

LINEAR ALGEBRA - VECTOR SPACES, DETERMINANTS, INVERSE MATRICES AND EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

1. Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 & -3 & -4 \\ 4 & -6 & 9 & 5 & 9 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) What is the basis and dimension of  $\text{Nul } \mathbf{A}$ ?
- (b) What is the basis and dimension of  $\text{Col } \mathbf{A}$ ?
- (c) What is the basis and dimension of  $\text{Row } \mathbf{A}$ ?
- (d) What is the Rank of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

2. Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  via:

- (a) Calculate  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ .
- (b) The Gauss-Jordan Method (pg.317).
- (c) The cofactor representation (Theorem 2 pg.318).
- (d) Check your result by showing  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$

3. Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Determine the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- (b) Determine the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Hint:** Use a cofactor expansion along the first row to get  $(4 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)^2 + 2(1 - \lambda) = 0$ .

4. Given,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{1}$$

Calculate  $\mathbf{A}^{1000}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^{1001}$ .

5. Let,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2}$$

Show that the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  are orthonormal.

$$3. \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 & -3 & -4 \\ 4 & -6 & 9 & 5 & 9 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 = R_2 + R_1 \\ \sim \\ R_3 = R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 = R_4 + R_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim$$

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$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

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a.  $B \Rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0$  has the general solution set,

$$x_4 = -3x_5$$

$$x_3 = \frac{(x_4 - x_5)}{3} = \frac{(-3x_5 - x_5)}{3} = \frac{(-4)}{3}x_5$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(3x_2 - 6x_3 - 2x_4 - 5x_5) = \frac{1}{2}(3x_2 - 6(\frac{-4}{3}x_5) - 2(-3x_5) - 5x_5) = \frac{1}{2}(3x_2 + 8x_5 + 6x_5 - 5x_5) = \frac{3x_2 + 9x_5}{2}$$

$$x_2 = \text{free}$$

$$x_5 = \text{free.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 \\ 0 \\ -4/3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_2, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus the Basis for  $\text{Nul } A$  is

$$B_{\text{Nul}} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 \\ 0 \\ -4/3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and  $\dim(\text{Nul } A) = \dim B_{\text{Nul}} = 2$

b.  $B \Rightarrow$  That the basis for the column space of  $A$  is the pivot columns  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_4$  of  $A$ .

$$B_{\text{Col}} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and

$$\dim(\text{Col } A) = \dim B_{\text{Col}} = 3$$

c.  $B \Rightarrow$  The Basis for  $\text{Row } A$  is given as

$$B_{\text{Row}} = \left\{ [2, -3, 6, 2, 5], [0, 0, 3, -1, 1], [0, 0, 0, 1, 3] \right\}$$

$$\dim(\text{Row } A) = \dim B_{\text{Row}} = 3.$$