

# MATH 425-Spring 2012

## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

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### 1 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 1

#### Assigned 1-9-12 – Due 1-18-12

Do the following problems from [5]: p'18: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6; p' 312: 1,2. Note about Petersen's notation:  $\text{Mat}_{m,n}$  is  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ;  $|A|$  is  $\det A$ , the determinant of  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ .

Additional problem. Let  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . The Vandermonde matrix is given as

$$V(z_1, \dots, z_n) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_1 & z_1^2 & \dots & z_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & z_2 & z_2^2 & \dots & z_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & z_n & z_n^2 & \dots & z_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}.$$

Show that  $\det V(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ , called the Vandermonde determinant is equal to  $\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (z_j - z_i)$ .

### 2 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 2

#### Assigned 1-23-12 – Due 2-3-12

- 2 problems from §1.4.1, 4 problems from §1.4.2 from [1].
- Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_5$  be defined as  $\sigma(1) = 3, \sigma(2) = 5, \sigma(3) = 1, \sigma(4) = 4, \sigma(5) = 2$ . Find  $\text{sign}(\sigma)$ .
- $A, B \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times m}$  are called *congruent* if  $A = TBT^\top$  for some  $T \in \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{F})$ . Show
  - Congruence in  $\mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  is an equivalence relation.
  - Show that any two congruent matrices have the same rank
- Assume that if  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  is a skew symmetric matrix.
  - Show that if  $n$  is odd and  $\mathbb{F}$  has characteristic not equal to 2, i.e.  $2 \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ , then  $\det A = 0$ .

2. Show that if  $\mathbb{F}$  has characteristic not equal to 2, then  $A$  is congruent to a block diagonal matrix  $B = \text{diag}(B_1, \dots, B_k)$ , where each block is either  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $1 \times 1$  0 matrix. **Hint:** Use a sequence of "elementary conjugation" given by  $EAE^T$  where  $E$  is an elementary matrix.
3. Show that if  $\mathbb{F}$  has characteristic 2, then  $A$  is congruent to a block diagonal matrix  $B = \text{diag}(B_1, \dots, B_k)$ , where each block is either  $1 \times 1$  0 matrix,  $1 \times 1$  identity or  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Note that  $-1 = 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ .)
4. Given an example of  $n \times n$  skew symmetric matrix, for a field with characteristic 2, whose determinant is nonzero for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
5. Assume that  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\det A \geq 0$ .

### 3 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 3

#### Assigned 2-2-12 – Due 2-10-12

Problems 2-8, §1.6.1, (page 16) in [1]; Problems 1-8, (page 18) in [1].

### 4 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 4

#### Assigned 2-6-12 – Due 2-15-12

Do the following problems

1. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 1, -1)^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 0, -2, 1)^\top$ . Find
  - (a) The cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - (b) The scalar and the vector projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  on  $\mathbf{u}$ .
  - (c) A basis to the orthogonal complement of  $\mathbf{U} := \text{span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ .
  - (d) The projection of the vector  $(1, 1, 0, 0)^\top$  on  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{U}^\perp$ .
2. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$ . Assume that the vector  $(1, -1, 1, -1)^\top$  is a vector in the column space of  $A$ . Is it possible that a vector  $(2, 0, -2, 1)^\top$  is in the null space of  $A^\top$ ? If yes give an example of such a matrix. If not, justify why.
3. Consider the overdetermined system

$$\begin{array}{rcccc}
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 4 \\
 - & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 0 \\
 & & & - & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 1 \\
 & x_1 & & & & + & x_3 & = & 2
 \end{array}$$

- (a) Is this system solvable?
- (b) Find the least squares solution of this system.
- (c) Find the projection of  $(4, 0, 1, 2)^\top$  on the column space of the coefficient matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$  of this system.

4. Let  $(-1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 3), (2, 9)$  be four points in the plane  $(x, y)$ . Find
  - (a) The best least squares fit by a linear function  $y = ax + b$ .
  - (b) The best least squares by a quadratic polynomial  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ .
  - (c) Explain briefly why there exist a unique cubic polynomial  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  passing through these four points.
5. Let  $a \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n \leq b$  be  $n$  points in the interval  $[a, b]$ . For any two continuous functions  $f, g \in C[a, b]$  define  $\langle f, g \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i)g(t_i)$ . Let  $P_m$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most  $m - 1$ .
  - (a) Show that for  $m \leq n$   $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $P_m$ .
  - (b) Is  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an inner product on  $P_{n+1}$ ? Justify!
6. For the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$  on  $C[-1, 1]$  Find the cosine of the angle between  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g(x) = e^x$ .

Do the following problems from "Schaum's Outline of Linear ALgebra" by S. Lipschutz and M. Lipson, 4th edition, pages 258-261: 7.58, 7.60, 7.64, 7.71.

