

**Math 20F.**  
**Midterm Exam 1**  
**February 8, 2006**

*Read each question carefully, and answer each question completely.*

*Show all of your work. No credit will be given for unsupported answers.*

*Write your solutions clearly and legibly. No credit will be given for illegible solutions.*

1. (10 points) Consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the inverse of  $A$ . Justify your answer.  
 (b) Find the solution of the non-homogeneous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Justify your answer.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -10 & -3 & 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/10 & -3/5 & -1/10 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2/5 & -1/5 & -1/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/10 & -3/5 & -1/10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/10 & 1/5 & -3/10 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & -10 \end{array} \right], \quad \Rightarrow \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -10 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2+3-16 \\ -3+12 \\ -4+9-40 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ 9 \\ -35 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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2. (12 points) Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For each of the following expressions, compute it or explain why it is not defined.

(a)  $A^2$  and  $B^3$ .

(b)  $(BA)^T - 2A^T$ .

(c)  $A^{-1}$ , and  $B^{-1}$ .

(d) Find a  $2 \times 3$  matrix  $C$  such that  $BC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a)  $A^2$  not possible because  $A$  is  $2 \times 3$ .

$$B^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b)

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & -1 \\ 5 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$
$$(BA)^T - 2A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 7 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c)  $A^{-1}$  is not possible because  $A$  is not square.

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d)

$$C = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (10 points) Consider the matrix

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

- (a) Find all the source vectors  $\mathbf{b}$  such that the non-homogeneous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, and write these  $\mathbf{b}$  in parametric form. Justify your answer.  
 (b) Find the null space of  $A$ . Justify your answer.

(a)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 & b_1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 & b_2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 & 7 & b_2 - 3b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 & b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 & 7 & b_2 - 3b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 & b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_2 - 3b_1 + 7b_3 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow b_2 - 3b_1 + 7b_3 = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ 3b_1 - 7b_3 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} b_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} b_3.$$

(b)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ x_3 - x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4.$$

4. (10 point) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of vectors of the form

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3x + 2y \\ 0 \\ 2x + y + z \\ -4z - 2x \end{bmatrix}, \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

- (a) Find a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  whose span is  $W$ . Justify your answer.  
 (b) Find a basis for  $W$ , that is, a l.i. set of vectors in  $W$  that spans  $W$ . Justify your answer.

(a)

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 3x + 2y \\ 0 \\ 2x + y + z \\ -4z - 2x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} y + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} z.$$

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4/3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the l.i. vectors are

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$