

Solutions to Practice Exam

P1

$$a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_3'' = R_3' + 2R_2 \\ R_4' = R_4 + 2R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_4'' = R_4' - 3R_3'' \\ R_1' = R_1 - R_3'' \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1'' = R_1' + R_2 \\ R_2' = -R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R$$

b)

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Check } EA = R).$$

c) Let $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $Ax = b$ is equivalent to $EAx = Eb \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Free variables, $x_2 = \alpha$, $x_4 = \beta$ $\begin{cases} x_1 = -1 - 3\alpha \\ x_3 = -\beta \\ x_5 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

d)

Basis for $N(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (subspace of $\mathbb{R}^5$) ("free variables")

Basis for $C(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$) (pivot columns of A)

Basis for $C(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (subspace of $\mathbb{R}^5$) (pivot rows)

Basis for $N(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (subspace of $\mathbb{R}^4$) (last row of E)

$\boxed{P2} \Rightarrow 2 \begin{bmatrix} & & & 4 \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \sim A \text{ goes from } \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ to } \mathbb{R}^2 (m=2).$

b) $\dim N(A) = 2.$

c) Rank-Nullity Theorem: $\dim N(A) + \dim C(A) = 4 \Rightarrow$

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And we also know from c) that $C(A)$ is in $\mathbb{R}^2$!

So $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^2.$

d) $\dim C(A) = 2 \Rightarrow 2$ pivot columns.

So R is the following matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nullspace $\rightarrow \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{from the} \\ \text{free} \\ \text{variables} \end{matrix}$

$\hookrightarrow$ pivot columns: 1st and 3rd.

P3

a) $C(A)$ is the span of the columns of A . To find a basis we have to select the l.i. columns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{7} & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Basis for } C(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Remark: Since $C(A)$ is in $\mathbb{R}^4$ and $\dim C(A) = 4$, it is clear that $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^4$, so a different and more convenient basis is the canonical one:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

b)

Since $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^4$, it is trivial that b is in $C(A)$

(any b is!).

Choosing the canonical basis,

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remark: If we haven't noticed this, we should do:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \text{ and solve the system.}$$

(longer but not that much since it is in triangular form).

P4

$$a) 2x - y + z = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\downarrow \alpha = \alpha, \beta = \beta \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Basis for the plane} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$b) \text{ Construct } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ the}$$

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & 5/4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow (A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 & -8 \\ 8 & 20 & 4 \\ -8 & 4 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(Symmetric!)}$$

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1) False. Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

2) If $N(A) = \{0\}$ then A has no free variables, so it has full column rank. Since it is square, it is also full row rank. So True.

3) False: such a matrix cannot have an inverse since the two first rows are lin. dependent.

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} !!$

4) The nullspace of the projection onto a line is its orthogonal complement. In $\mathbb{R}^3$, that cannot be a line since their dimensions don't add up to 3. So False.

5) False: ~~$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$~~

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = A^T \sim AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} //$$

6) $3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Its rows are l.i., but they are only 3, so they cannot span $\mathbb{P}^5$. False.

7) False.

Take $(1, 3)$ in that set ($3 = 3 \cdot 1^2$).

But $2(1, 3) = (2, 6)$ doesn't verify it: $6 \neq 3 \cdot 2^2$.

8) True:

Let p_1, p_2 in the set: $p_1(x) = a_1 x^2$
 $p_2(x) = a_2 x^2$

Then, 1) Scaling: $(\lambda p_1)(x) = \lambda p_1(x) = (\lambda a_1) x^2$ ✓.

2) Addition: $(p_1 + p_2)(x) = p_1(x) + p_2(x) = a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^2 = (a_1 + a_2) x^2$ ✓