## 5 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 5

### Assigned 2-14-12 – Due 2-22-12

Do the following problems. The problems in Schaum are from pages 260–262.

1. Problem 7.75 from Schaum. In addition do the following
  - (a) Find the QR decomposition of the matrix  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$ .
  - (b) Complete the orthonormal basis you found using the Gram-Schmidt problem to an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
2. Problem 7.76 part a in Schaum.
3. Problem 7.78 in Schaum.
4. Problem 7.91 in Schaum.
5. Problem 7.94 in Schaum.
6. Problem 1 page 23 in [1].
7. Problem 3 page 23 in [1]. **Hint:** try  $a_{pq} = z^{pq}$ , where  $z = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ .
8. Problem 5 page 23 in [1].

## 6 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 6

### Assigned 2-22-12 – Due 2-29-12

[1]: §2.3 page 28–29, Problems: 9(a,b,c), (special orthogonal means determinant one), 10a, 12.

[3]: §6.4 p'363-365, Problems: 4(a-f); 5(a,b,c,f),6,10,12,14.

## 7 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 7

### Assigned 2-26-12 – Due 3-7-12

I. Assume that  $A$  a real symmetric matrix. Denote by  $\iota_+(A)$  be the number of positive eigenvalues,  $\iota_0(A)$  the number of zero eigenvalues,  $\iota_-(A)$  be the number of negative eigenvalues. Denote  $\iota(A) := (\iota_+(A), \iota_0(A), \iota_-(A))$ . Show.

1. Show that  $i_+(A)$  is the dimension of the unique subspace  $\mathbf{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for each nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{U}$ . (**Hint:** Use the convoy principle.)
2. Show that  $i_-(A)$  is the dimension of the unique subspace  $\mathbf{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} < 0$  for each nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{U}$ .
3.  $\text{rank } A = \iota_+(A) + \iota_-(A)$ .
4. A symmetric  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called congruent to  $A$  if  $B = Q A Q^\top$  for some invertible matrix  $Q$ . Show that two symmetric matrices are congruent if and only if  $\iota(A) = \iota(B)$ . (This result is called the *Sylvester law of inertia*.)

II. State and prove the similar results in Problem I for a hermitian matrix. (This is the content of Problems 6 and 7 in [1, p'35-36].)

III. Let  $A = [a_{pq}] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a hermitian matrix. Rearrange the diagonal entries of  $A$ ,  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$  in a nonincreasing way:  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n$ . Show

1.  $\lambda_1(A) \geq \alpha_1, \lambda_n(A) \leq \alpha_n$ . **Hint:** Use the maximum and minimum characterization of  $\lambda_1(A), \lambda_n(A)$ .
2. Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i(A)$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . What happens for  $k = n$ ? **Hint:** Use the convoy principle.
3. Show that  $|\lambda_j(A)| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{p=q=1}^n |a_{pq}|^2}$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . For which kind of matrices and for which  $j$  we have equality in this inequality?

[1]: §2.5 page 34–35, Problems: 1,3.

IV. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+i & 2-3i \\ 1-i & 3 & 3-2i \\ 2+3i & 3+2i & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

1. Estimate from below and above  $\lambda_1(A)$  using the results of Problem III.
2. Find the eigenvalues of  $2 \times 2$  hermitian submatrix of  $A$  composed of the last two rows and columns of  $A$ .
3. Estimate from below  $\lambda_1(A)$  using the Cauchy interlacing theorem, (Problem 3a on page 34 in [1]), and the results of part 2. Which estimate is better?
4. Use the Cauchy interlacing theorem and the results of part 2 to show that  $\lambda_3(A)$  is negative. Use the inequalities in Problem III to estimate from below  $\lambda_3(A)$ .
5. Estimate  $\lambda_2(A)$  from below and above using Cauchy interlacing theorem by considering the eigenvalues of  $2 \times 2$  hermitian submatrix of  $A$  composed of the first two rows and columns of  $A$ . Compare this estimate with the estimate using the results of part 2.

V. For the following symmetric matrices find a diagonal matrix which is congruent to it. In each case determine how many positive negative and zero eigenvalues  $A$  has. Furthermore determine if there exist a lower triangular matrix  $L$  with one on the diagonal such that  $A = LDL^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 8 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 8

**Assigned 3-09-12 – Due 3-16-12**

1. Problem 1 [1, p' 41].
2. Problems 3,4,9 [1, p' 45], (In 9 you can assume that  $A$  is a normal matrix.)
3. Problems 1-6,8 [3, p' 380-382].

## 9 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 9

**Assigned 3-13-12 – Due 3-30-12**

1. Problems 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 [1, p' 45–46].
2. Problems 1, 2,3 [1, p' 54],
3. Problems 1-6,8 [3, p' 380-382]. (If you did not do them yet!)

