

MATH 54 – MOCK FINAL EXAM – SOLUTIONS

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1. (10 points, 2 points each)

Label the following statements as **T** or **F**. Write your answers in the box below!

**NOTE:** In this question, you do **NOT** have to show your work! Don't spend *too* much time on each question!

- (a) **FALSE** If  $Q$  has orthogonal columns, then  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix

(The columns of  $Q$  have to be orthonormal)

- (b) **TRUE** If  $\hat{x}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $x$  on  $W$ , then  $x - \hat{x}$  is always orthogonal to  $\hat{x}$ .

(Draw a picture!)

- (c) **FALSE** The least-squares solution  $\tilde{x}$  of  $Ax = b$  has the property that  $\|Ax - b\| \leq \|A\tilde{x} - b\|$  for every  $x$

(It has the property that  $\|A\tilde{x} - b\| \leq \|Ax - b\|$ , i.e. it *minimizes* the least-squares error)

- (d) **FALSE** If a set  $\mathcal{B}$  is orthogonal, then  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent

(It *could* contain the  $\mathbf{0}$ -vector! However, if you ignore the  $\mathbf{0}$ -vector, then it is linearly independent)

- (e) **FALSE**  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = ac$  defines a dot/inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (0)(0) = 0 \quad \text{even though} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

(The point is that the last property of dot products is usually very good to check if something is not a dot product!)

2. (15 points) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for  $W$ , where:

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Define:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, let's find an *orthogonal* basis  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  for  $W$ :

Step 1: Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 2: Calculate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

And let:

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** You can easily check that  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$ . This is a good way to check if you got the right answer!

Step 3: Calculate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_3 = \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \right) \mathbf{v}_1 + \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \right) \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And let:

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3 - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** You can check that  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = 0$ .

Step 4: Normalize:

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_3}{\|\mathbf{v}_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Answer:**

$$\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

3. (15 points) Find the least-squares solution and least-squares error to the following (inconsistent) system of equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to solve:

$$A^T A \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

But:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

And

$$A^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence we need to solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now you can either compute the inverse of the matrix, or row-reduce:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 & 19 \\ 1 & 5 & 11 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 & 19 \\ 0 & -84 & -168 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 1 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(For the first row-reduction, I subtracted 17 times the second row from the first! Also, I apologize for the messy algebra, the algebra on the final will be simpler)

Hence, we get:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Least-squares error:

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{b}\| &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + (-8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 64} \\ &= \sqrt{84} \end{aligned}$$

4. (30 points) Solve the following heat equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 & t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x & 0 < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

**Note:** You may not use **ANY** for the formulas given in the book!  
You have to do it from scratch, including the 3 cases.

**Note:** The following formula might be useful:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \cos^2(\pi m x) = \int_{-1}^1 \sin^2(\pi m x) = 1$$

**Step 1: Separation of variables.** Suppose:

$$(1) \quad u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

Plug (1) into the differential equation (), and you get:

$$\begin{aligned} (X(x)T(t))_t &= (X(x)T(t))_{xx} \\ X(x)T'(t) &= X''(x)T(t) \end{aligned}$$

Rearrange and get:

$$(2) \quad \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)}$$

Now  $\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)}$  *only* depends on  $x$ , but by (2) *only* depends on  $t$ , hence it is constant:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} &= \lambda \\ X''(x) &= \lambda X(x) \end{aligned}$$

Also, we get:

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} &= \lambda \\ T'(t) &= \lambda T(t) \end{aligned}$$

but we'll only deal with that later (Step 4)

**Step 2:** Consider (3):

$$X''(x) = \lambda X(x)$$

**Note:** Always start with  $X(x)$ , do **NOT** touch  $T(t)$  until right at the end!

Now use the **boundary conditions** in ():

$$u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$u(1, t) = X(1)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(1)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(1) = 0$$

Hence we get:

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} X''(x) = \lambda X(x) \\ X(0) = 0 \\ X(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Step 3: Eigenvalues/Eigenfunctions.** The auxiliary polynomial of (5) is  $p(\lambda) = r^2 - \lambda$

Now we need to consider 3 cases:

Case 1:  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $\lambda = \omega^2$ , where  $\omega > 0$

Then:

$$r^2 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm\omega$$

Therefore:

$$X(x) = Ae^{\omega x} + Be^{-\omega x}$$

Now use  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(1) = 0$ :

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A + B = 0 \Rightarrow B = -A \Rightarrow X(x) = Ae^{\omega x} - Ae^{-\omega x}$$

$$X(1) = 0 \Rightarrow Ae^{\omega} - Ae^{-\omega} = 0 \Rightarrow Ae^{\omega} = Ae^{-\omega} \Rightarrow e^{\omega} = e^{-\omega} \Rightarrow \omega = -\omega \Rightarrow \omega = 0$$

But this is a **contradiction**, as we want  $\omega > 0$ .

