

Midterm 2

for Math 308 G, Spring 2017

NAME (last - first): _____

- Do not open this exam until you are told to begin. You will have 50 minutes for the exam.
- This exam contains 5 questions for a total of 45 points in 7 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	6	
2	4	
3	14	
4	14	
5	7	
Total:	45	

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Question 1. (6 points) Decide whether the following statements are true or false. For this you don't need to show any work.

- (a) [1 point] If $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 then $u_1 + u_2 \in \mathcal{B}$.
☐ True ☒ **False**
- (b) [1 point] If A is a 4×7 matrix $\text{row}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^7 .
☒ **True** ☐ False
- (c) [1 point] If $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is onto, then $\text{nullity}(A) \neq 0$.
☐ True ☒ **False**
- (d) [1 point] If $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is the rotation of angle θ , then R_θ is not invertible.
☐ True ☒ **False**
- (e) [1 point] If A, B are invertible $n \times n$ matrices then $(A \cdot B)^{-1} = B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$.
☒ **True** ☐ False
- (f) [1 point] The function $T(x) = x + e_1$ from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 is a linear transformation.
☐ True ☒ **False**

Question 2. (4 points) For any of the following question, give an explicit example.

- (a) [1 point] A linear transformation $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ which is 1-to-1.

Solution:

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) [2 point] Two non-zero 2×2 matrices whose product is the zero matrix.

Solution:

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

- (c) [1 points] A matrix A with $\text{nullity}(A) = 1$ and $\text{rank}(A) = 2$.

Solution:

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

Question 3. (14 points) Consider the following matrix and linear transformation

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

- (a) [2 points] Identify the matrix B such that $T = T_B$ and compute domain and codomain of both T_A and T_B

Solution:

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

and $T_A : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T_B : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$.

- (b) [3 points] For every composition $T_A \circ T_B$ and $T_B \circ T_A$ that make sense compute domain, codomain and the associated matrix.

Solution: The only composition that make sense is $T_A \circ T_B$ since $\text{codom}(T_B) = \text{dom}(T_A)$. We have $T_A \circ T_B : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. The associated matrix is

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

- (c) [3 points] Compute bases for $\text{row}(C)$ and $\text{col}(C)$ where $C = A \cdot B$.

Solution: The REF for C is

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

Therefore it follows that bases for $\text{row}(C)$ and $\text{col}(C)$ are given by

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

- (d) [2 points] Given the above computation what is $\text{rank}(C)$? And $\text{nullity}(C)$?

Solution: We have $\text{rank}(C) = \dim \text{col}(A) = 2$. Using the rank-nullity theorem we can compute

$$\text{nullity}(C) = \# \text{ cols of } C - \text{rank}(C) = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

- (e) [2 points] Use all the information you gathered for C to motivate whether $T_A \circ T_B$ is 1-to-1 and/or onto and/or invertible.

Solution: Since $\text{nullity}(C) > 0$ then $T_A \circ T_B$ is not 1-to-1. Since $\text{rank}(C)$ is equal to $\dim \text{codom}(T_A \circ T_B)$ this implies that the range of $T_A \circ T_B$ is equal to the codomain and therefore the function is onto. Since it is not 1-to-1 it is not invertible.

Question 4. (14 points) Consider the following 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let A be the matrix whose columns are $[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_5]$; then the reduce echelon form of A is given by the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \sqrt{2} - 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\sqrt{2} + 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) [2 points] Using the above REF find a basis \mathcal{B} for $S = \text{span}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_5)$ and show that $\dim S = 3$.

Solution: The REF has leading terms in the first three columns this implies that a basis of S is given by $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$. This shows that $\dim S = 3$.

- (b) [4 points] Let $v = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ be a vector of \mathbb{R}^3 . Express v as a linear combination of the elements of the basis you found above. (Your answer should involve x_1, x_2 and x_3).

Solution: To write v as a linear combination of u_1, u_2 and u_3 we need to find c_1, c_2 and c_3 such that $v = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3$. This is equivalent to the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= x_1 \\ c_1 + c_2 &= x_2 \\ c_2 + c_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for c_1, c_2, c_3 gives the solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

which shows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \cdot u_1 + (-x_1 + x_2) \cdot u_2 + (x_1 - x_2 + x_3) \cdot u_3$$

- (c) [3 points] Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation such that

$$T(u_1) = e_1 \quad T(u_2) = e_2 \quad T(u_3) = e_3$$

Compute $T(v)$ for the same v as in the previous part? (Hint: use the expression you just computed and the properties of linear transformations).

Solution: Since $v = x_1 \cdot u_1 + (-x_1 + x_2) \cdot u_2 + (x_1 - x_2 + x_3) \cdot u_3$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} T(v) &= T(x_1 \cdot u_1 + (-x_1 + x_2) \cdot u_2 + (x_1 - x_2 + x_3) \cdot u_3) \\ &= x_1 \cdot T(u_1) + (-x_1 + x_2) \cdot T(u_2) + (x_1 - x_2 + x_3) \cdot T(u_3) \\ &= x_1 \cdot e_1 + (-x_1 + x_2) \cdot e_2 + (x_1 - x_2 + x_3) \cdot e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) [3 points] Using the previous part write down the matrix B such that $T = T_B$. Show that B is invertible by computing its determinant.

Solution: Given the formula for $T(v)$ above we can see that

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

Since B is diagonal we have that $\det(B) = 1$ hence B is invertible.

- (e) [2 points] Compute B^{-1} .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{III}-\text{I}]{\text{II}+\text{I}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

This shows that

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

Question 5. (7 points) Consider the following matrix

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

- (a) [2 points] Let λ be any real number. Compute $\det(A - \lambda I_2)$. Recall that I_2 is the identity matrix. (Hint: your expression should involve λ).

Solution: We have

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)^2 - 4$$

- (b) [2 points] Determine for which values of λ the matrix $A - \lambda I_2$ is not invertible.

Solution: $A - \lambda I_2$ is not invertible if its determinant is zero. Therefore it is not invertible if $(1 - \lambda)^2 - 4 = 0$. This simplifies as

$$(1 - \lambda)^2 - 4 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, -1$$

- (c) [3 points] For all the values of λ you computed in the previous part, find a basis for $\text{null}(A - \lambda I_2)$.

Solution: For $\lambda = 3$ we have

$$\text{null}(A - 3I_2) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This corresponds to the solution of the system $x_1 - x_2 = 0$ which is given by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} s \\ s \end{pmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\text{null}(A - 3I_2)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

In the same way for $\lambda = -1$ we have

$$\text{null}(A + I_2) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This corresponds to the solution of the system $x_1 + x_2 = 0$ which is given by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} s \\ -s \end{pmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\text{null}(A + I_2)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$