

# SOLUTIONS

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MOCK FINAL EXAM

1. (10 points) Suppose  $V$  is finite dimensional. Show that every basis of  $V^*$  is the dual basis of some basis  $\beta$  in  $V$ .

- 1) LET  $\gamma = \{f_1, \dots, f_N\}$  BE A BASIS OF  $V^*$ ,  
WHERE  $N = \text{DIM}(V^*) = \text{DIM}(V)$  (SINCE  $\text{DIM}(V) < \infty$ )
- 2) LET  $\gamma^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_N\}$  BE THE DUAL BASIS OF  $\gamma$ ,  
WHICH IS A BASIS OF  $V^{**}$
- 3) FROM LECTURE, WE KNOW  $\psi: V \rightarrow V^{**}$  IS AN ISOMORPHISM,  
WHERE  $\psi(x) = \hat{x}: V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , WHERE  $\hat{x}(f) = f(x)$  (IF  $f \in V^*$ )
- 4) IN PARTICULAR, SINCE  $\psi$  IS ONTO AND  $f_i \in V^{**}$ ,  
 $f_i = \psi(v_i) = \hat{v}_i$  FOR SOME  $v_i \in V$

LET  $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_N\}$  (WHICH IS A BASIS OF  $V$  SINCE  $\psi$  IS AN ISOMORPHISM)

5) CLAIM  $\gamma = \beta^*$ , SO  $\gamma$  IS THE DUAL BASIS OF  $\beta$

WHY? WE NEED TO SHOW  $f_i(v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } j=i \\ 0 & \text{IF } j \neq i \end{cases}$

BUT SINCE  $\{f_1, \dots, f_N\}$  IS THE DUAL BASIS OF  $\{f_1, \dots, f_N\}$ ,

WE KNOW  $f_j(f_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } i=j \\ 0 & \text{IF } i \neq j \end{cases}$

BUT  $f_j(f_i) = \hat{v}_j(f_i) = f_i(v_j)$

SO  $f_i(v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } i=j \\ 0 & \text{IF } i \neq j \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{IF } j=i \\ 0 & \text{IF } j \neq i \end{cases} \checkmark$

5) So a basis of  $V$  for which  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$  is diagonal is:

$$\beta = \{1+x^2, x, 1-x^2\}$$

(because  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = [1+x^2]_{\beta}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [x]_{\beta}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = [1-x^2]_{\beta}$$

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2. (15 points) If possible, find a basis  $\beta$  of  $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$  for which  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$  is diagonal, where:

$$T(ax^2 + bx + c) = cx^2 + bx + a$$

1) LET  $\gamma = \{1, x, x^2\}$  BE THE STANDARD BASIS OF  $V$

2) CALCULATE  $[T]_{\gamma}^{\gamma}$ :

$$T(1) = T(0x^2 + 0x + 1) = x^2 = \underline{(0)}(1) + \underline{(0)}(x) + \underline{(1)}(x^2)$$

$$T(x) = T(0x^2 + 1x + 0) = x = \underline{(0)}(1) + \underline{(1)}(x) + \underline{(0)}(x^2)$$

$$T(x^2) = T(1x^2 + 0x + 0) = 1 = \underline{(1)}(1) + \underline{(0)}(x) + \underline{(0)}(x^2)$$

$$\text{so } A = [T]_{\gamma}^{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3) EIGENVALUES  $\text{DET}(A - tI) = \begin{vmatrix} -t & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-t & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -t \end{vmatrix} = (1-t) \begin{vmatrix} -t & 1 \\ 1 & -t \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (1-t)(t^2-1) = -(t-1)(t-1)(t+1) = -(t-1)^2(t+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ (MULT 2)}, \lambda = -1 \text{ (MULT 1)}$$

4) EIGENVECTORS

$$\lambda = 1 \quad E_1 = \text{NUL}(A - I) = \text{NUL} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NUL} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = x_1 \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so a basis for  $E_1$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad E_{-1} = \text{NUL}(A + I) = \text{NUL} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NUL} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{SPAN} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

so a basis for  $E_{-1}$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  (SEE TOP)

