

FALL 2011 FINAL EXAM FOR SM261  
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**SHOW ALL WORK**

**PART 1.** On this part (problems 1-5) you may **NOT** use a calculator.  
Show all your work.

1. Complete the following definitions.

- a. A function  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a linear transformation if...
  
  
  
  
  
- b. A vector  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a linear combination of the vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if...
  
  
  
  
  
- c. A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m\}$  in a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  forms a basis for  $V$  if...
  
  
  
  
  
- d. If  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the dimension of  $V$  is...

2. Consider the linear system of equations

$$x + 2y - z = 3$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 14$$

$$2x - 6y + 8z = 16$$

- a. If we write the system in the matrix form  $A\vec{v} = \vec{b}$ , what are  $A$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ?
- b. Find the reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix  $[A|\vec{b}]$  for this system. Show all steps.
- c. Describe all solutions to the system.
- d. Is the set of all solutions a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain.

3. Find the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $AB^{-1}$ .

5. Let  $S$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $S = \{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = 3x \}$ .

a. Find 3 numbers  $b, c, d$  so that  $\text{im} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

b. Find 3 numbers  $b, c, d$  so that  $\text{im} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = S$ .

c. Find 3 numbers  $b, c, d$  so that  $\ker \begin{bmatrix} 3 & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = S$ .

This is the end of Part 1. Turn in your answers and proceed to Part 2.

**PART 2.** You may use a calculator on this part. Show all your work.

6. Define the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

7. Consider the following matrices:

$$\text{a. } \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{b. } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{c. } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{d. } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Identify each of the 4 corresponding linear transformations as a rotation, a projection, a scaling or a reflection.

8. Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 9 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a. Find a basis for  $\ker(A)$ . Find  $\dim(\ker(A))$ .

b. Find a basis for  $\text{im}(A)$ . Find  $\text{rank}(A)$ .

9. Let  $V = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4)$ , where  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and
- $$\vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a. Find a basis for  $V$ .

b. Is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $V$ ? Explain.

- 10.** Suppose that  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation which satisfies  $T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  relative to the standard basis  $\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\}$ .



**11.** Let  $V$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

**a.** Find an orthonormal basis for  $V$ .

**b.** Find the matrix of the orthogonal projection onto  $V$ .

- 12.** Using least squares, fit a function  $f(t) = a + bt$  to the data points  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(1, 4)$ .

- 13.** Let  $P$  be the parallelepiped in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a.** Find the volume of  $P$ .

- b.** Let  $T$  be the linear transformation whose matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the volume of  $T(P)$ .

14. True or False. If true, give a reason. If false, give a reason or a counterexample.
- a. If  $S$  and  $T$  are linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the set of all vectors  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $S(\vec{v}) = T(\vec{v})$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - b. If the determinant of a  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $A$  is 4, then  $1 \leq \text{rank}(A) \leq 4$ .
  - c. The matrix of an orthogonal projection onto a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a symmetric matrix.
  - d. If  $V$  is a 3-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\}$  is also a basis for  $V$ .
  - e. If two matrices have the same characteristic polynomial, then they are similar.

**In Problems 15-17, do all calculations by hand and show all steps.  
You may check your work with a calculator.**

**15.** Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a.** Find the characteristic polynomial  $f_A(\lambda)$  of  $A$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b.** Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c.** For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , find a basis for the eigenspace  $E_\lambda$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d.** Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, find an eigenbasis for  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which is similar to  $A$ . If not, give your reasons.

**16.** The eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are  $\lambda = -3, 3, 3$ . Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, find an eigenbasis for  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which is similar to  $A$ . If not, give your reasons.

17. The eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are  $\lambda = 2, 3, 3$ . Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, find an eigenbasis for  $A$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  which is similar to  $A$ . If not, give your reasons.

**END OF EXAM**