

# Solutions

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## Exercises (Set 1)

- 1pt { 1. (a) Prove that matrix multiplication is associative: i.e. show that for any three matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  of compatible dimensions that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}) = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$ .
- 1pt { (b) Prove that matrix multiplication is not commutative: i.e. it is not the case that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$  for any two square matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- 1pt 2. (a) Prove that  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ .
- 1pt (b) Prove that if  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is invertible.
- 1pt 3. (a) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(t)$  are  $m \times n$  and  $n \times p$  matrices respectively. Find a formula for

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)B(t)]$$

in terms of the derivatives of the individual matrices.

- 1pt (b) If  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  is invertible, find a formula for the derivative (with respect to  $t$ ) of its inverse.
4. Using Laplace's expansion (i.e. expansion by cofactors), evaluate the determinants of the matrices

1pt 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ a & ax + by & ax \\ 0 & by & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 1pt 5. Find the inverses of the matrices in the previous problem. Assume that  $a, b, x$ , and  $y$  are integers. Under what further conditions on the symbolic entries  $a, b, x, y$  will the inverse of the second matrix have all its entries integers?
- 2pts 6. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space. A *basis* of  $V$  is any linearly independent set of vectors that *span*  $V$ . (a) Show that any maximal linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$  is a basis for  $V$ . (b) Show that any minimal spanning set of vectors is also a basis.

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**Definition:** A square matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  is said to have *super-diagonal form* if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $j < i$ .

**Definition:** A matrix  $A$  is said to be *normal* if  $AA^* = A^*A$ , where  $A^*$  denotes the *Hermitian conjugate* of  $A$  (=transpose if  $A$  is real):  $a_{ij}^* = \bar{a}_{ji}$ , with the overbar denoting complex conjugate.

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1pt

7. Prove that any square super-diagonal matrix is normal if and only if it is diagonal.

Square matrices that are normal always have a diagonal Jordan normal form. This is a consequence of the following:

**Theorem:** A matrix  $A$  is unitarily similar to a diagonal matrix if and only if it is *normal*.

## Exercise Set 1

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- (a) Assume the matrices of the problem,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ , are of the dimensions  $m \times n$ ,  $n \times p$ , and  $p \times q$ , respectively. Allow  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{BC}$ . Then,

$$d_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p b_{ik}c_{kj}, i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, q.$$

Allow  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{AB}$ . Then,

$$e_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}, i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, p$$

Allow  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{AD} = \mathbf{A(BC)}$ . Then,

$$f_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}d_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \left\{ \sum_{h=1}^p b_{kh}c_{hj} \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{h=1}^p a_{ik}b_{kh}c_{hj}, i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, q.$$

Finally, allow  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{EC} = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$ . Then,

$$g_{ij} = \sum_{h=1}^p e_{ih}c_{hj} = \sum_{h=1}^p \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \{a_{ik}b_{kh}\} c_{hj} \right] = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{h=1}^p a_{ik}b_{kh}c_{hj}, i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, q.$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{G}$ , and  $\mathbf{A(BC)} = (\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C}$ .

- (b) Allow

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 20 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 20 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$  and matrix multiplication is in general not commutative.

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(a) Assuming  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, allow  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ . Then,

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}, i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Allow  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{C}^T$ . Then,

$$d_{ij} = c_{ji} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} b_{ki}, i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Allow  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ . Then,

$$e_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{ki} a_{jk}, i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{E}$  and therefore  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ .

(b) If the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, there exist a matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}.$$

Taking the transpose of both sides of this equation gives

$$\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I}^T = \mathbf{I}$$

and hence,  $\mathbf{A}^T$  has an inverse.

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(a) Assigning  $\mathbf{C}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{B}(t)$ , yields

$$c_{ij}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}(t) b_{kj}(t).$$

This implies that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(c_{ij}(t)) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \frac{d}{dt}(a_{ik}(t)) b_{kj}(t) + a_{ik}(t) \frac{d}{dt}(b_{kj}(t)) \right].$$

Simplification of the above yields

$$\frac{d}{dt}(c_{ij}(t)) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{d}{dt}(a_{ik}(t)) b_{kj}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}(t) \frac{d}{dt}(b_{kj}(t)).$$

From the above it is clear that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{C}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{B}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t)) \mathbf{B}(t) + \mathbf{A}(t) \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{B}(t)).$$

(b) If  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  is invertible, there exist a matrix  $\mathbf{B}(t)$  such that

$$\mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{I}.$$

Taking the derivative of both sides gives

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{B}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the matrix of zeros.

