

# Final

for Math 308, Winter 2017

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- Do not open this exam until you are told to begin. You will have 110 minutes for the exam.
- This exam contains 7 questions for a total of 90 points in 13 pages.
- You are allowed to have one double sided, handwritten note sheet and a non-programmable calculator.
- Show all your work. With the exception of True/False questions, if there is no work supporting an answer (even if correct) you will not receive full credit for the problem.

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Question	Points	Score
1	10	
2	8	
3	18	
4	12	
5	12	
6	20	
7	10	
Total:	90	

## Statement of Ethics regarding this exam

I agree to complete this exam without unauthorized assistance from any person, materials, or device.

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**Question 1.** (10 points) Decide whether the following statements are true or false. For this you don't need to show any work.

(a) [1 point] If  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , then  $A \cdot v = \underline{0}$ .

☐ True    ☒ **False**

(b) [1 point] If  $v$  and  $w$  are non-zero eigenvectors of  $A$  with the same eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then  $v - w$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .

☒ **True**    ☐ False

(c) [1 point] If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I_n) = n$ .

☐ True    ☒ **False**

(d) [1 point] In a subspace of dimension  $n$  there are at most  $n$  linearly independent vectors.

☒ **True**    ☐ False

(e) [1 point] The solution set of a linear system is a subspace.

☐ True    ☒ **False**

(f) [1 point] If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\text{col}(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

☒ **True**    ☐ False

(g) [1 point] If  $u$  and  $v$  are two non-zero orthogonal vectors,  $\dim \text{span}\{u, v\} = 2$ .

☒ **True**    ☐ False

(h) [1 point] If  $A$  is a square matrix  $\det A^T = \det A$ .

☒ **True**    ☐ False

(i) [1 point] If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of a subspace  $S$  and  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  then  $2u \in \mathcal{B}$ .

☐ True    ☒ **False**

(j) [1 point] If a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable then  $A$  is invertible.

☐ True    ☒ **False**

**Question 2.** (8 points) For any of the following question, give an explicit example.

- (a) [2 point] Two non-zero linear transformation  $T_1, T_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T_1 \circ T_2$  is the linear transformation sending everything to the zero vector.

**Solution:**

$$T_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) [1 point] A  $4 \times 4$  diagonalizable matrix.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) [1 point] A non-zero  $3 \times 3$  matrix with  $\det = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) [1 point] A  $2 \times 2$  matrix with  $e_1$  as an eigenvector.

**Solution:**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (e) [2 point] An orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- (f) [1 point] A subspace  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of dimension 2

**Solution:**

$$S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Question 3.** (18 points) Let  $A$  be the following matrix

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

- (a) [4 points] Compute the characteristic polynomial  $p_A(\lambda)$  of  $A$ , the eigenvalues of  $A$  and their multiplicities.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda + 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda + 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -\lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -\lambda - 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda + 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -\lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & -\lambda - 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -\lambda - 1 \end{pmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)^2(1 + \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 2, 1 and  $-1$  with multiplicities 1, 2, 1 respectively.

- (b) [2 points] Given your previous computation, is  $A$  invertible? Why or why not?

**Solution:** Since 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  by the Big Theorem  $A$  is invertible.

- (c) [9 points] Determine a basis for every eigenspace of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

$$E_2(A) = \text{null}(A - 2I_5) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore  $E_2(A)$  is given by the solutions of

$$\begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \implies E_2(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

In the same way

$$E_1(A) = \text{null}(A - 1I_5) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which correspond to the solutions of

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \implies E_1(A) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Finally

$$E_{-1}(A) = \text{null}(A + I_5) = \text{null}\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{null}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and therefore it is given by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 - x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \implies E_{-1}(A) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- (d) [3 points] Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Why or why not? If it is diagonalizable, find  $P$  and  $D$  such that  $A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$ .

**Solution:** Yes  $A$  is diagonalizable since

$$\dim E_2(A) + \dim E_1(A) + \dim E_{-1}(A) = 4$$

therefore there exists a basis of eigenvectors and  $A$  is diagonalizable. Given the previous computations we can take

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Question 4.** (12 points) Let  $S = \text{row}(A)$  where  $A$  is the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) [4 points] Compute a basis for  $S$  and its dimension (hint: compute the *reduced* echelon form).

**Solution:** To compute a basis we reduce  $A$  to reduced echelon form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{IV}-3\text{I}]{\text{II}-2\text{I}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This shows that  $S = \text{row}(A)$  has dimension two and a basis is given by

$$\mathcal{B}_S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- (b) [2 points] Is the basis you found in the previous part an orthogonal basis? Why?

**Solution:** Yes it is since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

- (c) [4 points] Compute a basis for  $S^\perp$ .

**Solution:** We know that  $S^\perp = \text{null}(A')$  where

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix  $A'$  is already in reduced echelon form, so the null space is given by the solution set of

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$S^\perp = \text{null}(A') = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- (d) [2 points] Given the previous points exhibit a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that extends the basis of  $S$  found previously, i.e. such that it contains the vectors in the basis of  $S$ . Is this basis orthogonal?

