

# Fundamentals of Linear Algebra and Optimization

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## Homework 2

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**Problem B1 (10 pts).** Given any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and any  $n \times p$  matrix  $B$ , if we denote the columns of  $A$  by  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  and the rows of  $B$  by  $(B_1^\top)^\top, \dots, (B_n^\top)^\top$ , prove that

$$AB = A_1(B_1^\top)^\top + \dots + A_n(B_n^\top)^\top.$$

**Problem B2 (10 pts).** Let  $f: E \rightarrow F$  be a linear map which is also a bijection (it is injective and surjective). Prove that the inverse function  $f^{-1}: F \rightarrow E$  is linear.

**Problem B3 (40 pts).** Let  $U_1, \dots, U_p$  be any  $p \geq 2$  subspaces of some vector space  $E$  and recall that the linear map

$$a: U_1 \times \dots \times U_p \rightarrow E$$

is given by

$$a(u_1, \dots, u_p) = u_1 + \dots + u_p,$$

with  $u_i \in U_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

(1) If we let  $Z_i \subseteq U_1 \times \dots \times U_p$  be given by

$$Z_i = \left\{ \left( u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^p u_j, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_p \right) \mid u_j \in U_j, j \in \{1, \dots, p\} - \{i\} \right\}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , then prove that

$$\text{Ker } a = Z_1 + \dots + Z_p.$$

(2) Prove that  $U_1 + \dots + U_p$  is a direct sum iff

$$U_i \cap \left( \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^p U_j \right) = (0) \quad 1 \leq i \leq p.$$

(3) Let  $f_i: E \rightarrow E$  be any  $p \geq 2$  linear maps such that

$$f_1 + \dots + f_p = \text{id}_E.$$

Prove that the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f_i^2 = f_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ .  
 (2)  $f_j \circ f_i = 0$ , for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq p$ .

**Problem B4 (20 pts).** Prove that for every vector space  $E$ , if  $f: E \rightarrow E$  is an idempotent linear map, i.e.,  $f \circ f = f$ , then we have a direct sum

$$E = \text{Ker } f \oplus \text{Im } f,$$

so that  $f$  is the projection onto its image  $\text{Im } f$ .

**Problem B5 (10 pts).** Given any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , prove that multiplying  $A$  by the elementary matrix  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  on the right yields the matrix  $AE_{i,j;\beta}$  in which  $\beta$  times the  $i$ th column is added to the  $j$ th column.

**Problem B6 (50 pts).** (a) Find an upper triangular matrix  $E$  such that

$$E \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) What is the effect of the product (on the left) with

$$E_{4,3;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}E_{2,1;-1}E_{3,2;-1}E_{4,3;-1}$$

on the matrix

$$Pa_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) Find the inverse of the matrix  $Pa_3$ .

(d) Consider the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  Pascal matrix  $Pa_n$  whose  $i$ th row is given by the binomial coefficients

$$\binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ , and with the usual convention that

$$\binom{0}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{i}{j} = 0 \quad \text{if } j > i.$$

The matrix  $Pa_3$  is shown in question (c) and  $Pa_4$  is shown below:

$$Pa_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $n$  elementary matrices  $E_{i_k, j_k; \beta_k}$  such that

$$E_{i_n, j_n; \beta_n} \cdots E_{i_1, j_1; \beta_1} P a_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use the above to prove that the inverse of  $P a_n$  is the lower triangular matrix whose  $i$ th row is given by the signed binomial coefficients

$$(-1)^{i+j-2} \binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . For example,

$$P a_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem B7 (10 pts).** Let  $f: E \rightarrow F$  be a linear map with  $\dim(E) = n$  and  $\dim(F) = m$ . Prove that  $f$  has rank 1 iff  $f$  is represented by an  $m \times n$  matrix of the form

$$A = uv^\top$$

with  $u$  a nonzero column vector of dimension  $m$  and  $v$  a nonzero column vector of dimension  $n$ .

**TOTAL: 150 points.**