

**FINAL EXAM**  
**MATH 20F, UCSD, AUTUMN 14**

You have three hours.

There are 15 problems, and the total number of points is 200. Show all your work. *Please make your work as clear and easy to follow as possible.*

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1. (25pts) (i) Show that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is row equivalent to } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To get full credit for this problem, you **must** show your steps and explain what row operations you are using at each stage.

*Solution:* We swap the first and third rows; we multiply the first row by  $1/3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 & 15 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we multiply the first row by  $-3$  and add it to the third row; we multiply the second row by  $1/2$ ; we multiply the second row by  $-3$  and add it to the third row:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 4 & 2 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(ii) Find the general solution to the linear equations in parametric form:

$$\begin{aligned}3x_2 - 6x_3 + 6x_4 + 4x_5 &= -5 \\3x_1 - 7x_2 + 8x_3 - 5x_4 + 8x_5 &= 9 \\3x_1 - 9x_2 + 12x_3 - 9x_4 + 6x_5 &= 15.\end{aligned}$$

*Solution:* By part (i) we can use

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

to solve the system by back substitution:

$x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_5$  are basic variables,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  are free variables.

The last equation reads  $x_5 = 4$ . The second equation reads

$$x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 + 4 = -3 \quad \text{so that} \quad x_2 = 2x_3 - 2x_4 - 7.$$

The first equation reads

$$x_1 - 3(2x_3 - 2x_4 - 7) + 4x_3 - 3x_4 + 8 = 5 \quad \text{so that} \quad x_1 = 2x_3 - 3x_4 - 24.$$

The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) &= (2x_3 - 3x_4 - 24, 2x_3 - 2x_4 - 7, x_3, x_4, 4) \\ &= (-24, -7, 0, 0, 4) + x_3(2, 2, 1, 0, 0) + x_4(-3, -2, 0, 1, 0).\end{aligned}$$

2. (15pts) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Find a basis for the nullspace of  $A$ . What is the nullity of  $A$ ?

*Solution:* We already saw in 1 (ii) that a basis for the null space is  $(2, 2, 1, 0, 0)$  and  $(-3, -2, 0, 1, 0)$ . The nullity is 2.

(ii) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ . What is the rank of  $A$ ?

*Solution:* There are pivots in the first, second and fifth columns.  $(0, 3, 3)$ ,  $(3, -7, -9)$  and  $(4, 8, 6)$  is a basis for the column space. The rank is 3.

(iii) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .

*Solution:*  $(1, -3, 4, -3, 2)$ ,  $(0, 1, -2, 2, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$  are a basis for the row space.

3. (15pts) For which values of  $h$  are the following vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = (1, 1, 1) \quad \vec{v}_2 = (1, 2, -1) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_3 = (1, h, -3)$$

a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

*Solution:* Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & h \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

be the matrix whose columns are the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$ . The vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$  are a basis if and only if  $A$  is invertible.

We apply Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & h \\ 1 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & h-1 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & h-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2h-6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A$  is invertible if and only if  $2h - 6 \neq 0$ , that is,  $h \neq 3$ .

So the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$  are a basis if and only if  $h \neq 3$

4. (15pts) (i) Let  $f$  be the linear function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{given by} \quad (x, y, z) \longrightarrow (3x-2y+z, x+y+z, 2x+y-2z).$$

Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $f(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

*Solution:*

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(ii) Let  $g$  be the linear function

$$g: \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{given by} \quad (x, y, z) \longrightarrow (x + y + z, 2x - 3y + z).$$

Find a matrix  $B$  such that  $g(\vec{x}) = B\vec{x}$ .

*Solution:*

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(iii) Let  $g \circ f$  be the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ . Find a matrix  $C$  such that  $(g \circ f)(\vec{x}) = C\vec{x}$ .

*Solution:*

$$C = BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -6 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. (15pts) Let  $A$  be a matrix which is row equivalent to

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Is the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  consistent for every  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

*Solution:* No.