**Solution:** Since the orthogonal vectors are linearly independent the following is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

The basis is NOT orthogonal since

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \neq 0$$

**Question 5.** (12 points) You are asked to compute all the plane conics in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with equation

$$\mathcal{C} : ay^2 + bx^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$$

passing through the points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(0,-1)$ ,  $(1,0)$  and  $(1,1)$ .

(a) [3 points] Write down the linear system associated to the problem.

**Solution:** We only need to insert the values of  $x$  and  $y$  given by the points and we get

$$\begin{cases} e = 0 \\ a - d + e = 0 \\ b + c + e = 0 \\ a + b + c + d + e = 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) [2 points] Before solving the system can you tell if there the system is consistent? If yes, will the solution make sense for the problem?

**Solution:** The system is homogeneous, hence consistent since there is always the trivial solution. However such solution will not make sense for the problem since it will give  $0 = 0$  which is not a plane conic.

(c) [4 points] Solve the system using the Gauss-Jordan algorithm.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{III}-\text{I}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{III}-\text{II}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the computation we see that the solution set is given by

$$\begin{Bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -s \\ s \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R}$$

(d) [3 points] Is the solution set a subspace inside some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? If yes for which  $n$ ? What is its dimension?



**Solution:** We can rewrite the solution set as

$$\text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This shows that the solution set is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  of dimension 1.

**Question 6.** (20 points) Let  $A$  and  $T_B$  be the following matrix and linear transformation:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_B \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1 - x_3 \\ -x_1 + x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) [4 points] Compute the matrix  $B$  associated to the linear transformation  $T_B$ , i.e. such that  $T_B(x) = B \cdot x$  and identify domain and codomain of both  $T_A$ , the linear transformation associated to  $A$ , and  $T_B$ .

**Solution:** We have

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

Moreover  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $T_B : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$ .

- (b) [6 points] For every composition that make sense, compute the matrices associated to  $T_A \circ T_B$  and  $T_B \circ T_A$  and identify domain and codomain.

**Solution:** Since  $\text{codom } T_B = \text{dom } T_A$  the composition  $T_A \circ T_B : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  make sense and the matrix associated to it is  $A \cdot B$  that we compute as follows:

$$A \cdot B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

On the other hand  $\text{codom } T_A \neq \text{dom } T_B$  hence the composition  $T_B \circ T_A$  does not make sense.

- (c) [2 points] Let  $C = A \cdot B$ . Can  $T_C$  be onto? Explain why or why not.

**Solution:** Since  $C$  is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix  $\text{rank}(C) \leq 3$  which implies that  $\dim \text{range}(T_C) \leq 3$  while  $\text{codom } T_C = \mathbb{R}^4$ . This shows that  $\text{range}(T_C)$  can never be equal to  $\text{codom } T_C$  so  $T_C$  cannot be onto.

- (d) [6 points] Compute bases for  $\text{row}(C)$  and  $\text{col}(C)$ .

**Solution:** We begin by computing the reduced echelon form of  $C$  as follows

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{1/2I} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{IV}+I]{\begin{matrix} \text{II}-4I \\ \text{III}-3I \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

From this we can infer directly that

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{row}(C)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \mathcal{B}_{\text{col}(C)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(e) [2 points] What is  $\text{rank}(C)$ ? What is  $\text{nullity}(C)$ ?

**Solution:** Given the above computation  $\text{rank}(C) = 2$ . This implies that  $\text{nullity}(C) = 3 - \text{rank}(C) = 1$ .

### Extra Credit Question - 10 points

**Question 7.** (10 points) Suppose a matrix  $A$  has the following eigenvectors

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with corresponding eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = 1 \quad \lambda_2 = -1 \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) [1 points] Is  $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Why?

**Solution:** Yes  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis, since for example

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

- (b) [2 points] Show that  $\text{rank}(A - I_3) = \text{rank}(A + I_3)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis, we see that  $\dim E_1(A) = \dim E_{-1}(A) = 1$ . This implies that  $\text{nullity}(A - I_3) = \text{nullity}(A + I_3) = 1$  hence

$$\text{rank}(A - I_3) = \text{rank}(A + I_3) = 3 - \text{nullity}(A - I_3) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

- (c) [2 points] Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^{2017} \cdot v$ . (Hint: express  $v$  in terms of the vectors  $u_i$ ).

**Solution:** Since  $v = u_1 + u_2$  we have that

$$A^{2017}v = A^{2017}u_1 + A^{2017}u_2 = (1)^{2017}u_1 + (-1)^{2017}u_2 = u_1 - u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) [5 points] Let  $v_k = A^k \cdot v$  for any natural number  $k$ . Does the limit  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v_k$  exists? If so what is it?

**Solution:** Using the computation above

$$v_k = A^k \cdot v = (1)^k u_1 + (-1)^k u_2 = u_1 + (-1)^k u_2$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v_k = u_1 + \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^k \right) u_2$$

However the limit  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^k$  does not exist (since it bounces between 1 and -1 indefinitely), therefore the limit  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v_k$  does not exist.