3. (10 points) Let  $S = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  be a finite set of vectors. Show that  $S$  is linearly independent if and only if  $u_1 = 0$  or  $u_{k+1} \in \text{Span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  for some  $k$  with  $1 \leq k < n$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) IF  $u_1 = 0$ , THEN  $S = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\} = \{0, \dots, u_n\}$  IS LD

IF  $u_{k+1} \in \text{Span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  FOR SOME  $k$ , THEN

$S$  IS ALSO LD BECAUSE SOME VECTOR IN  $S$ ,

NAMELY  $u_{k+1}$  IS A LINEAR COMBO OF THE OTHER ONES

( $\Rightarrow$ ) BY CONTRADICTION, SUPPOSE  $u_1 \neq 0$  AND  $u_{k+1} \notin \text{Span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  FOR ALL  $k$  WITH  $1 \leq k < n$

SINCE  $u_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\{u_1\}$  IS LI

SINCE  $u_2 \notin \text{Span}\{u_1\}$  (BY ASSUMPTION WITH  $k=1$ ),

BY THE INTRUDER THEOREM,  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  IS LI

SINCE  $u_3 \notin \text{Span}\{u_1, u_2\}$  (ASSUMPTION WITH  $k=2$ ),

BY THE INTRUDER THEOREM,  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  IS LI

CONTINUING THE SAME WAY, WE EVENTUALLY GET

$S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  IS LI •

$$\begin{aligned}
 7) \text{ FWALT, } [T]_{\gamma}^{\gamma} &= \varphi [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} \varphi^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -8 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -22 & -37 \\ 16 & 27 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$8+x \quad -14-x \quad 5$$

4. (10 points) Suppose  $V = P_1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\beta = \{\text{---}, \text{---}\}$  and  $\gamma = \{2+x, -4+x\}$  are two different bases of  $V$ . Suppose also

$T: V \rightarrow V$  is such that  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $[T]_{\gamma}^{\gamma}$ .

1) FIRST FWD  $\varphi = \begin{matrix} \varphi \\ \gamma \leftarrow \beta \end{matrix}$

BY DEFINITION,  $\varphi = \begin{bmatrix} [8+x]_{\gamma} & [-14-x]_{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$

2) NOW FWD  $a$  &  $b$  WITH  $8+x = a(2+x) + b(-4+x)$   
 $= 2a - 4b + x(a+b)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a+b=1 \\ 2a-4b=8 \end{cases}, \text{ OR } \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 8 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-2)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a=2 \\ b=-1 \end{cases}$$

SO  $[8+x]_{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

AND FWD  $c$  &  $d$  WITH  $-14-x = c(2+x) + d(-4+x)$   
 $= (2c-4d) + x(c+d)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c+d=-1 \\ 2c-4d=-14 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & -14 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-2)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c=-3 \\ d=2 \end{cases}$$

SO  $[-14-x]_{\gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  SO  $\varphi = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (SEE TOP)

$$\text{THAT U: } T^{-1}(f) = (a_0 - a_1 - 2a_2) + (a_1 - 2a_2)x + a_2x^2$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{T^{-1}(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = (a_0 - a_1 - 2a_2) + (a_1 - 2a_2)x + a_2x^2}$$

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5. (10 points) Let  $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be defined by:

$$T(f(x)) = f(x) + f'(x) + f''(x)$$

Find a formula for  $T^{-1}$  (or say  $T^{-1}$  does not exist)

1) LET  $\beta = \{1, x, x^2\}$  BE THE STANDARD BASIS OF  $V$

CALCULATE  $[T]_{\beta}^{\beta}$ :

$$T(1) = 1 + 0 + 0 = 1 = \underline{(1)}(1) + \underline{(0)}(x) + \underline{(0)}(x^2)$$

$$T(x) = x + 1 + 0 = x + 1 = \underline{(1)}(1) + \underline{(1)}(x) + \underline{(0)}(x^2)$$

$$T(x^2) = x^2 + 2x + 2 = \underline{(2)}(1) + \underline{(2)}(x) + \underline{(1)}(x^2)$$

$$\text{so } A = [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2) [A | I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-2)}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(x-1)} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{HENCE } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [T^{-1}]_{\beta}^{\beta}$$

3) NOW SUPPOSE  $f = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ , THEN  $[f]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$  (SEE TOP)

$$\text{so } [T^{-1}(f)]_{\beta} = [T^{-1}]_{\beta}^{\beta} [f]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 - a_1 - 2a_2 \\ a_1 - 2a_2 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. (10 points) Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is such that  $N(T) \neq \{0\}$ . Show that there is a basis  $\beta$  of  $V$  such that:

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = [O \ B]$$

where  $O$  is the zero matrix of size  $n \times k$ , where  $n = \dim(V)$  and  $k = \dim(N(T))$ .

