

## SPRING 2020 MATH 54 MIDTERM 2 SOLUTIONS

Q1 True False.

- (a) True. Take  $A$  with rows equal to any basis of  $W^\perp$ .
- (b) True. Take  $A$  to be the matrix of the orthogonal projection onto  $W$ .
- (c) False. Check that the matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H$  but their sum is not.
- (d) True. Each of  $S, T, S^{-1}$  is invertible and a composition of invertible transformations is invertible, so onto.
- (e) False. Consider the identity.
- (f) False. If  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is any nonzero vector,  $u^T u \neq 0$  is invertible, but  $uu^T$  is rank one, so not invertible.
- (g) True. If  $A = PBP^{-1}$  then  $x \in \text{Nul}(A) \iff P^{-1}x \in \text{Nul}(B)$ , so they have the same nullity, and by rank nullity the same rank.
- (h) False. Every nonzero  $1 \times n$  matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to  $e_1^T$ , but not every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has the same distance from  $e_1$  and  $\text{Row}(A)$ .
- (i) True.  $z \in \text{Row}(A)^\perp$ , but since  $\text{Row}(A) = \mathbb{R}^2$  we must have  $z = 0$ .
- (j) False. The question is asking whether  $(P^{-1}x)^T(P^{-1}y) = x^T(P^{-1})^T P^{-1}y = x^T y$  for every  $x, y$ . This is false unless  $(P^{-1})^T P^{-1} = I$ , of which there are many examples.

Q3 Examples

- (a) Any  $2 \times 2$  matrix with rank one will do, since by rank nullity it also has nullity 1, and any two vector spaces of the same dimension are isomorphic. For example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) Does not exist. If  $A = PDP^{-1}$  then  $A^2 = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$  is also diagonalizable.
- (c) For any basis  $B$  it is true that  $[b_1]_B = e_1$  since we have the unique linear combination  $b_1 = 1b_1 + 0b_2$ . Thus, the desired basis has  $b_2 = e_1$ . Taking  $b_1$  to be any unit vector orthogonal to this (i.e.,  $\pm e_2$ ) yields two possible bases with this property.
- (d) Does not exist. Since  $W \neq \mathbb{R}^3$  the kernel of  $\text{proj}_W$  is equal to  $W^\perp$ , which is nontrivial. Thus  $\text{proj}_W$  cannot be one to one.

## ## Math 54 MT2 Q4 ##

Let  $\beta = \{1, t, t^2\}$  be std. basis of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  polynomials, and so any polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{P}^2$  has the form  $p = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2$ . Since this is a linear comb of <sup>std</sup> basis vectors,  $[p]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . This means that  $p \mapsto [p]_{\beta}$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{P}^2$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , meaning vector operations in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  correspond to operations in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . This way, we can consider  $T$  as a composite transformation of  $T_1$  then  $T_2$ , where  $T_1$  simply maps a vector in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  to its corresponding representation in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and where  $T_2$  is the transformation from  $[p]_{\beta}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} p(0) \\ p'(0) \\ p''(0) \end{bmatrix}$ .

To show that  $T$  is invertible, it suffices to show that both  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  are separately invertible.  $T_1$ 's invertibility is trivial as it is an isomorphism (can always switch back and forth between representations). Next we show  $T_2$ 's invertibility.

Since  $p(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2$ ,  $p'(t) = a_1 + 2a_2 t$ ,  $p''(t) = 2a_2$  from calculus,

$$p(0) = a_0, \quad p'(0) = a_1, \quad p''(0) = 2a_2.$$

Therefore,  $T_2\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ 2a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We can find a std. matrix

for  $T_2$  by noting that  $T_2$  simply multiplies the last entry by 2.

Then,  $A_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ 2a_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A_2$  keeps all entries intact

except scaling last entry by 2. A transformation is invertible iff

its std matrix is invertible.  $A_2$  is diagonal and so its det is

$(1)(1)(2) \neq 0 \Rightarrow A_2$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow T_2$  is invertible. To find

its inverse, we note that  $T_2^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$  should give  $\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2/2 \end{bmatrix}$ , scaling

the last term by  $1/2$  instead of 2. Then,  $A_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Checking,

we conclude that  $AA^{-1} = I$  so  $A_2^{-1}$  is std. matrix of  $T_2^{-1}$ .

Since  $T(p) = T_2(T_1(p))$ ,  $T^{-1}(q) = T_1^{-1}(T_2^{-1}(q))$ . This means, given

a vector  $\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = q \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we first half the last term, producing

$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2/2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and then represent it as a polynomial,

$a_0 + a_1 t + \frac{1}{2} a_2 t^2 = p \in \mathbb{P}^2$ . ( $T^{-1}$  acts on a vector  $q \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and

returns a vector  $p \in \mathbb{P}^2$ )

# ## Math 54 MT2 Q5 ##

Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 2}$  and  $X^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $M_{2 \times 2}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , we work in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (with  $[X]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ )

Then,  $S$  represents a transformation from  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} - a_{21} \\ a_{21} - a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ , since  $X - X^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} - a_{21} \\ a_{21} - a_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . The std. matrix for  $S$  can be found

by inspection  $\begin{matrix} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & a_{12} & a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & a_{21} & -a_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} & a_{21} \\ a_{21} - a_{12} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$ . From here, we

(std matrix)    input    transformed output.)

wish to diagonalize this std matrix, denoted from here as  $[S]_{\mathcal{E}}$ , by finding eigenvalues & eigenvectors

$$|[S]_{\mathcal{E}} - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 (\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1) - \lambda^2 (\lambda^2 - 2\lambda) = \lambda^3 (\lambda - 2) = 0 \iff \lambda_1 = 0 \text{ or } \lambda_2 = 2.$$

$\lambda_1 = 0$ :  $[S]_{\mathcal{E}} - \lambda I = 0$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ :  $x_2 = x_3$ ,  $x_1, x_3, x_4$  free

$\lambda_2 = 2$ :  $[S]_{\mathcal{E}} - \lambda I = 0$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ :  $x_2 = -x_3$ ;  $x_3$  free;  $x_1 = 0$ ;  $x_4 = 0$

For  $\lambda_1$ , eigenspace is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . For  $\lambda_2$ , eigenspace is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Therefore,  $[S]_{\mathcal{E}} = P D P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$  Translating these

basis vectors (columns of  $P$ ) into a basis for  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , we get a basis (by the diagonal matrix representation) of:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $_{\beta} [S]_{\beta} = D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

To find the kernel of  $S$ , we observe that in the diagonal matrix representation, three of the eigen "matrices" corresponded to eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 0$ . This means that any matrix  $\in M_{2 \times 2}$  within the eigenspace of  $\lambda_1 = 0$  gets mapped to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . The three corresponding matrices to  $\lambda_1 = 0$  are  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , which together form a basis for  $\text{Ker}(S)$ .



# ## Math 54 MT2 Q6 ##

a) Note that because  $A$  is upper triangular, its eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1=1, \lambda_2=-1, \lambda_3=2$ , lie on its diagonal. Since there are 3 distinct eigenvalues for this  $3 \times 3$  matrix,  $A$  is diagonalizable:  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some invertible  $P$  and diagonal  $D$ . The strategy for this problem uses the fact that  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$  ( $A^2 = (PDP^{-1})PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$ , and so on).

To diagonalize  $A$ , we find its eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ .

$\lambda_1$ :  $A - \lambda_1 I = 0$ :  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x_1 \text{ free, } x_2 = x_3 = 0$

$\lambda_2$ :  $A - \lambda_2 I = 0$ :  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x_2 \text{ free, } x_1 = -x_2, x_3 = 0$

$\lambda_3$ :  $A - \lambda_3 I = 0$ :  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -17/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x_3 \text{ free, } x_1 = 17/3 x_3, x_2 = 4/3 x_3$

Then, the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1=1, \lambda_2=-1, \lambda_3=2$ , are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , respectively. Thus,  $A = PDP^{-1} =$

$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $P^{-1}$  was obtained by row-reducing  $[P | I]$ . Using  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$  and that  $D^k$  is just

a matrix with the entries on the diagonal raised to the  $k$ th power,  $A^{99} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^{99} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1^{99} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{99} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ . We

see that because the third entry of the second col of  $P^{-1}$  is 0 and that the second col of  $A^{99}$  is a linear combination of columns of  $(PD^{99})$  with weights as the second col of  $P^{-1}$ , the second col of  $A^{99} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

b) Note that  $A$  is invertible because it is the product of invertible matrices:  $P$  defined to be invertible but also because  $A$  is a matrix with lin. indep. eigenvectors as columns, and  $D$  because  $\det(D) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \neq 0$ . Note that because  $A = PDP^{-1}$  and  $A$  and each of  $P, D, P^{-1}$  are invertible,  $A^{-1} = (PDP^{-1})^{-1} = P^{-1}D^{-1}P$ . Since  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

and corresponding eigenvalues of  $A^{-1}$  are  $\lambda_1^{-1}, \lambda_2^{-1}, \lambda_3^{-1}$  respectively,  $D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $A^{-99} = (A^{-1})^{99} = P^{-1}(D^{-1})^{99}P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1/2)^{99} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & \# \\ 0 & 1 & \# \\ 0 & 0 & \# \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Using similar logic to (a) in finding  $A^{99}$ 's second, we see that second col of  $A^{-99} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus, since second col of  $(A^{99} - A^{-99}) =$  second col of  $A^{99} -$  second col of  $A^{-99}$ , second col of  $(C = A^{99} - A^{-99}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

# ## Math 54 MT2 Q7 ##

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . To find  $\text{Nul } A$ , we solve  $Ax = 0$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_3 + x_4 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 + x_4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_3 \text{ free} \\ x_4 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

A basis for  $\text{Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . From this basis, we find an

orthogonal basis by Gram-Schmidt:

Let  $b_1 = v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,  $b_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{b_1} v_2 = v_2 - \frac{v_2 \cdot b_1}{b_1 \cdot b_1} b_1$ , orthogonal

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{3}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,  $\{b_1, b_2\}$  form an orthogonal basis of  $\text{Nul } A$

Using this basis, we proceed with orthogonal decomp:

To find  $\hat{b} \in \text{Nul } A$  closest to  $b$ , we solve for  $\text{proj}_{\text{Nul } A} b = \hat{b}$ , which is the closest vector to  $b$  in  $\text{Nul } A$  by best approx theorem.

$$\text{proj}_{\text{Nul } A} b = \frac{b \cdot b_1}{b_1 \cdot b_1} b_1 + \frac{b \cdot b_2}{b_2 \cdot b_2} b_2, \text{ where } \{b_1, b_2\} \text{ is the above orthogonal basis for } \text{Nul } A.$$

Then,  $\hat{b} = \text{proj}_{\text{Nul } A} b = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1/2}{3/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 0 \\ -1/6 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This vector  $\hat{b}$  is the closest point to  $b$  that is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

Letting  $W = \text{Nul } A$ ,  $b = y + z$  for  $y \in W$  and  $z \in W^\perp$ , we see that because  $\hat{b}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $b$  onto  $W = \text{Nul } A$  (component of  $b$  in  $W$ ),  $y = \hat{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then,

we can solve for  $z$ :  $z = b - y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$\therefore y = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{proj}_{\text{Nul } A} b = \text{closest point in } \text{Nul } A \text{ to } b, \text{ and } z = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$ .