

(for these problems, you may use a computer program, such as Mathematica or MatLab, to get some confirmation, but I am looking for reasoning for most of the answers)

1. For the following matrices:

$$\underline{\mathbf{A}}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\mathbf{A}}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\mathbf{A}}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{\mathbf{A}}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} +\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & +\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Write down expressions for the three components that define the vectors in the *row subspace* and in the *null subspace* of each matrix
- (b) Show that the vector(s) in the null subspace is orthogonal to the vector(s) in the row subspace.
- (c) Do the inverses of these matrices exist? Explain why or why not.
- (d) (OPTIONAL BONUS) Find the inverses  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1}$  if they exist.
- (e) (OPTIONAL BONUS) In cases where the inverse matrix matrix does not exist, find the matrix that does the “best job” of inverting the problem; this is the *pseudoinverse*.
2. A  $3 \times 3$  sampled “object” with real-valued gray values has the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & j \end{bmatrix}$  (I did not use “i” for a reason) It also may be represented as a 9-D vector by “stacking” the columns to obtain

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ j \end{bmatrix}$$

(this is the “lexicographically” ordered 1-D vector that represents the 2-D image). In each case listed below, find the matrix operators  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}_n$  that produce the following output vectors  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_n$  (“output images”) when applied to  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ :

- (a)  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_1$  is vector for the original image after exchanging rows and columns, so that the  $3 \times 3$  output image is  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & j \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (b)  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_2$  is vector corresponding to the original image rotated by  $+90^\circ$
- (c)  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_3$  is the original image rotated by  $+180^\circ$
- (d)  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_4$  is vector corresponding to the original image rotated by  $+270^\circ$

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- (e) The elements of the output image are the sums of the rows, of the columns, and of an approximation of the diagonals of  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ ;

$$\underline{\mathbf{b}}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} a + d + g \\ b + e + h \\ c + f + j \\ a + b + c \\ d + e + f \\ g + h + j \\ b + c + f \\ a + e + j \\ d + g + h \end{bmatrix}$$

This is not just a theoretical example, but a very simplified version of a real imaging problem. In many applications, and particularly in medical imaging, we need to reconstruct the original input object  $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$  from the sums (line-integral projections) of the image data along paths at various angles through the object. The mathematics are used in several medical imaging modalities (*e.g.*, computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging), as well as other imaging applications.

- (f) (OPTIONAL BONUS) Find the inverses  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1}$  of the matrix operators *if they exist*. If  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}_n^{-1}$  does not exist, then explain why. (*n.b.*, despite appearances, there is an easy way to see this for  $\underline{\mathbf{b}}_5$ )