

Math 251 Review Problems

1. Find the angle between  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .
2. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Show that  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$
3. Find the vector form of the plane  $x + y + z = 2$
4. Consider the plane through  $(3, 2, 5)$  that is parallel to the plane  $2x + 3y - z = 0$ . Find the general form of the plane.
5. Find the distance between  $Q = (1, 4, 0)$  and the plane  $x + 3y + 5z = 0$
6. Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $A = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $B = (2, 4, 6)$  and  $C = (3, 5, 10)$ .
7. Find a condition on  $a, b$  and  $c$  so that the system below is consistent:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 5y + z &= a \\2x + y + 3z &= b \\7x - 19y + 13z &= c\end{aligned}$$

8. How many solutions does the following system have?

$$\begin{aligned}x + ky &= 1 \\kx + y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

9. Find the point of intersection of the following lines, if it exists:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that all three vectors are in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$

11. Find the general equation of the plane spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

12. Describe the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

13. Find the inverse of  $BB^T$  for  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

14. The following sequence of row operations turns  $A$  into  $I$ . Write  $A$  as a product of elementary matrices, *given  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.*  
 $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3, \quad \frac{1}{2}R_3, \quad R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3$

15. Find the LU factorization of  $A$  and use it to solve the system below:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 5y + \quad &= 23 \\ 6x - 4y + 2z &= -8 \\ 3x - 2y + \quad &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

16.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  has RREF =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 8 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  has RREF =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Find a basis for:

- $\text{row}(A)$
- $\text{row}(A)$  consisting of rows of  $A$
- $\text{col}(A)$
- $\text{null}(A)$

17. If  $A$  is  $4 \times 6$ , list the possible values of  $\text{nullity}(A)$ .

18. Consider the following linear transformations:

S:  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a reflection in the  $x$ -axis

T:  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a (counterclockwise) rotation by  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

Find  $S(T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}))$

19. T is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Given  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix})$ .

20. Show that T is not linear:

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} xy + z \\ x + y + z \end{bmatrix}$$

21. Find  $y$ :

$$3x - y + 4z = 32$$

$$5x - 2y - z = 39$$

$$6x + 2y + z = 38$$

22. Do  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

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

a) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$

b) Consider the eigenvalue with the largest algebraic multiplicity. Find a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to this eigenvalue.

24.  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$  corresponding to eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{-5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

25.  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  diagonalizes  $A$  to produce  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^7$ .

26. Find the coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{v}]_\beta$  of  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to the orthogonal basis  $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

27. Find the orthogonal decomposition of  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to  $W = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

28. Find a basis for  $W^\perp$  where  $W$  is the line  $2x - 5y = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

29. Let  $W = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ . Find a basis for  $W^\perp$ .

30. Find an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

31. Use the spectral decomposition to find a matrix  $A$  with eigenvalue 2 corresponding to eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and eigenvalue  $-2$  corresponding to eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

32. Find the least squares solution to the following system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

33. Find the least squares regression line for the following set of points:  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 5)$  and  $(4, 7)$ .

34. Express  $z = \frac{3-7i}{c+di}$  in rectangular form.

35. Express  $z = 5 + 12i$  in polar form.

36. Find all cube roots of  $-8$