

**M 340L – CS**  
**Homework Set 4 Solutions**

1. Mark T(rue) or F(alse) for each of the following statements:

\_\_T\_\_a. The column space of  $A$  is the set of all vectors that can be written as  $Ax$  for some  $x$ .

\_\_F\_\_b. Elementary row operations on an augmented matrix can change the solution set of the associated linear system.

\_\_T\_\_c. If  $b$  is in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$  then the equation  $Ax = b$  is consistent.

\_\_F\_\_d. For an  $n \times n$  system of linear equations, the Gaussian Elimination Algorithm with Partial Pivoting and Elimination Separated from Solving uses approximately  $n^3/3$  floating point multiplications and  $2n^3/3$  floating point additions/subtractions.

\_\_T\_\_e. the Gaussian Elimination Algorithm with Partial Pivoting has multipliers no larger than one in absolute value.

\_\_T\_\_f. A homogeneous equation is always consistent.

\_\_F\_\_g. The homogeneous equation  $Ax = 0$  has the trivial solution if and only if the equation has at least one free variable.

\_\_F\_\_h. If  $x$  is a nontrivial solution of  $Ax = 0$ , then every entry in  $x$  is nonzero.

\_\_T\_\_i. The effect of adding  $p$  to a vector is to move the vector in a direction parallel to  $p$ .

\_\_T\_\_j. The equation  $Ax = b$  is homogeneous if the zero vector is a solution.

2. a Find the general solutions of the systems  $Ax=0$  whose matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -6 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $x_6=0/1=0$ ,  $x_5$  is free,  $x_4=(0-4x_5-(-6)x_6)/1=-4x_5$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_2$  are free, and  
 $x_1=(0-(-2)x_2-3x_3-(-6)x_4-5x_5)/1=2x_2-3x_3+6(-4x_5+6x_6)-5x_5$   
 $=2x_2-3x_3-29x_5$ .

b. Express this solution in parametric vector form.

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2-3x_3-29x_5 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ -4x_5 \\ x_5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -29 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Show that if  $Ax=b$  and  $Ay=0$ , then for any scalar  $\alpha$ ,  $A(x+\alpha y)=b$ .

If  $Ax=b$  and  $Ay=0$  then for any scalar  $\alpha$ ,  
 $A(x+\alpha y)=Ax+A\alpha y=b+\alpha Ay=b+\alpha 0=b$ .

4. Suppose you are to solve  $m$  different linear systems of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns. All of the equations have the same matrix, however, they just differ in right hand sides. Estimate how many multiplications are required.

The elimination step on the matrix requires  $\frac{n^3}{3}$  multiplications and each of the  $m$   
different linear systems requires  $n^2$  multiplications for a total of  $\frac{n^3}{3} + mn^2$   
multiplications.

5. Use the Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting and Solution algorithm to solve

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = -16$$

$$-3x_1 - x_3 = -5$$

$$6x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 8$$

Show what occupies storage in the A matrix and the ip array initially and after each major step of elimination.

A

ip

|    |   |    |   |
|----|---|----|---|
| 3  | 5 | -2 | ? |
| -3 | 0 | -1 | ? |
| 6  | 2 | 4  | ? |

|      |   |    |   |
|------|---|----|---|
| 6    | 2 | 4  | 3 |
| -1/2 | 1 | 1  | ? |
| 1/2  | 4 | -4 | ? |

|      |     |    |   |
|------|-----|----|---|
| 6    | 2   | 4  | 3 |
| -1/2 | 4   | -4 | 3 |
| 1/2  | 1/4 | 2  | ? |

|      |     |    |   |
|------|-----|----|---|
| 6    | 2   | 4  | 3 |
| -1/2 | 4   | -4 | 3 |
| 1/2  | 1/4 | 2  | 3 |

For the elimination applied to  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$  we get it changing to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \\ -16 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -1 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -20 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and finally } \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -20 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ In the bottom loop we } b_3 = 4 \text{ and } x_3 = \frac{4}{2} = 2.$$

Then we get  $b_2 = -20 - (-4) \cdot 2 = -12$  so  $x_2 = \frac{-12}{4} = -3$ . Finally we get

$$b_1 = 8 - 2 \cdot (-3) - 4 \cdot 2 = 6 \text{ so } x_1 = \frac{6}{6} = 1.$$

6. Fill in the five blanks in the code for Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting and Solution

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for  $k = 1:n$ 
    choose  $ip_k$  such that  $|A_{ip_k,k}| = \max\{|A_{i,k}| : i \geq k\}$ 
    if  $A_{ip_k,k} = 0$ 
        warning ('Pivot in Gaussian Elimination is zero')
    end
    swap  $A_{k,k}, \dots, A_{k,n}$  with  $A_{ip_k,k}, \dots, A_{ip_k,n}$ 
    for  $i = k+1:n$ 
         $A_{i,k} = \underline{A_{i,k} / A_{k,k}}$ 
        for  $j = k+1:n$ 
             $A_{i,j} = \underline{A_{i,j} - A_{i,k} A_{k,j}}$ 
        end
    end
end
for  $k = 1:n$ 
    swap  $b_k$  with  $\underline{b_{ip_k}}$ 
    for  $i = k+1:n$ 
         $b_i = \underline{b_i - A_{i,k} b_k}$ 
    end
end
for  $i = n:-1:1$ 
    for  $j = i+1:n$ 
         $b_i = \underline{b_i - A_{i,j} x_j}$ 
    end
     $x_i = \underline{b_i / A_{i,i}}$ 
end

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