
Math 200 - Multivariable Calculus and Matrix Algebra

Midterm 1 March 23, 2010

Duration: 90 minutes

Instructions: Calculators are not allowed. No books, no notes, no questions, and no talking allowed. You must always **explain your answers** and **show your work** to receive **full credit**. Use the back of these pages if necessary. **Print (i.e., use CAPITAL LETTERS)** and **sign your name, and indicate your section below.**

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Question	Points	Score
1	18	
2	18	
3	28	
4	20	
5	10	
6	6	
Total	100	

1. (a) (8 points) Are the following vectors $v_1 = (2, 0, 0)$, $v_2 = (0, 1, 0)$, $v_3 = (2, 0, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 linearly independent? Explain your answer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = \vec{0} \\
 & \Rightarrow c_1 (2, 0, 0) + c_2 (0, 1, 0) + c_3 (2, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 0) \\
 & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2c_1 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_3 = c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the system only has the trivial solution,
 then v_1, v_2, v_3 are linearly independent.

(b) (6 points) Determine the span of v_1, v_2 , and v_3 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Let } S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}. \text{ Then} \\
 & \text{span}(S) = \{c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 : c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
 & = \{(2c_1 + 2c_3, c_2, c_3) : c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
 & = \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ since any vector in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ can be written} \\
 & \text{as a linear combination of } v_1, v_2, v_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) (4 points) Find the dimension of the span of v_1, v_2 , and v_3 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Since } v_1, v_2, v_3 \text{ are lin. indep, and they span } \mathbb{R}^3, \\
 & \text{and no fewer vectors can span } \mathbb{R}^3, \\
 & S \text{ forms a basis for the span}(S) = \mathbb{R}^3. \\
 & \text{Hence } \dim(\text{span}(S)) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. (18 points) Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be an operator defined as

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 + 3x_2, x_1 + x_2 + x_3).$$

3/ (a) Write down the matrix A for T with respect to the standard basis $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$.

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 + 3x_2, x_1 + x_2 + x_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{since } T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4/ (b) Find the null space of T and find a basis for it.

$$3 \quad N(T) = \{ \vec{x} : T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \} = \{ (x_1 + x_2, x_1 + 3x_2, x_1 + x_2 + x_3) = (0, 0, 0) \}$$

$$5 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 0 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = 0 \\ \text{also} \\ (x_1 + 3x_2) - (x_1 + x_2) = 0 - 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0 \text{ and } x_1 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$1 \quad \text{so } N(T) = \{ (0, 0, 0) \}$$

[or you can solve the above system by G-J elimination]

4/ (b) Is T one-to-one? Why or why not?

T is 1-1, because $N(T)$ contains only the $\vec{0}$ vector.

3. (a) (12 points) Solve the following system of linear equations using Gauss-Jordan elimination.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ -3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

4/ Then $[A|\vec{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_1+R_2 \\ 3R_1+R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2/3}$

4/ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2+R_1 \\ R_2+R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/3 & | & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/3 & | & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 8/3 & | & 13/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \cdot (3/8)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/3 & | & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/3 & | & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 13/8 \end{bmatrix}$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{1/3 R_3 + R_1 \\ 4/3 R_3 + R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 7/8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 13/8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/8 \\ 3/2 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix}$ 4

- (b) (6 points) Find the determinant of the coefficient matrix in the above system.

6/ $\det A = (3)\left(\frac{8}{3}\right) = 8$

(c) (10 points) Solve the following system of equations using Cramer's rule.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$3 \left(A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right.$$

$$\det A = |A| = 1 - (-2) = 3.$$

$$3 \left(x_1 = \frac{D_1}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \right.$$

$$3 \left(x_2 = \frac{D_2}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{3} = \frac{-2}{3} \right.$$

so, the solution is $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$

4. (20 points) Given the the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + ax_2 &= b \end{aligned}$$

For which values of a and b the system of equations

(a) has a unique solution,

$$8 \left(\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & a & b \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & a+2 & b-2 \end{array} \right] \right.$$

For the system to have a unique solution, we should have $a+2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a \neq -2, \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{R}}.$

(b) has no solution,

6 \left(\text{For no solution, we should have } a+2=0 \text{ and } b-2 \neq 0 \right. \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2 \text{ and } b \neq 2}

(c) and has infinitely many solutions?

6 \left(\text{For infinitely many solutions, } a+2=0 \text{ and } b-2=0 \right. \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -2 \text{ and } b = 2}

5. (10 points) Compute the determinant of the following matrix by the cofactor expansion.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5 (Using column 3, $\det A = 1(-1)^{4+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

5 (and using column 2 gives

$$\det A = (-1) \cdot 1(-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1)(1-6) = \underline{\underline{5}}$$

6. (6 points) Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear operator where V and W are vector spaces. Then show that the null space of T denoted $N(T)$ is a subspace of V .

1 (Clearly $N(T) \subseteq V$.)

2 (1) Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in N(T)$. Then $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$
(since T is linear)

$$\Rightarrow T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} \text{ (since } \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in N(T))$$

hence $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in N(T)$ also.

2 (2) Let $\vec{u} \in N(T)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.
Then $T(\alpha \vec{u}) = \alpha T(\vec{u})$ (since T is linear)

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha \vec{u}) = \alpha \vec{0} = \vec{0} \text{ (since } \vec{u} \in N(T))$$

hence $\alpha \vec{u} \in N(T)$.

Therefore $N(T)$ is a subspace of V .