## 10 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 10

**Assigned 3-31-12 – Due 4-6-12**

Problems 1, 5, page 58 in [1],

Problems 1c, 2, 4 page 64 in [1]. ( $A$  is called noderogatory if the minimal polynomial of  $A$  equal to the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .)

Additional problems:

1. Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times m}$ . Assume that  $f, g \in \mathbb{F}[t]$  are the minimal polynomials of  $A, B$  respectively. Form  $C = \text{diag}(A, B) := \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $h$  be gcd, the greatest common divisor, of  $f$  and  $g$ , which is assumed to be monic. Show that  $\frac{fg}{h}$  is the minimal polynomial of  $C$ .
2. Find the characteristic and the minimal polynomials of the following matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -5 \\ 3 & 7 & -15 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Show that two similar matrices have the same minimal polynomial.
4. Let  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  have different characteristic polynomials, but the same minimal polynomial.
5. Show that the square matrices  $A$  and  $A^\top$  have the same minimal polynomial.
6. Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  and assume that  $f(t) \in \mathbb{F}[t]$  is an irreducible monic polynomial for which  $f(A) = 0$ . Show that  $f$  is the minimal polynomial of  $A$ .

## 11 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 11

### Assigned 4-8-12 – Due 4-16-12

Problems 1–3, 4b. (Weyr characteristic is defined Definition 3.28 on p'68 of [1]).

Problem 1. Suppose that the characteristic and the minimal polynomial of a linear operator  $T$  are as below. Find all possible Jordan canonical forms of  $T$ .

1.  $f(t) = (t - 2)^4(t - 5)^3, g(t) = (t - 2)^4(t - 5)^3$ ,
2.  $f(t) = (t - 2)^4(t - 5)^3, g(t) = (t - 2)^2(t - 5)^3$ ,
3.  $f(t) = (t - 2)^4(t - 5)^3, g(t) = (t - 2)(t - 5)$ .

Problem 2. Find all possible Jordan forms for all  $8 \times 8$  matrices having  $x^2(x - 1)^3$  as a minimal polynomial.

Problem 3.

a. Show that if the characteristic polynomial of  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  splits to linear factors in  $\mathbb{F}$ , i.e.  $\det(zI - A) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - \lambda_j)$ , then  $A$  is similar to  $A^\top$ .

b. Try to prove that for any  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A$  is similar to  $A^\top$ . (**Hint:** Let  $\mathbb{F}_1$  be a finite extension of  $\mathbb{F}$ , where  $\det(zI - A)$  splits to linear factors. Then by part a, show that  $A$  and  $A^\top$  are similar over  $\mathbb{F}_1$ . So there exists a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{F}_1^{n \times n}$  such that  $AX - XA^\top = 0$  and  $\det X \neq 0$ . Deduce now that one can choose  $X$  in  $\mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  such that  $\det X \neq 0$ .)

Problem 4. Recall that a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  is called diagonalizable if  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix over  $\mathbb{F}$ . A linear operator  $T : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$  is called diagonalizable if there is a basis in  $\mathbf{V}$  such that  $T$  is represented by a diagonal matrix. Show

1.  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{F}$  if and only if  $\det(zI - A)$  splits to linear factors over  $\mathbb{F}$ , and the minimal characteristic polynomial of  $A$  has simple roots.
2.  $A$  is diagonalizable if the roots of  $\det(zI - A)$  are in  $\mathbb{F}$  whenever  $(T - \lambda I)^m \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , for some positive integer  $m$ , then  $(T - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .
3. Suppose that the linear operator  $T$  is a projection, i.e.  $T^2 = T$ . Then  $T$  is diagonalizable.
4. Assume that  $T, Q \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  are projections. Then  $T$  and  $Q$  are similar if and only if  $\text{rank } T = \text{rank } Q$ .

5. Let  $n > 1$  be an integer, and consider the matrices  $A = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1)^\top \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and the diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(n, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are similar if and only if the characteristics of  $\mathbb{F}$  does not divide  $n$ .

## 12 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 12

### Assigned 4-16-12 – Due 4-25-12

- A. Problem 1 on page 82 in [1]. (The system  $\mathbf{x}_l = A_l \mathbf{x}_{l-1}$  is homogeneous.)  
 B. For the following matrices find the components of  $A$  as defined in Theorem 4.1 on page 75 in [1], find  $A^{100}$  and  $e^{At}$  using the components of  $A$ .

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- C.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called a stochastic matrix if all entries of  $A$  are nonnegative and the sum of each row is 1. (I.e. each row of  $A$  is a probability vector.) Show

1. for each positive integer  $k$   $A^k$  is a stochastic matrix.
2.  $A$  is power bounded. (See Definition 4.5 in [1].)
3. 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
4. Each Jordan block corresponding to eigenvalue of 1 is of order 1.
5. Each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  satisfies  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .
6.  $A$  is power convergent iff and only if each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  different from 1,  $|\lambda| < 1$ . (See Definition 4.5 in [1].)

## References

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