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**ENGG7302**

**ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUES IN ENGINEERING**

**(M.E.)**

**CLOSED BOOK**

**TIME: FORTY minutes for working**

**FIVE minutes for perusal before examination begins**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON SHEET PROVIDED**

**QUESTIONS CARRY THE NUMBER OF MARKS INDICATED**

**EAIT approved and labelled calculators only.**

**Part A. (1 mark each)**

1. If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{3 \times 7}$  then:

- (a) the maximum row rank is 3 and the maximum column rank is 7,
- (b) the maximum row rank is 7 and the maximum column rank is 3,
- (c) the maximum row rank is 7 and the maximum column rank is 7,
- (d) the maximum row rank is 3 and the maximum column rank is 3.

2. Suppose a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is decomposed into orthogonal components with respect to orthogonal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$  so that

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{q}_1^H \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{q}_1 - (\mathbf{q}_2^H \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{q}_2 - \dots - (\mathbf{q}_n^H \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{q}_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

This implies that

- (a)  $\mathbf{v} \in \langle \mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n \rangle$ ,
- (b) the  $\mathbf{q}_i$  are linearly dependent,
- (c)  $\mathbf{v}$  has dimension less than  $n$ ,
- (d)  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .

3. Suppose  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is unitary. Then:

- (a)  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{Q}\|_F = 1$ ,
- (b)  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_2 = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_F = 1$ ,
- (c)  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_2 = 1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_F = \sqrt{n}$ ,
- (d)  $\|\mathbf{Q}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{Q}\|_F = \sqrt{n}$ .

4. The singular value decomposition of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H,$$

can be understood in terms of the mapping by  $\mathbf{A}$  of a unit sphere to an ellipsoid. The lengths and orientations of the principal semi-axes in the ellipsoid are to be found, respectively, in:

- (a)  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ ,
- (c)  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$ ,
- (d)  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ .

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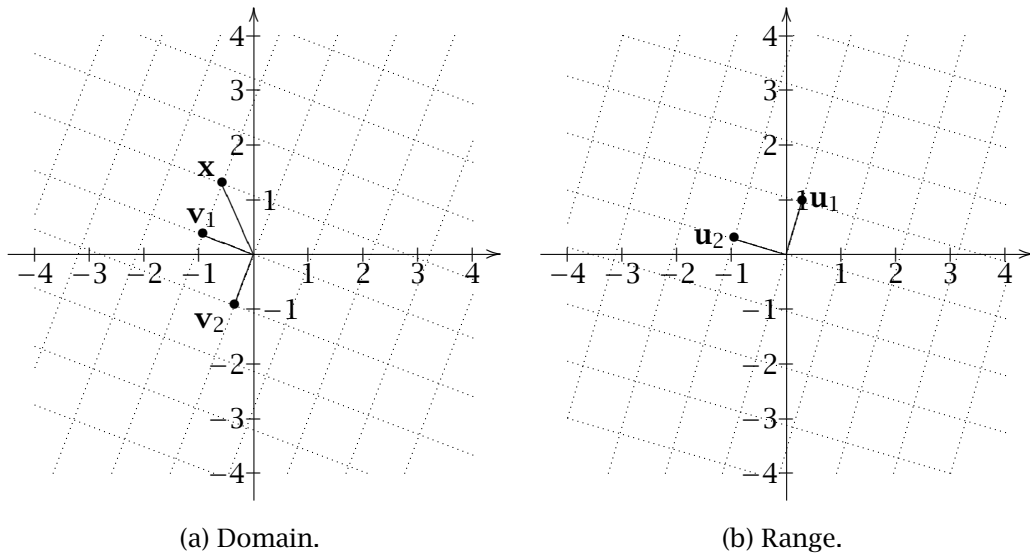


Figure 1: Domain and range of mapping by  $A$  for Question 5.

5. Consider a matrix  $A = U\Sigma V^H$  with

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2813 & -0.9596 \\ 0.9596 & 0.2813 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} -0.9343 & -0.3566 \\ 0.3566 & -0.9343 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.578 \\ 1.291 \end{pmatrix}.$$

With reference to Figure 1, the value of  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$  is:

- (a)  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.732 \\ 0.718 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.201 \\ -0.397 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- (c)  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.522 \\ 1.638 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- (d)  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.400 \\ -0.245 \end{pmatrix}$ .

6. Consider the matrix  $P = \mathbf{xy}^H$  where  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are vectors.  $P$  is a projection matrix if and only if:

- (a)  $\mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{x} = 1$ ,
- (b)  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$  and  $\|\mathbf{y}\| = 1$ ,
- (c)  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\| = 1$ ,
- (d)  $\mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{x} = 0$ .

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7. Suppose, in MATLAB,  $U$  is a 'tall, skinny' matrix, *i.e.*, an  $n \times m$  matrix with  $n \gg m$ , consisting of orthonormal columns. Suppose  $z$  is a vector of dimension  $n$  which is to be orthogonally projected along the column space of  $U$ . The most efficient MATLAB code for performing the projection is:
- $z - U * (U' * z)$ ,
  - $(\text{eye}(n) - U * U') * z$ ,
  - $z - (U * U') * z$ ,
  - $\text{eye}(n) * z - U * U' * z$ .
8. In an overdetermined set of linear equations  $Ax = b$  the *residual*  $r$  is defined as:
- $r = A^H Ax$ ,
  - $r = A^+ b$ ,
  - $r = (b^H b)^{-1} b^H x$ ,
  - $r = b - Ax$ .

**Part B. (3 marks each)**

9. Consider a vector  $x$  and an *antisymmetric* matrix  $W$  constructed from  $x$  so that

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is *not* true of  $W$  that:

- $Wy = x \times y$  for any vector  $y$ ,
  - if  $z \in \text{range}(W)$  then  $z$  is orthogonal to  $x$ ,
  - $\det(W) = \|x\|^2$ ,
  - $\text{rank}(W) = 2$ .
10. The spectral and Frobenius norms of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ j & j \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

are:

- $\|A\|_2 = 6, \|A\|_F = 10$ ,
- $\|A\|_2 = 2, \|A\|_F = \sqrt{2}$ ,
- $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{6}, \|A\|_F = \sqrt{10}$ ,
- $\|A\|_2 = 4, \|A\|_F = 2$ .

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11. Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  from Question 10. The orthogonal projection matrix onto  $\text{range}(\mathbf{A})$  is:

$$(a) \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2j & 1 \\ 2j & -2 & 2j \\ 1 & 2j & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(b) \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2j & -1 \\ 2j & 2 & 2j \\ -1 & -2j & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(c) \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2j & -1 \\ -1 & -2j & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(d) \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2j & 1 \\ 1 & 2j & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

12. Consider an experiment in which the object is to measure the acceleration of a rocket at take-off. At  $t = 0$ , the rocket's engines ignite and the rocket is stationary at position  $y = 0$ . Measurements are made at times  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  of the position  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ , during which time it is assumed that the acceleration is constant. The least-squares estimate of the acceleration is:

$$(a) a = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i}{t_i^2},$$

$$(b) a = \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^4},$$

$$(c) a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2},$$

$$(d) a = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^4}}.$$