From part (a), the expression becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t))\mathbf{B}(t) + \mathbf{A}(t)\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{B}(t)) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Moving the first term to the right hand side of the equation gives

$$\mathbf{A}(t)\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{B}(t)) = -\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t))\mathbf{B}(t).$$

After left-multiplying both sides of the equation by  $\mathbf{B}(t)$ , the expression for the derivative of the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  with respect to  $t$  becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{B}(t)) = -\mathbf{B}(t)\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t))\mathbf{B}(t).$$

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(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 0 & 1 & \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & \end{array} \right| &= 3 \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 3 & \\ 1 & 2 & \end{array} \right| - 0 \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 3 & \\ 1 & 2 & \end{array} \right| + 1 \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & \\ 1 & 1 & \end{array} \right| \\ &= 3(8 - 3) + (2 - 4) = 3(5) - 2 = 13. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$1 \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} ax + by & ax & \\ by & 1 & \end{array} \right| - a \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} x & x & \\ by & 1 & \end{array} \right| = by$$

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(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 &\xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_3 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3 &\xrightarrow{\frac{R_2}{2} \rightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & 1 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \rightarrow \\ R_3 + 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{-1}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-13}{2} & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -6 \end{array} \right] \\
& \begin{array}{l} \frac{-2R_3}{13} \rightarrow R_3 \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{-1}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-2}{13} & \frac{-3}{13} & \frac{12}{13} \end{array} \right] \\
& \begin{array}{l} R_1 - \frac{5R_3}{2} \rightarrow R_1 \\ \rightarrow \\ R_2 + \frac{R_3}{2} \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{13} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{-4}{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-1}{13} & \frac{5}{13} & \frac{-7}{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-2}{13} & \frac{-3}{13} & \frac{12}{13} \end{array} \right] \\
& \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{13} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 5 & -7 \\ -2 & -3 & 12 \end{array} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Since the determinant is  $by$ , the determinant of the inverse is  $\frac{1}{by}$ . Given that  $b$  and  $y$  are assumed to be integers, this will be an integer if and only if  $b$  and  $y$  are both equal to 1 or  $-1$ .

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(a) Let  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$  be a maximal linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$ , and let  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  be an arbitrarily chosen vector. The set  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n, \mathbf{v}\}$  must be *linearly dependent*. This means that there is a set of scalars  $\{a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$ , not all of which are zero, such that

$$a_1\mathbf{p}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{p}_n + a_{n+1}\mathbf{v} = 0.$$

In this expression, it must be the case that  $a_{n+1} \neq 0$ , because otherwise there would be a nontrivial linear combination of  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$  that is equal to zero. This would contradict the linear independence of  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$ .

Hence we may write

$$\mathbf{v} = -\frac{a_1}{a_{n+1}}\mathbf{p}_1 - \dots - \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}}\mathbf{p}_n.$$

Since  $\mathbf{v}$  was arbitrary, this proves that  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$  spans  $V$ .

(b) Let  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$  be a minimal spanning set, and suppose there is a nontrivial linear combination

$$a_1\mathbf{p}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{p}_n = 0.$$

We may assume without loss of generality that  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then we can write

$$\mathbf{p}_n = -\frac{a_1}{a_n}\mathbf{p}_1 - \dots - \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}\mathbf{p}_{n-1}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  be an arbitrarily chosen vector. Since  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$  is a spanning set, there are scalars  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{v} = \beta_1\mathbf{p}_1 + \dots + \beta_n\mathbf{p}_n.$$

But we can also write

$$\mathbf{v} = \left(\beta_1 - \frac{a_1\beta_n}{a_n}\right)\mathbf{p}_1 + \dots + \left(\beta_{n-1} - \frac{a_{n-1}\beta_n}{a_n}\right)\mathbf{p}_{n-1}.$$

Since  $\mathbf{v}$  was chosen arbitrarily, this means that any vector in  $V$  may be expressed as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n-1}$  contradicting the assumption that  $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}$  is a minimal spanning set.

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A matrix  $A$  is *normal* if and only if

$$AA^* = A^*A \quad (1)$$

( $AA^T = A^T A$  in the case  $A$  is real). Compare diagonal entries in the matrix products on both sides of equation (1).

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ik}|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n |a_{ki}|^2, \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

Because  $A$  is super-diagonal, this equation can be rewritten

$$\sum_{k=i}^n |a_{ik}|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^i |a_{ki}|^2, \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

Let  $i$  be the smallest integer such that  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  for some  $j$  with  $j > 0$ . Then (1) implies for this value of  $i$  that

$$\sum_{k=i}^n |a_{ik}|^2 = |a_{ii}|^2.$$

Clearly this equation cannot hold if  $a_{ij} \neq 0$  for any  $j > 0$ . This contradiction proves that:

Any super-diagonal matrix is normal if and only if it is diagonal.

Additional

If

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -3 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -1 & -3 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 - \lambda & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -3 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2 - \lambda) \left\{ (3 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -3 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= (2 - \lambda) \{ (3 - \lambda) [(5 - \lambda)((1 - \lambda)^2 - 2) + 3(3 - \lambda) + 5(2 - \lambda)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -(5 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 2(2 - \lambda)\} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)[\lambda^4 - 10\lambda^3 + 37\lambda^2 - 60\lambda + 36] \\ &= (2 - \lambda)[(2 - \lambda)^2(3 - \lambda)^2] = (2 - \lambda)^3(3 - \lambda)^2. \end{aligned}$$