

1. (E) Find the distance of the point  $p = (0, 1, 0)^T$  to the plane

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 1)^T$  and  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, -1, -1)^T$ .

- (A) Show that two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  lie in a plane only if either they intersect or they are parallel.

$$\begin{aligned} (E) \quad d &= \|(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

(A) Assume the two lines are described by the parametric equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{b} + \mu \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

If the two lines lie in a plane, then the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

are linearly dependent. I.e. there is  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  not all zero such that

$$\alpha \mathbf{v} + \beta \mathbf{w} + \gamma (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (*)$$

If  $\gamma = 0$ , then  $\alpha = -\beta$ , i.e. the lines are parallel.

If  $\gamma \neq 0$ , set  $\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}$  and  $\mu = -\frac{\beta}{\gamma}$ . Then  $(*)$  shows that the two lines intersect in the point  $\alpha \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{b} + \mu \mathbf{w}$ .

□

2. Find the general solution to the system of linear equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check your answer!

3. (E) Consider the matrix  $A$  from the previous question. Show that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  does not have a solution when

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (A) Consider the matrix  $A$  from the previous question. Characterize all vectors  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  is solvable.

$$2. \quad \begin{array}{r} \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ -10 \\ 4 \end{array} \right) \\ \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \\ \xrightarrow{R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check:  $A \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0+6+0+0 \\ 2-12+0+0 \\ -2+6+0+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -10 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b} \quad \checkmark$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0+2-3-2+0 \\ 1-4+3+0 \\ -1+2-1+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0+3+0-3 \\ 2-6+0+4 \\ -2+3+0-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad \checkmark$$

3.

$$(E) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The system is inconsistent.

(A) Solution 1: Take a general vector  $c$  on the right:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & c_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & c_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \end{array} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  For consistency, we need  $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$

Solution 2: The system is solvable if  $c$  is in the range of  $A$ . So the task is to find a basis for the range, which is easily seen to be

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^4$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- (b) Write out a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $D = S^{-1}AS$ .
- (c) Check your result by explicitly performing the matrix multiplications  $SD$  and  $AS$ .

(10+5+5)

(a)  $0 = p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & i \\ -i & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)^2 - 1 = ((1-\lambda)-1)((1-\lambda)+1)$$

$$= -\lambda(2-\lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 2$$

Eigenvector for  $\lambda_1$ : Need  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} v_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + iR_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvector for  $\lambda_2$ : Need  $\begin{pmatrix} 1-2 & i \\ -i & 1-2 \end{pmatrix} v_2 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & i \\ -i & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - iR_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) We see from (a) that  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $S = \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(c) \quad SD = \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2i \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i-i & -i-i \\ -1-1 & -1-1 \end{pmatrix} = SD \quad \checkmark$$

5. (E) Give an example of two matrices A and B such that  $AB \neq BA$ . (An explicit calculation is required!) (8)
- (A) Let  $A, B \in M(n \times n)$  such that there exists a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is also a set of eigenvectors for both A and B. Show that, in this case,  $AB = BA$ .

(10)

(c)  $SD = \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2i \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(E) For example,

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq AB$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq A\mathcal{B}$$

(A) If  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$C = S^{-1}AS$$

$$\text{and } D = S^{-1}BS$$

are diagonal matrices, so that  $CD = DC$

$$\Rightarrow A\mathcal{B} = SCS^{-1}S\mathcal{D}S^{-1} = S\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}\mathcal{S}^{-1} = S\mathcal{D}\mathcal{S}^{-1} = SDS^{-1}$$

$$= SDS^{-1}SCS^{-1} \quad 6$$

$$= BA \quad \square$$

6. (E) Let

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Let the linear transformation  $F$  be the reflection about the plane spanned by the standard unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Find the matrix representing  $F$  in the standard basis.

(b) Check that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(c) Find the matrix representing  $F$  in the basis  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .

(d) Let  $a = 4v_1 - 2v_2 + v_3$ ; compute  $F(a)$  in the basis  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . (5+5+9+5)

(a) Clearly  $M_{E|E}^F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

( $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are left unchanged,  $e_3$  is normal to the plane and hence being reflected by having its direction reversed.)

$$(b, c)$$

$$\underbrace{\left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)}_S \xrightarrow{\substack{R1 \rightarrow R1 \\ R2 \rightarrow R2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}R3 \rightarrow R3}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R1 \rightarrow R1 \\ R2 \rightarrow R2 \\ 2R3 \rightarrow R3}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R1 \rightarrow R1 \\ R2 \rightarrow R2 \\ 2R3 \rightarrow R3}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) = S^{-1}$$

Clearly  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , hence a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $S$  represents the change of basis from  $V$  to  $E$ .

$$\Rightarrow M_{V|V}^F = S^{-1} M_{E|E}^F S$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 & -5 \\ -3 & -1 & -4 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 & -5 \\ -3 & -1 & -4 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -9+4-5 & -8 & -2 & -10 \\ -6+2-4 & -6 & -1 & -8 \\ 10-4+6 & 10 & 2 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-12+2 \\ -9+1 \\ 15-2+12}} \begin{pmatrix} -9 & -20 & -20 \\ -8 & -15 & -16 \\ 12 & 24 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

(A) Let  $P_2$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree less or equal than 2.

(a) Show that

$$F(p) = \begin{pmatrix} p(0) \\ p(1) \\ p(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

is a linear transformation from  $P_2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Find the matrix representing  $F$  when  $P_2$  is endowed with basis  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is endowed with its standard basis.

(c) Find the matrix representing

$$G(p) = \begin{pmatrix} p'(0) \\ p'(1) \\ p'(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the same pair of bases.

(d) Is  $F$  invertible? Is  $G$  invertible? Explain.

(e) Find a matrix  $A$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} p(0) \\ p(1) \\ p(2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p'(0) \\ p'(1) \\ p'(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

for every  $p \in P_2$ .

(5+5+5+5+10)

$$(a) F(p+q) = \begin{pmatrix} p(0) + q(0) \\ p(1) + q(1) \\ p(2) + q(2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p(0) \\ p(1) \\ p(2) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} q(0) \\ q(1) \\ q(2) \end{pmatrix} = F(p) + F(q)$$

$$F(\lambda p) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda p(0) \\ \lambda p(1) \\ \lambda p(2) \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} p(0) \\ p(1) \\ p(2) \end{pmatrix} = \lambda F(p)$$

$$(b) M_F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{the columns are the images of the basis vectors})$$

$$c) M_G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad 8$$

d)  $M_G$  is clearly singular, hence  $G$  is not invertible.

(Since  $G = F \circ \frac{d}{dx}$ , and  $\ker \frac{d}{dx} = \{1\}$ ,

$\ker G \supseteq \{1\}$  and therefore  $G$  cannot be invertible.)

$$\text{For } M_F:$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= M_F^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow F$  is invertible

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F \downarrow & \varphi \nearrow & G \nearrow \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} p(0) \\ p(1) \\ p(2) \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow{F} & \left( \begin{array}{c} p'(0) \\ p'(1) \\ p'(2) \end{array} \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \left( \begin{array}{c} p'(0) \\ p'(1) \\ p'(2) \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{G} \left( \begin{array}{c} p''(0) \\ p''(1) \\ p''(2) \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = M_G M_F^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$