Since there is a row of zeroes after row reduction of  $A$  we can pick a vector  $\vec{b}$  so that there is a pivot in the last column of the augmented matrix.

(ii) Suppose that  $\vec{x} = (1, -1, 2, 0)$  is a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{b} = (1, 2, 3)$ . What is the general solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ?

*Solution:* We solve the homogeneous by back substitution.  $a$  and  $c$  are basic variables,  $b$  and  $d$  are free.

$$c - 3d = 0 \quad \text{so that} \quad c = 3d.$$

Then

$$a + b - 2d = 0 \quad \text{so that} \quad a = -b + 2d.$$

The general solution is

$$(a, b, c, d) = (1, -1, 2, 0) + (-b + 2d, b, 3d, d) = (1, -1, 2, 0) + b(-1, 1, 0, 0) + d(2, 0, 3, 1).$$

(iii) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .

*Solution:*  $(1, 1, 0, -2)$  and  $(0, 0, 1, -3)$ .

6. (10pts) Is there a linear transformation  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(1, 1) = (0, 0)$ ,  $f(1, -2) = (1, 1)$  and  $f(0, 1) = (1, -1)$ ? If so, give an example of such an  $f$ ; if not, explain why not.

*Solution:*

No.

Let  $A$  be the matrix associated to  $f$ . Since  $f(1, 1) = (0, 0)$ ,  $A$  has a non-trivial null space. So the nullity of  $A$  is at least one. The vectors  $(1, 1)$  and  $(1, -1)$  are in the image of  $f$ . These are independent, so the column space of  $A$  contains a plane. Thus the rank of  $f$  is at least two. But the rank plus the nullity is two.

7. (10pts) Let  $P_2$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 2,

$$P_2 = \{ a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

Write  $5t^2 - 2t - 3$  as a linear combination of  $1 - t$  and  $1 - t^2$ .

*Solution:* Suppose that  $5t^2 - 2t - 3 = a(1 - t) + b(1 - t^2)$ . Then

$$(a + b) - at - bt^2 = 5t^2 - 2t - 3.$$

Comparing coefficients we must have:

$$a + b = -3 \quad a = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad b = -5.$$

So  $a = 2$  and  $b = -5$ . Thus

$$5t^2 - 2t - 3 = 2(1 - t) - 5(1 - t^2).$$



8. (15pts) What is the determinant of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}?$$

Is  $A$  invertible?

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 3\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 12 + 1 + 4 \\ &= 17. \end{aligned}$$

$A$  is invertible as the determinant is non-zero.

9. (10pts) Find the inverse of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Solution:* We apply Gauss-Jordan elimination to the super augmented matrix:

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

so that

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

The inverse matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. (20pts) (i) Check that the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (0, 1, 1)$  and  $\vec{v}_3 = (2, -1, 1)$  are an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

*Solution:*  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = (1, 1, -1) \cdot (0, 1, 1) = 0$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = (1, 1, -1) \cdot (2, -1, 1) = 0$ , and  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = (0, 1, 1) \cdot (2, -1, 1) = 0$ . They are orthogonal and so they are independent. Hence they are a basis.

(ii) Let  $\vec{v} = (5, 2, -2)$ . Compute  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}$ .

*Solution:*  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v} = (5, 2, -2) \cdot (1, 1, -1) = 9$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v} = (5, 2, -2) \cdot (0, 1, 1) = 0$  and  $\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v} = (5, 2, -2) \cdot (2, -1, 1) = 6$ .

(iii) Compute  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3$ .

*Solution:*  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = (1, 1, -1) \cdot (1, 1, -1) = 3$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = (0, 1, 1) \cdot (0, 1, 1) = 2$  and  $\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = (2, -1, 1) \cdot (2, -1, 1) = 6$ .

(iv) Write  $\vec{v}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$ .

