

# Math 51 First Exam — April 21, 2011

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Points:	12	12	8	12	10	12	12	78
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1. (12 points)

(a) Give the precise definition of a (linear) subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b) Complete the following sentence: A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is defined to be *linearly independent* if

(c) Suppose  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^7$ . Is  $\{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, 3\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, 2\mathbf{w}\}$  linearly independent? Justify your answer completely.

2. (12 points) Let  $Z$  be the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the points  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1, -1)$ , and  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

(a) Find a parametric representation of  $Z$ .

(b) Give an equation for  $Z$  of the form  $ax + by + cz = d$ . (Here  $a, b, c, d$  are scalars, and  $x, y, z$  are the usual variables for coordinates of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .)

(c) Find the coordinates of a point  $P$  in  $Z$  having the property that the vector from the origin to  $P$  is perpendicular (normal) to  $Z$ .

3. (8 points) Compute, showing all steps, the reduced row echelon form of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (12 points) Suppose that all we know about the  $3 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is that its entries are all nonzero, and that its reduced row echelon form is

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\textbf{Note:} \text{ this is } \textit{not} \text{ the matrix } A!)$$

- (a) Find a basis for the null space of  $A$ ; show your reasoning.

- (b) If the columns of  $A$ , in order, are  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , circle *all* sets of vectors below that give a basis for the column space of  $A$ . You do not need to justify your answer(s).

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_2\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_3\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_4\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_4\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_4\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_4\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4\} \quad \{\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4\}$$

- (c) Suppose we also know that the second and third columns of  $A$  are, respectively,

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use this information to find the first column  $\mathbf{a}_1$  of  $A$ ; give your reasoning.

5. (10 points) Each of the statements below is either *always true* (“T”), or *always false* (“F”), or *sometimes true and sometimes false, depending on the situation* (“MAYBE”). For each part, decide which and circle the appropriate choice; you *do not* need to justify your answers.

(a) A set of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  is linearly independent. T F MAYBE

(b) A set of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . T F MAYBE

(c) A set of 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is linearly independent. T F MAYBE

(d) A set of 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . T F MAYBE

(e) A set of 5 vectors which spans  $\mathbb{R}^5$  is linearly independent. T F MAYBE

(f) A set of 5 linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . T F MAYBE

(g) The span of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  is a 4-dimensional subspace. T F MAYBE

(h) The span of 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is a 5-dimensional subspace. T F MAYBE

(i) A set of 4 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . T F MAYBE

(j) A basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  contains exactly 4 vectors. T F MAYBE

6. (12 points) For each part, provide with reasoning an example of a matrix ( $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$ , respectively) that satisfies the given property, or briefly explain why no such matrix can exist.

(a) The linear system  $A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  has infinitely many solutions.

(b) The linear system  $B \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly one solution.

(c) The linear system  $C \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  has no solutions.

7. (12 points)

(a) Suppose  $\mathbf{S} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear transformation such that

$$\mathbf{S} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the matrix of  $\mathbf{S}$ .

(b) Let  $\mathbf{T} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation that projects vectors onto the line  $y = x$ . Find the matrix of  $\mathbf{T}$ .

(c) For  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$  as above, find the matrix of  $\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{T}$  or explain why it cannot be defined.



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