

Matlab and Linear Algebra, Homework 9A

The following are meant to be done on Matlab (or Octave). Please turn in a printout of your Matlab work, or a listing of your Matlab commands.

1. Let A be given as below in Matlab format (so you can copy/paste it):

```
A=[-6 3 -27 -33 -13
    6 -5 25 28 14
    8 -6 34 38 18
   12 -10 50 41 23
   14 -21 49 29 33];
```

Construct a matrix N whose columns form a basis for the null space of A , and construct a matrix R whose *rows* form a basis for the row space of A . Matlab commands that you may find useful: `rref` and `null`. If you use `null`, use the “rational basis” option so that the vectors are easy to read. In both cases, you should look up the help files. For example, `doc null`.

Perform a matrix computation that confirms the fact that the row space is orthogonal to the null space of a matrix.

2. Let A be given as below in Matlab format. Perform a matrix computation that checks to see if the columns are orthogonal to each other:

```
A=[-6 -3 6 1
   -1 2 1 -6
    3 6 3 -2
    6 -3 6 -1
    2 -1 2 3
   -3 6 3 2
   -2 -1 2 -3
    1 2 1 6];
```

3. Let A be from the previous problem. What is the result of the following Matlab commands?

```
temp=sqrt(sum(A.*A));
B=A./repmat(temp,8,1);
```

4. Let U be the matrix A from the previous question with normalized columns.

(a) Compare $U^T U$ and $U U^T$. How do they differ?

- (b) Generate a random vector \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^8 and compare

$$\mathbf{p} = UU^T\mathbf{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p}$$

Explain why \mathbf{p} is in the column space of A . Verify that \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to \mathbf{p} .

- (c) Verify that \mathbf{z} is orthogonal to each column of U (one line please!)
- (d) Notice that $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{z}$, with $\mathbf{p} \in \text{Col}(A)$. Explain why $\mathbf{z} \in (\text{Col}(A))^\perp$.
5. Let \mathbf{y} be a random vector in \mathbb{R}^8 , and let A be the matrix from Exercise 2 (you may also use the matrix U from the previous problem).
- (a) What matrix computations could you use to determine if $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ has a solution?
- (b) If the equation has no solution, what matrix computation would produce the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{y} into the column space of A ? (Call it \mathbf{g}).
- (c) Now that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g}$ has a solution, how many solutions does it have? (What matrix computations are you making?)
- (d) Find the solution using the “slash” command. What matrix computations could you use to make sure your solution is in the row space of A ?
6. (Optional) Suppose you have a 2×2 matrix A , and you choose the four elements of A at random. What eigenvalues might you expect, and with what distribution? HINT: It depends on whether you use `rand` or `randn` or something else.
- Write Matlab code that will select elements of A at “random”, then computes the eigenvalues, and determines if they are real or not. You should output the percentage of time the eigenvalues are real versus complex.