

Math 251 X02  
Assignment 1: MATLAB

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due: At the beginning of class, Date ???

Total: 25 marks

INSTRUCTIONS

- \* Submit your work on this paper.
- \* If you are away on the due date then submit via the D2L Dropbox.
- \* You may discuss with others but your write-up must be your own work.
- \* Show all your work for full marks.

1. [5 marks] Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 7 \\ 1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 68 \\ 126 \\ 34 \\ 160 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

we want to compute  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$ .

a) Write down the MATLAB commands for inputting  $A$ , inputting  $\mathbf{b}$ , and calculating  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$ .

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>> format short  
>> A = [1 3; 1 -4; 1 7; 1 -8];  
>> b = [68; 126; 34; 160];  
>> inv(A' * A) * A' * b
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b) Perform the calculation in Octave Online. Then write down your answer, rounding your vector components to two decimal places.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 92.81 \\ -8.38 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. [5 marks] Given  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ -36 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , we want to compute  $\mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$ .

a) Write down the MATLAB commands for inputting  $\mathbf{a}$ , inputting  $\mathbf{b}$ , and calculating  $\mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$ .

`>> format rat`

`>> a = [7 -3 9];`

`>> b = [21 -36 5];`

`>> b - (dot(a,b)/norm(a)^2)*a`

ALTERNATIVELY the last line could be

`>> b - (dot(a,b)/dot(a,a))*a`

b) Perform the calculation in Octave Online. Then write down your answer, using exact values.

$$\left[ \frac{819}{139}, \frac{-4104}{139}, \frac{-2005}{139} \right]$$

Note: Vectors could also be written as column vectors.

3. [4 marks] Let  $a, b, c, d, u$  and  $v$  be real numbers. If  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$  then the values of  $x$  and  $y$  that solve

$$ax + by = u$$

$$cx + dy = v$$

$$\text{are } x = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} u & b \\ v & d \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}} \text{ and } y = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} a & u \\ c & v \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}}.$$

We want to use these formulas to find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  that solve

$$-19x + 6y = \frac{1797}{7}$$

$$25x + 8y = \frac{2809}{21}$$

a) Write down the MATLAB commands for inputting the appropriate matrices and calculating the exact values of  $x$  and  $y$ .

(Let's call the matrices  $A_1, A_2, A$ ).

`>> format rat`

`>> A = [-19 6; 25 8];`

`>> A1 = [1797/7 6; 2809/21 8];`

`>> A2 = [-19 1797/7; 25 2809/21];`

`>> x = det(A1)/det(A)`

`>> y = det(A2)/det(A)`

b) Perform the calculation in Octave Online. Then write down the exact values of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = -\frac{29}{7}$$

$$y = \frac{89}{3}$$

4. [5 marks] We want to find all curves  $y = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3$  that pass through both the points (2, 9) and (3, 8).

a) Write down the augmented matrix for the appropriate system of equations.

$$y = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sub } x=2, y=9 : & \quad 9 = c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 + 8c_3 \\ x=3, y=8 : & \quad 8 = c_0 + 3c_1 + 9c_2 + 27c_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & | & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & | & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 27 & | & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Calculate the RREF of the augmented matrix in Octave Online. Write the RREF below. Then find all the possible values of  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  by hand.

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & | & \\ 1 & 0 & -6 & -30 & | & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 19 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

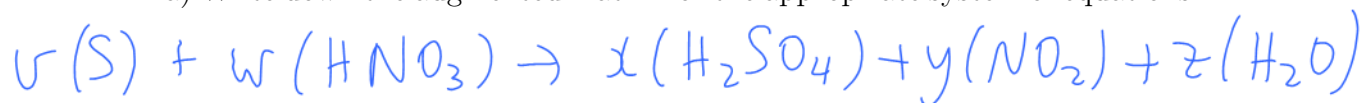
$\uparrow$   $c_2 = \lambda$        $\uparrow$   $c_3 = t$

$$c_0 - 6c_2 - 30c_3 = 11 \Rightarrow c_0 = 11 + 6\lambda + 30t$$

$$c_1 + 5c_2 + 19c_3 = -1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -1 - 5\lambda - 19t$$

5. [6 marks] We want to balance  $S + HNO_3 \rightarrow H_2SO_4 + NO_2 + H_2O$ .

a) Write down the augmented matrix for the appropriate system of equations.



$$S: v = x \quad \Rightarrow \quad v - x = 0$$

$$H: w = 2x + 2z \quad \Rightarrow \quad w - 2x - 2z = 0$$

$$N: w = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad w - y = 0$$

$$O: 3w = 4x + 2y + z \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3w - 4x - 2y - z = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v & w & x & y & z & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -2 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Calculate the RREF of the augmented matrix in Octave Online. Write the RREF below. Then finish balancing the chemical equation by hand.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\uparrow \\ z = t$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2}t, \quad w = 3t, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}t, \quad y = 3t$$

We want the smallest positive integer solution  $\Rightarrow t = 2$ .

$$[v, w, x, y, z] = [1, 6, 1, 6, 2]$$