LET  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  BE A BASIS OF  $N(T)$  ( $k = \dim(N(T))$ )

IN PARTICULAR,  $T(v_j) = 0$  FOR  $j = 1, \dots, k$

EXTEND THIS TO A BASIS  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  OF  $V$  ( $n = \dim(V)$ )

CLAIM  $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  IS OUR DESIRED BASIS

WHY? WE KNOW  $T(v_j) = 0$  FOR  $j = 1, \dots, k$

WHICH MEANS  $T(v_j) = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_n$  FOR  $j = 1, \dots, k$

AND FOR  $j = k+1, \dots, n$ ,  $T(v_j) = *v_1 + \dots + *v_n$  FOR SOME CONSTANTS  $*$

HENCE

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & \dots & v_k & & & \\ & \vdots & & & & & \\ & v_n & & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}} & \boxed{\begin{matrix} * & \dots & * \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ * & & * \end{matrix}} \end{matrix}$$

$T(v_1) \dots T(v_k) \quad T(v_{k+1}) \dots T(v_n)$

$$= \begin{matrix} \text{O} & \text{B} \end{matrix}$$

$= [O \ B]$ , WHERE  $O$  IS INDEED OF SIZE  $n \times k$

7. (15 points, 3 points each) Label each statement as True or False, and briefly justify your answer:

FALSE

(a)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$\mathbb{R}^2$  ISN'T EVEN A SUBSET OF  $\mathbb{R}^3$ !

$$(1, 2) \neq (1, 2, 3)$$

FALSE

(b) There exists a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  of rank 4

BY RANK-NULLITY,  $\dim(N(T)) + \text{RANK}(T) = \dim(V)$

$$\dim(N(T)) + 4 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(N(T)) = -1 \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$$

(c) If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is linear, then  $T^{TT} = T$ , where  $T^{TT}$  is defined as the transpose of  $T^T$

$$T: V \rightarrow W \text{ , so } T^T: W^* \rightarrow V^* \text{ , so}$$

$$T^{TT}: (V^*)^* \rightarrow (W^*)^* \text{ , THAT IS } T^{TT}: V^{**} \rightarrow W^{**}$$

SO THE DOMAIN OF  $T^{TT}$  ISN'T EVEN EQUAL TO THE DOMAIN OF  $T$ !

(d) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $\lambda - \mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A - \mu I$  (here  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are scalars)

$$\text{IF } AV = \lambda V \text{ , THEN } (A - \mu I)V = AV - \mu I V$$

$$= \lambda V - \mu V = (\lambda - \mu)V$$

$$\text{SO } (A - \mu I)V = (\lambda - \mu)V \text{ , so } V \text{ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF } A - \mu I$$

(e) If  $A$  is row-equivalent to  $B$ , then  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(B)$  WITH EIGENVALUE  $\lambda - \mu$

FALSE

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (x-1) \rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{BUT } \text{Col}(A) = \text{SPAN} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{SPAN} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{BUT } \text{Col}(B) = \text{SPAN} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{SPAN} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \neq$$

$$= (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_3 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_2 + x_1 + x_0 \\ 1 & x_3 + x_1 + x_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_3 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1) (x_3 + \cancel{x_1} + \cancel{x_0} - x_2 - \cancel{x_1} - \cancel{x_0})$$

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8. (20 = 10 + 5 + 5 points)

(a) If  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  are given, calculate  $\det(A)$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & (x_0)^2 & (x_0)^3 \\ 1 & x_1 & (x_1)^2 & (x_1)^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & (x_2)^2 & (x_2)^3 \\ 1 & x_3 & (x_3)^2 & (x_3)^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The formula  $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$  might be useful here

