

# Solutions to Math 216 Final - Spring 2000

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 & -7 & 8 \\ 9 & -10 & 11 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find  $\text{rref}(A)$ , the reduced row-echelon form of  $A$ .
- Find bases for  $\ker(A)$  and  $\text{image}(A)$ .
- Find an orthonormal basis for  $\ker(A)$ .

Let  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $v \in \ker(A)$  and

express  $v$  in terms of your orthonormal basis for  $\ker(A)$

Solution. a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 & -7 & 8 \\ 9 & -10 & 11 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{(III) - 9(I)}]{\text{(II) + 5(I)}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & -16 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{(II)} \times -\frac{1}{4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & -16 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{(III) - 8(II)}]{\text{(I) + 2(II)}} \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}$

$$b. \quad v \in \ker A \Leftrightarrow Av = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\text{rref } A) \cdot v = 0$$

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0, \text{ or } \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$x_3, x_4 \text{ free variables, } x_1 = x_3 - 2x_4, \quad x_2 = 2x_3 - 3x_4.$$

$$\text{Set } x_3 = s, \quad x_4 = t, \text{ then } x_1 = s - 2t, \quad x_2 = 2s - 3t$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s - 2t \\ 2s - 3t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$\text{So } \ker A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (\text{clearly these})$$

vectors are independent and hence a basis for  $\ker A$ .

Note that  $\text{rref}(A)$  has leading 1s in the 1st and 2nd columns. Hence  $\text{image}(A)$  has as a basis the 1st and

2nd columns of  $A$ , which are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix},$$

1c. Basis for  $\ker A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Use Gram-Schmidt.

Normalize  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ : length is  $\sqrt{6}$  so  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is the first vector.

Subtract from  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  the component in the  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  direction.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-8}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{-8}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is orthogonal to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Now normalize: } \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has length } \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}, \text{ so } \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ 4 \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are an  
orthogonal basis for  $\text{Ker}(A)$ .

If  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Check that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 & -7 & 8 \\ 9 & -10 & 11 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

so  $v \in \text{Ker } A$ . Want  $c_1, c_2$  such that

$$c_1 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) + c_2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Comparing entries,}$$

get  $c_1 \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} = 2$  so  $c_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{30}}{3}$ . Then

$$\frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(-2) + c_2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) = 0, \quad -\frac{4}{3} + c_2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) = 0, \quad c_2 = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

Hence  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\sqrt{30}}{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

2a) We need to show that  $A^{-1}J(A^{-1})^T = J$ .  
 We know that  $AJA^T = J$ . Multiply this equality by  $A^{-1}$  from the left hand side and by  $(A^{-1})^T$  from the right hand side:

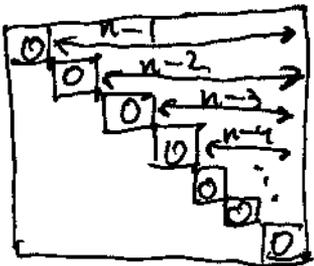
$A^{-1}AJA^T(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}J(A^{-1})^T$ . The expression on the left hand side equals  $(A^{-1}A)J(A^{-1}A)^T = J$ , so  $J = A^{-1}J(A^{-1})^T$ , hence  $A^{-1}$  is symplectic.

b)  $ABJ(AB)^T = ABJB^T A^T = A(BJB^T)A^T = AJA^T = \underline{J}$

c) Note that  $J^2 = -I$  and  $J^T = -J$ . So  $JJ \cdot J^T = -I \cdot (-J) = J$ .

d) Compute  $\langle w, v \rangle = w^T J v = (v^T J^T w)^T = (-v^T J w)^T = -v^T J w$  (the transposed of a  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $v^T J w$  is itself). So  $\langle w, v \rangle = -\langle v, w \rangle$ . This is not an inner product as  $\langle v, w \rangle \neq \langle w, v \rangle$ .

4) Any antisymmetric matrix has 0's on the diagonal and is completely determined by specifying its entries above the diagonal (because  $b_{ij} = -b_{ji}$ ). Therefore, the dimension of  $V$  is equal to the number of such entries which is  $(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}}}$



6) a)  $\det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{(-1)^{1+1}}{=} \lambda \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} +$   
 $+ (-1)^{1+4} \cdot (-1) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (Laplace rule).

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$$= \lambda \cdot ((-1)^{3+3} \lambda \cdot (\lambda^2 - 1)) + (-1)^{1+3} \cdot (-1) (\lambda^2 - 1) =$$

$$= \lambda^2 \cdot (\lambda^2 - 1) - (\lambda^2 - 1) = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2 = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda + 1)^2 \neq 0,$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1 \text{ (alg \# = 2)}; \quad \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = -1 \text{ (alg \# = -2)}$$

b) A is a symmetric matrix  $\Rightarrow$  it has a real e/basis.

Let us find it. i)  $\lambda = 1$  :  $\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 = x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{the basis of the e/space is } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{ii) } \lambda = -1 \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ the basis is}$$

$$v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad v_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  form an e/basis of A

c) Yes, because it has an e/basis

d) Note that  $B = \left( \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{v_3}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{v_4}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$  form an orthogonal

basis and  $A_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Therefore, spanned by,  
A is a reflection with respect to the plane  $(w_1, w_2)$ .

$$8) S(t, x) = t + \frac{x^2}{2}; \quad \tilde{T}(t, x) = T(t, x) - S(t, x); \quad \tilde{T}(t, 0) = \tilde{T}(t, \pi) = 0$$

$\tilde{T}(0, x) = \sin x$ , The solution with such conditions is

$$\tilde{T}(t, x) = e^{-t} \sin x; \quad T(t, x) = e^{-t} \sin x + t + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

2. Let  $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We say that a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is symplectic if  $AJA^T = J$ .

- a. Show that if  $A$  is symplectic, then  $A^{-1}$  is symplectic.
- b. Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are symplectic, then  $AB$  is symplectic.
- c. Show that  $J$  itself is symplectic.
- d. Given  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , define  $\langle v, w \rangle = v^T J w$ . Is this an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Why or why not?

Solution.

a. Suppose  $A$  is symplectic, i.e.  $AJA^T = J$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1}(AJA^T)(A^T)^{-1} &= A^{-1}J(A^T)^{-1} \\ (A^{-1}A)J(A^T(A^T)^{-1}) &= A^{-1}J(A^T)^{-1} \\ J &= A^{-1}J(A^T)^{-1} \\ J &= A^{-1}J(A^{-1})^T \end{aligned}$$

so  $A^{-1}$  is symplectic.

2b. If  $A$  and  $B$  are symplectic, then  $AJA^T = BJB^T = J$ .

Then  $(AB)J(AB)^T = ABJB^T A^T = AJA^T = J$ , so  $AB$  is symplectic.

2c. Direct computation:  $JJJ^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = J \quad \text{so } J \text{ is symplectic}$$

2d. Suppose  $v = e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\langle v, v \rangle =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

But  $v \neq \vec{0}$ , so

$\langle, \rangle$  is not an inner product.