Case 2:  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $r = 0$ , and:

$$X(x) = Ae^{0x} + Bxe^{0x} = A + Bx$$

And:

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = Bx$$

$$X(1) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = 0$$

Again, a **contradiction** (we want  $X \not\equiv 0$ , because otherwise  $u(x, t) \equiv 0$ )

Case 3:  $\lambda < 0$ , then  $\lambda = -\omega^2$ , and:

$$r^2 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 + \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm\omega i$$

Which gives:

$$X(x) = A \cos(\omega x) + B \sin(\omega x)$$

Again, using  $X(0) = 0$ ,  $X(1) = 0$ , we get:

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = B \sin(\omega x)$$

$$X(1) = 0 \Rightarrow B \sin(\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pi m, \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)$$

This tells us that:

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Eigenvalues: } & \lambda = -\omega^2 = -(\pi m)^2 \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots) \\ \text{Eigenfunctions: } & X(x) = \sin(\omega x) = \sin(\pi m x) \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4:** Deal with (4), and remember that  $\lambda = -(\pi m)^2$ :

$$T'(t) = \lambda T(t) \Rightarrow T(t) = A e^{\lambda t} = T(t) = \widetilde{A}_m e^{-(\pi m)^2 t} \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

**Note:** Here we use  $\widetilde{A}_m$  to emphasize that  $\widetilde{A}_m$  depends on  $m$ .

**Step 5:** Take linear combinations:

$$(7) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} T(t) X(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{A}_m e^{-(\pi m)^2 t} \sin(\pi m x)$$

**Step 6:** Use the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = x$  in (7):

$$(8) \quad u(x, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{A}_m \sin(\pi m x) = x \quad \text{on}(0, 1)$$

Now we want to express  $x$  as a linear combination of sines, so we have to use a **sine series** (that's why we used  $\widetilde{A}_m$  instead of  $A_m$ ):



$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{A}_m &= \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 x \sin(\pi m x) dx \\
&= 2 \left( \left[ -x \frac{\cos(\pi m x)}{\pi m} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\frac{\cos(\pi m x)}{\pi m} dx \right) \\
&= 2 \left( -\frac{\cos(\pi m)}{\pi m} + \int_0^1 \frac{\cos(\pi m x)}{\pi m} dx \right) \\
&= 2 \left( -\frac{(-1)^m}{\pi m} + \left[ \frac{\sin(\pi m x)}{(\pi m)^2} \right]_0^1 \right) \\
&= \frac{2(-1)^{m+1}}{\pi m} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots)
\end{aligned}$$

**Step 7:** Conclude using (9)

$$(9) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{m+1}}{\pi m} e^{-(\pi m)^2 t} \sin(\pi m x)$$

5. (15 points)

(a) (10 points) Find the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $(0, \pi)$

We want to find  $A_m$  such that:

$$x^2 = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_m \cos(mx)$$

Now ‘evenify’  $f$  to get  $\widetilde{f}$  (see lecture), and then:

$$A_0 = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \widetilde{f}(x)}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1^2} = \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

And:

$$A_m = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \widetilde{f}(x) \cos(mx)}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(mx)} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos(mx)$$

To evaluate this, use tabular integration (see lecture), and you get:

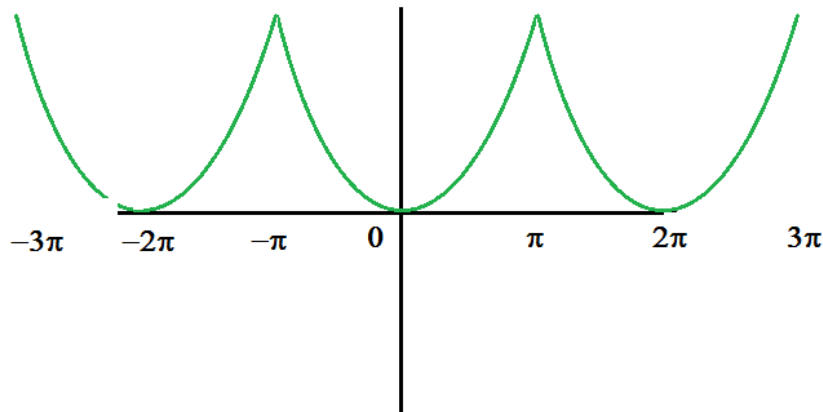
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_m &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x^2 \cos(mx) dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ +x^2 \left( \frac{\sin(mx)}{m} \right) - 2x \left( \frac{-\cos(mx)}{m^2} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{-\sin(mx)}{m^3} \right) \right]_0^\pi \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( 2\pi \frac{\cos(\pi m)}{m^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4(-1)^m}{m^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (5 points) Draw the graph of the function to which the above Fourier series  $\mathcal{F}$  converges to on  $(-3\pi, 3\pi)$

Notice that since  $x^2$  is even on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ ,  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x) = x^2$ , then, since there are no jumps and the values at the endpoints are the same, we get that  $\mathcal{F}(x) = f(x) = x^2$  on  $(-\pi, \pi)$  and to get the graph of  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $(-3\pi, 3\pi)$ , just 'repeat' the graph of  $x^2$  one more time on the right, and one more time on the left!

As a result, you get the following picture:

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6. (15 points)

Prove the parallelogram identity:

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

**Note:** Do it in general, not just for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 &= (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \cancel{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}} + \cancel{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \cancel{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}} - \cancel{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= 2(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + 2(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \\ &= 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2\end{aligned}$$