

Marks

[10] 1.

(a) [5] Compute the  $LU$  decomposition of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) [5] If  $\mathbf{x}$  solves the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $U\mathbf{x}$ .

[10] **2.**

- (a) [5] Compute the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . What are the dimensions of the nullspace, the column space, the row space, and the left nullspace?

- (b) [5] Find an orthogonal basis for the space spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $R^4$ .

- [21] **3.** Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. You need not give a reason. All matrices in this question are square ( $n \times n$ ).
- (a) [3] If  $A = A^{-1}$  then every eigenvalue of  $A$  is either 1 or  $-1$ .
- (b) [3] The diagonal entries of an upper triangular matrix are its eigenvalues.
- (c) [3] Eigenvalues of an anti-symmetric matrix (i.e.,  $A^T = -A$ ) are negative.
- (d) [3] If  $S$  is any invertible matrix, then  $A$  and  $SAS^{-1}$  have the same determinant.
- (e) [3] If  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal and  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  then  $A$  and  $\Sigma$  have the same eigenvalues.
- (f) [3] If 2 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  then 6 is an eigenvalue of  $A + A^2$ .
- (g) [3] If  $A = LU$  is the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$ , then  $A$  and  $U$  have the same eigenvalues.

[15] 4.

- (a) [10] Show that  $e^{A+B} \neq e^A e^B$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Hint:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ )

- (b) [5] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $n \times n$  matrices. Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$  then  $\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $BA$ .

- [12] 5. Let  $X$  be the subspace in three dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing all vectors perpendicular to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $L$  be the linear transformation defined by first projecting a vector onto the  $x$ - $y$  plane and then projecting the resulting vector onto  $X$ .

(a) [4] Show that the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis for  $X$ .

(b) [4] Find the  $3 \times 3$  matrix that represents  $L$  as a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(c) [4] If  $\mathbf{x}$  lies in  $X$  then so does  $L(\mathbf{x})$ . This means that  $L$  defines a linear transformation from  $X$  to  $X$ . Find the matrix of this transformation with respect to the basis in part (a).

[10] **6.** Consider the differential equation  $\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -\alpha \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$ .

(a) [5] For what values of  $\alpha$  is the system stable, neutrally stable or unstable?

(b) [5] Find the matrix exponential  $e^{tA}$  when  $\alpha = 4$

[10] 7. The equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no solution.

(a) [7] Find the “least squares” solution.

(b) [3] Explain in what way it is the best possible approximation to a solution.

[12] 8.

- (a) [4] Find the 3 by 3 matrix  $A$  with eigensystem  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2/3, \lambda_3 = 0$  and  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b) [4] Calculate  $A^{100} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ , up to negligible error.

- (c) [4] What is the entry in the second row and second column of  $A^{100}$ ?

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