matrix.

8. Show that matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal and find A^{-1} . [3]

Solution: Given that $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$, so $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Now, } AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

Hence A is orthogonal and $A^{-1} = A^T$.