- (b) Deduce that if  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  are distinct, then  $A$  is invertible  
 (c) Conclude that if  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$  are points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that all the  $x_i$  are distinct (the  $y_i$  might not be), then there is a polynomial  $p(x)$  of degree 3 such that  $p(x_i) = y_i$  (that is,  $p$  goes through all those points)

(a)  $(x \rightarrow) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & x_0^3 \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & x_0^3 \\ 0 & x_1 - x_0 & x_1^2 - x_0^2 & x_1^3 - x_0^3 \\ 0 & x_2 - x_0 & x_2^2 - x_0^2 & x_2^3 - x_0^3 \\ 0 & x_3 - x_0 & x_3^2 - x_0^2 & x_3^3 - x_0^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \underline{x_1 - x_0} & \underline{(x_1 - x_0)}(x_1 + x_0) & \underline{(x_1 - x_0)}((x_1)^2 + x_1 x_0 + (x_0)^2) \\ \underline{x_2 - x_0} & \underline{(x_2 - x_0)}(x_2 + x_0) & \underline{(x_2 - x_0)}((x_2)^2 + x_2 x_0 + (x_0)^2) \\ \underline{x_3 - x_0} & \underline{(x_3 - x_0)}(x_3 + x_0) & \underline{(x_3 - x_0)}((x_3)^2 + x_3 x_0 + (x_0)^2) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \underline{(x_1 - x_0)} & \underline{(x_2 - x_0)} & \underline{(x_3 - x_0)} \\ x_1 + x_0 & (x_1)^2 + x_1 x_0 + (x_0)^2 \\ x_2 + x_0 & (x_2)^2 + x_2 x_0 + (x_0)^2 \\ x_3 + x_0 & (x_3)^2 + x_3 x_0 + (x_0)^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow (x-1) \\ \downarrow (x-1) \\ \downarrow (x-1) \end{matrix}$$

$$= (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_3 - x_0) \begin{vmatrix} x_1 + x_0 & (x_1)^2 + x_1 x_0 + (x_0)^2 \\ x_2 - x_1 & (x_2)^2 - (x_1)^2 + x_2 x_0 - x_1 x_0 \\ x_3 - x_1 & (x_3)^2 - (x_1)^2 + x_3 x_0 - x_1 x_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_3 - x_0) \begin{vmatrix} \underline{x_2 - x_1} & \underline{(x_2 - x_1)}(x_2 + x_1) + x_0(x_2 - x_1) \\ \underline{x_3 - x_1} & \underline{(x_3 - x_1)}(x_3 + x_1) + x_0(x_3 - x_1) \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{SEE TOP})$$

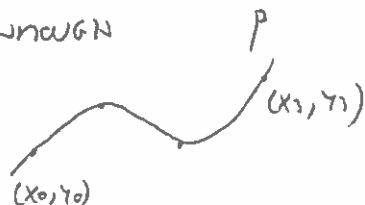


$$(b) \quad \text{DEF}(A) = (x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_3 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)$$

AND THIS IS  $\neq 0$  IF  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  ARE ALL DISTINCT

(c) SUPPOSE  $p = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$  GOES THROUGH

$(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$



$$\text{THEN } p(x_0) = a + bx_0 + c(x_0)^2 + d(x_0)^3 = y_0$$

$$p(x_1) = a + bx_1 + c(x_1)^2 + d(x_1)^3 = y_1$$

$$p(x_2) = a + bx_2 + c(x_2)^2 + d(x_2)^3 = y_2$$

$$p(x_3) = a + bx_3 + c(x_3)^2 + d(x_3)^3 = y_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & (x_0)^2 & (x_0)^3 \\ 1 & x_1 & (x_1)^2 & (x_1)^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & (x_2)^2 & (x_2)^3 \\ 1 & x_3 & (x_3)^2 & (x_3)^3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

SINCE  $\text{DEF}(A) \neq 0$  BY (b),  $A$  IS INVERTIBLE,  $Ax = b$  HAS

A UNIQUE SOLUTION  $x = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$ , WHICH GIVES YOU THE UNIQUE POLYNOMIAL  $p = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$