*Solution:*

$$\vec{v} = 3\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3.$$

11. (10pts) Let  $W$  be the span of  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 0, 1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (0, -1, 1, 1)$  and  $\vec{v}_3 = (2, 1, -2, 3)$ . Find an orthogonal basis of  $W$ .

*Solution:* We apply Gram-Schmidt:

$$\vec{u}_1 = \vec{v}_1.$$

Then

$$\vec{u}_2 = \vec{v}_2 - \alpha \vec{u}_1 \quad \text{where} \quad (\vec{v}_2 - \alpha \vec{u}_1) \cdot \vec{u}_1 = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\alpha = \frac{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Thus

$$\vec{u}_2 = (0, -1, 1, 1) - \frac{2}{3}(1, 0, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{3}(-2, -3, 1, 1).$$

Let's replace  $\vec{u}_2$  by  $(-2, -3, 1, 1)$ . This is still orthogonal to  $\vec{u}_1$ . Then

$$\vec{u}_3 = \vec{v}_3 - \beta \vec{u}_1 - \gamma \vec{u}_2 \quad \text{where} \quad (\vec{v}_3 - \beta \vec{u}_1 - \gamma \vec{u}_2) \cdot \vec{u}_i = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\beta = \frac{\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \frac{\vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{u}_2}{\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_2} = \frac{-4 - 3 - 2 + 3}{15} = -\frac{2}{5}.$$

Thus

$$\vec{u}_3 = (2, 1, -2, 3) - (1, 0, 1, 1) + \frac{2}{5}(-2, -3, 1, 1) = \frac{1}{5}(1, -1, -13, 12).$$

Hence

$$(1, 0, 1, 1), \quad (-2, -3, 1, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad (1, -1, -13, 12),$$

is an orthogonal basis.

12. (10pts) Find the least squares solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Solution:* We have to solve  $(A^T A)\vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$ .

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A^T \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

To solve  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$  we apply Gaussian elimination:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & 2 & 13 \\ 2 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/3 & 13/6 \\ 2 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/3 & 13/6 \\ 0 & 7/3 & 14/3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/3 & 13/6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

The elimination is complete. We solve by back substitution.  $y = 2$  and  $x + 2/3 = 13/6$  so that  $x = 3/2$ . The least squares solution is  $(3/2, 2)$ .

13. (10pts) Show that  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 0, -1)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (2, -1, -1)$  are eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

What are the eigenvalues?

*Solution:*

$$A\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 2\vec{v}_1$$

and

$$A\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_2$$

Therefore  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are eigenvectors with eigenvalues 2 and 1.

14. (10pts) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$  (there is no need to find  $P^{-1}$ ).

*Solution:* The given vectors are eigenvectors with eigenvalues 1,  $-1$  and 2. The eigenvalues are different so that the eigenvectors are automatically independent.

Let

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

the matrix  $P$  whose columns are the eigenvectors and the diagonal matrix  $D$  whose entries are the eigenvalues. Then  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

15. (10pts) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Find a basis for the eigenspace with eigenvalue  $-1$ .

*Solution:* We want the null space of  $A + I_3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x$  is a basic variable,  $y$  and  $z$  are free variables.  $x + y + z = 0$ , so that  $x = -y - z$  and the general solution is

$$(x, y, z) = (-y - z, y, z) = y(-1, 1, 0) + z(-1, 0, 1).$$

The eigenspace with eigenvalue  $-1$  is the span of  $(-1, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 0, 1)$ .

(ii) Does  $A$  have other eigenvalues? If so, identify them; if not, explain why not.

*Solution:* Yes.  $A$  is symmetric and there must be other eigenvectors. Consider expanding  $\det(A - \lambda I_3)$  as a polynomial in  $\lambda$ . The constant term is the value of the determinant when  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2.$$

But minus the constant term is the product of the eigenvalues. Thus the products of the eigenvalues is  $-2$ . As the product of two of them is 1 the third eigenvalue is  $-2$ .