

**Instructions**

- Write your name and netID on each answer booklet that you use.
  - The exam stops at the end of the lecture time.
  - The exam has 2 pages with 6 problems (100 points total) and 3 bonuses (10 points total).
  - Justify answers. Answers without justification will not necessarily receive credit. You may refer to results from lectures/labs/homeworks, so long as you clearly state what result you are using.
  - This exam is open notes. You may use notes and books that you bring, but you may not use electronic devices of any kind (e.g., phones, laptops, iPads, calculators, etc.)
  - You may not talk to any other students during the exam.
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**Problem 1** (20 points). *Are the following subspaces? Justify.*

- (a) *Is  $S = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?*
- (b) *Is  $S = \{(x, 10 + x, 10 - x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?*
- (c) *Is  $S = \{(x, 0, 0) : x \geq 0\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?*
- (d) *Is  $S = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : A = -A^T\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ?*

**Problem 2** (20 points). *True or false? Prove if true; give a counterexample if false.*

- (a) *If  $A$  is a matrix, then  $\text{Ker}(A)$  admits an orthonormal basis.*
- (b) *If  $\dim \text{Ker} A = 2$ , then the linear system  $Ax = 0$  has exactly two solutions  $x$ .*
- (c) *If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then there are infinitely many vectors  $x$  satisfying  $Ax = \lambda x$ .*
- (d) *If  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then  $\text{rank}(ABC) \leq \text{rank}(B)$ .*

**Problem 3** (20 points). *True or false? If false, give a counterexample; if true, prove and state the inverse. Do not forget to state the inverse in each case that is invertible. Below, let  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .*

- (a) *If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^2$  is invertible.*
- (b) *If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible.*
- (c) *If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, then  $AB$  is invertible.*
- (d) *If  $A$  is stochastic, then  $A$  is invertible.*

**Problem 4** (15 points). *Let*

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

- (a) Determine the rank of  $A$  for all values of  $k$ .
- (b) Let  $b = (2022, 2022) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . For what values of  $k$  does the linear system  $Ax = b$  have exactly one solution?

**Problem 5** (15 points). Let  $J \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the matrix which has 1 in each entry. Compute all the eigenvalues of  $J$  and their multiplicities. (Hint: can you write  $J = vv^T$  for some vector  $v$ ?)

**Problem 6** (10 points). Let  $P_S$  be the matrix for the orthogonal projection onto a subspace  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $M = Id_n - 2P_S$ . What are all the possible values for eigenvalues of  $M$ ? Justify.

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**Bonus 1 (Bonus: 3 points)**. Provide a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  for which  $A^2 = 0$  yet  $A \neq 0$ .

**Bonus 2 (Bonus: 3 points)**. Prove that  $(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k)^2 \leq n \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2$  for any  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Bonus 3 (Bonus: 4 points)**. Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a stochastic matrix and all its entries are strictly positive. Prove that  $A - Id_n$  is not invertible.