

Practice Midterm 2 Spring 2002

PROBLEM 1

Find a basis for the column-space, null-space, and row-space of the matrix

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

What are the rank and nullity of A ? Write down a dependence relation on the columns of A .

PROBLEM 2

(a) Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace V that is the span of the vectors $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$ and $[-1 \ 0 \ 1]$.

(b) Find the matrix P for orthogonal projection onto V .

(c) Find the projection of the vector $[1 \ 0 \ 2]$ onto V .

(d) Find the closest point to $[1 \ 0 \ 2]$ in V^\perp .

PROBLEM 3

(a) Using the least squares method, find the function of the form $f(x) = a + bx^3$ that best fits the data points $(-1, -1)$, $(0, 0)$, $(1, 3)$.

(b) Compute the values of the function $f(x)$ that you found in (a) at $x = -1$, $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

(c) Draw a rough sketch of the function $f(x)$ that you found in (a).

PROBLEM 4

True or false: Justify your answer in one or two sentences.

(a) If Q is an orthogonal matrix, then so is Q^T .

(b) If P is a projection matrix, then $P^3 = P$.

(c) The dimension of the column space of A is the same as the dimension of the row-space.

(d) If Q is orthogonal, then $\det(Q) = \pm 1$.

(e) If V is a subspace of R^n of dimension k , then the orthogonal complement also has dimension k .

(f) The row space is the orthogonal complement of the nullspace.

(g) If P is a projection matrix onto V , then $I - P$ is the projection matrix onto V^\perp .

(i) If A has rank 0, then A is the zero matrix.

PROBLEM 5 Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix

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

PROBLEM 6

Find all the functions of the form $f(t) = c_0 + c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \cos(2t)$ which are best fits for the data points

PROBLEM 7

(a) Find a basis for the plane V in R^4 perpendicular to $[2 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]$ and $[0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$.

(b) Make the basis you found in part (a) into an orthonormal basis, using Gram-Schmidt.

(c) Find the matrix for projection onto V .

(d) Find the projection of $b = [0 \ -1 \ 0 \ 1]$ onto V .

(e) Find the distance from b to Pb .

(f) Find the angle between b and Pb . Your answer may involve an inverse trig function.

PROBLEM 8