

**Midterm Examination No. 1**  
7:00pm to 10:00pm, March 29, 2013

**Problems for Solution:**

1. (a) (5%) Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  by solving two triangular systems  $\mathbf{Lc} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{c}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) (5%) Is  $\mathbf{A}$  in (a) invertible? If yes, find the third column of its inverse.
2. (10%) Find the  $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LDU}$  factorization for

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

where  $\mathbf{P}$  is a permutation matrix,  $\mathbf{L}$  is a lower triangular matrix with unit diagonal,  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix, and  $\mathbf{U}$  is an upper triangular matrix with unit diagonal.

3. (15%) True or false. (If it is true, prove it. Otherwise, find a counterexample.)
- (a) (5%) Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix. Then  $(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{C}^T)$  is a symmetric matrix, where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.
- (b) (5%) Let  $S$  and  $T$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $S \cap T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- (c) (5%) Let  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_3$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathcal{R}^4$ , where  $\mathcal{R}$  is the set of real numbers, and let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a nonsingular 4 by 4 matrix. If  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{Ax}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{Ax}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_3 = \mathbf{Ax}_3$ , then  $\mathbf{y}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_3$  are linearly independent.
4. (10%) Let  $M$  denote the vector space of all 3 by 2 real matrices. Is each of the following subsets of  $M$  actually a subspace? If yes, prove it and *find the dimension*. Otherwise, find a counterexample.
- (a) (5%) All 3 by 2 matrices with full column rank.
- (b) (5%) All 3 by 2 matrices with the sum of all 6 components in the matrix equal to zero.
5. (10%) Write down a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with the required property or explain why no such matrix exists.

(a) (5%) The only solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) (5%) A 3 by 2 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  for which  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has no solution and  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly one solution.

6. (15%) Given the vectors

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (5%) Are  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4$  linearly independent in  $\mathcal{R}^3$ ? Explain.

(b) (5%) Do  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  span  $\mathcal{R}^3$ ? Explain.

(c) (5%) Do  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_4$  form a basis for  $\mathcal{R}^3$ ? Explain.

7. (a) (5%) Find column vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  so that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{uv}^T$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & -12 & 6 & 15 \\ -2 & 8 & -4 & -10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) (5%) Find a basis for the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(c) (5%) Find a basis for the left nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

8. (15%) Suppose the matrices in  $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 9 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (5%) Find a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(b) (5%) *True or false:* Rows 1, 2, 3 of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent. (You need to explain your result.)

(c) (5%) Find the general solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .