

**MATH 2270**  
Final Exam - Fall 2008

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1. (18 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -10 \\ -2 & 2 & 12 \\ 4 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Solve the linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  for  $\vec{x}$  using Gauss-Jordan elimination. Clearly show each step and indicate your answer. If the system is inconsistent, write *inconsistent*.

(b) What is the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ ?

(c) What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?

(d) Is the matrix  $A$  invertible?

(e) Find a basis for the kernel of  $A$ .

(f) What is the nullity of  $A$ ?

(g) Find a basis for the image of  $A$ .

2. (8 points) Consider the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$  and suppose  $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $\|\vec{v}_2\|$ .

(b) Find  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3$ .

(c) Which (if any) of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$ , and  $\vec{v}_3$  are orthogonal?

(d) What are the possible values of  $\det(A)$ ?

3. (10 points) Let  $V$  be the vector space spanned by the polynomials  $\mathfrak{B} = \{1, 2x, 3x^2\}$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the linear transformation given by  $T(f) = f'' - f' + f$ .

(a) Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

(b) Is  $T$  injective?

(c) Is  $T$  surjective?

(d) Suppose now  $T(f) = f' - f''$ . Find a basis for the kernel of  $T$ .

4. (8 points) Find the  $QR$  factorization of the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Clearly show each step.

5. (10 points) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be an inner product space with inner product  $\langle C, D \rangle = \text{trace}(C^T D)$  and let

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

- (a) Find the norm of  $A$  in  $V$ .

- (b) Find the orthogonal projection of  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  onto the subspace of  $V$  spanned by  $A$ .

(c) Find a nonzero matrix  $B$  in  $V$  such that  $\langle B, A \rangle = 0$ .

(d) Suppose  $S$  is an orthogonal matrix. Prove  $\langle SA, SA \rangle = \langle A, A \rangle$ .

6. (10 points) Suppose

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

Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an orthogonal matrix  $S$  such that  $D = S^T A S$ . Show your work.



7. (4 points) For  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) What are the eigenvalues (with multiplicities) of  $A$ ?

(b) For which values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  is the matrix  $A$  diagonalizable?

8. (12 points) Multiple choice.

(a) The vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for all values of  $\alpha$  except

- i.  $\alpha = -2$ .
- ii.  $\alpha = -1$ .
- iii.  $\alpha = 0$ .
- iv.  $\alpha = 1$ .
- v.  $\alpha = 2$ .

(b) For the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ , what is the value of  $\text{rank}(A) - \det(A)$ ?

i. -2.

ii. -1.

iii. 0.

iv. 1.

v. 2.

(c) A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that satisfies

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

will also satisfy  $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$

i.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

ii.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

iii.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

iv.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

v. Cannot be determined from the given information.

(d) Recall a matrix  $A$  is said to be *skew-symmetric* if  $A^T = -A$ . What is the dimension of the space of all  $4 \times 4$  skew-symmetric matrices?

i. 4.

ii. 6.

iii. 8.

iv. 16.

v. None of the above.