

Linear Algebra Final

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1. (10%) Show that

$$(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1} = A(A + B)^{-1}B.$$

2. (10%) Suppose S is spanned by the vectors $(1, 2, 2, 3)$ and $(1, 3, 3, 2)$. Find two vectors that span S^\perp .

3. (10%) Prove that the trace of

$$P = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a},$$

where a is a non-zero vector, is always equal to 1.

4. (10%) A is a matrix of rank 1

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

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A .

5. (10%) Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the eigenvalues of A . Substitute $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$ into the product

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)(A - \lambda_2 I) \dots (A - \lambda_n I)$$

to show that the result is the zero matrix.

6. (10%) If A is a Markov matrix, show that the sum of the components of Ax equals the sum of the components of x .

7. (10%) Find the lengths of

$$u = (1 + i \ 1 - i \ 1 + 2i), \quad v = (i \ i \ i).$$

Also find $u^H v$ and $v^H u$.

8. (10%) Prove that the inverse of a Hermitian matrix is Hermitian.

9. (10%) Explain why $A + I$ is never similar to A .

10. (10%) Find the matrix A for the quadratic form

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 3(x_1 + 2x_2)^2 + 4x_2^2.$$

Factor A into LDL^T .

11. (10%) Draw the ellipse

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1.$$

Find the half-lengths of its axes.

12. (10%) Find $A = U\Sigma V^T$ if A has orthogonal columns w_1, \dots, w_n of lengths $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$.