

**Math 140**  
**Linear Algebra**

**Test 2 Fall 2018**

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*Please write your answers in detail and show your work to get full mark. Giving short answers might cause you losing points.*

Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total	
Grade	8	8	8	8	8	40	

1. Let  $P_2$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2, with the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication.

(a) Let  $S = \{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0 + a_1 - a_2 = 0 \}$ . Is  $S$  a vector subspace?

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(b) Let  $V = \{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \text{ are integers} \}$ . Is  $V$  a vector subspace?

2. Let  $R^3$  be the usual 3-dimensional Euclidean vector space (with the usual vector addition and scalar multiplication).

(a) Let  $v_1 = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $v_2 = (2, 3, 1)$ . Are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  linearly independent?

(b) Let  $v_1 = (2, 0, 1)$ ,  $v_2 = (-1, 3, -1)$ ,  $v_3 = (0, 6, -1)$ ,  $v_4 = (3, 2, 1)$  and  $v_5 = (-2, 6, -2)$ . Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ . Is  $R^3$  spanned by all these vectors? (Or, in other words, is  $\text{Span}(S) = R^3$  true?)

3. Let  $P_2$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2, with the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication. Determine whether the following sets of vectors form a basis for  $P_2$ . Explain your answer briefly please.

(a)  $p_1 = 1 - x + 5x^2$ ,  $p_2 = -3 + 2x + 7x^2$ ,  $p_3 = 6x - x^2$ .

(b)  $p_1 = 2 - x + x^2$ ,  $p_2 = 3 - 10x + 6x^2$ .

4. Given

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 13 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find a basis of the null space. Find also the nullity of the matrix  $M$ .

(b) Find a basis of the column space, and a basis for the row space. Find also the rank of the matrix  $M$ .

5. Given that matrix  $A$  has size  $5 \times 6$ .

(a) What is the maximum possible value of  $\text{rank}(A)$ ? What is the minimum possible value of  $\text{nullity}(A)$ ?

(b) List an example of  $A$  such that  $\text{rank}(A)=3$  and  $\text{nullity}(A)=3$ . (Note: You only need to list one matrix  $A$ . No further explanation or computation is required.)

(c) What is the minimum possible value of  $\text{rank}(A)$ ? What is the maximum possible value of  $\text{nullity}(A)$ ?