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**MATH 3410 - FINAL EXAM**

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Record your answers below each question in the space provided. Left-hand pages may be used as scrap paper for rough work. If you want any work on the left-hand pages to be graded, please indicate so on the right-hand page.

Partial credit will be awarded for partially correct work, so be sure to show your work, and include all necessary justifications needed to support your arguments.

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1. Define the following terms:

- [2]        (a) A **subspace** of a vector space.
- [2]        (b) A **linearly independent** set of vectors.
- [2]        (c) The **orthogonal complement** of a subspace  $U \subseteq V$ .
- [2]        (d) A **generalized eigenvector** of an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .

## 2. Short-answer problems.

- [3] (a) Determine the matrix (with respect to the standard basis) of the linear operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}))$  given by  $(Tp)(x) = 3p(x) - 2p'(x)$ .
- [3] (b) Given that  $B = \{(1, 0, 3, 0), (0, 2, 0, -4)\}$  is an orthogonal basis of a subspace  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ , find the orthogonal projection of  $v = (3, 1, -1, 2)$  onto  $U$ .
- [3] (c) Is the set  $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : xy = z\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Why or why not?

- [3] (d) Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are both 5-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^9$ . Is it possible to have  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ ? Explain.
- [3] (e) Is it possible to have a set of six linearly independent polynomials of degree four or less? Why or why not?
- [3] (f) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^5)$  and you know that  $\dim E(8, T) = 4$ . Explain why at least one of  $T - 2I$  or  $T - 6I$  has to be invertible.

- [3] (g) Suppose that  $T$  is a normal operator on  $V$ , and you have vectors  $v, w \in V$  such that  $\|v\| = \|w\| = 2$ ,  $Tv = 3v$ , and  $Tw = 4w$ . Show that  $\|T(v + w)\| = 10$ .

- [3] (h) Give an example of an operator on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  whose characteristic polynomial is equal to  $(x - 1)(x - 5)^3$  and whose minimal polynomial is  $(x - 1)(x - 5)^2$ .

3. Solve **four** of the following five problems on the pages that follow.

- [6] (a) Suppose that  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is a self-adjoint operator whose only eigenvalues are 2 and 3. Prove that  $T^2 - 5T + 6I = 0$ .
- [6] (b) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  is a set of vectors in  $V$  such that the vectors  $Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m$  are linearly independent in  $W$ . Prove that the vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent in  $V$ .
- [6] (c) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Prove that for any polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ ,  $p(T)v = p(\lambda)v$ .
- [6] (d) Let  $V$  be a real inner product space. Prove that for all  $u, v \in V$ ,
- $$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2}{4}.$$
- [6] (e) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that if  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ , then  $U^\perp$  is invariant under  $T^*$ .

**Space for first problem from Question 3**

**Space for second problem from Question 3**



**Space for third problem from Question 3**

**Space for fourth problem from Question 3**

4. **There are six problems below.** Three are theoretical, and three are computational. You may choose any **three** of these problems to solve. They are worth 8 points each.

- (a) Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional. Prove that there exists an injective linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  if and only if  $\dim V \leq \dim W$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  denote the distinct nonzero eigenvalues of  $T$ . Prove that

$$\dim E(\lambda_1, T) + \dots + \dim E(\lambda_m, T) \leq \dim \text{range } T.$$

- (c) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible. Prove that  $T$  and  $S^{-1}TS$  have the same eigenvalues with the same multiplicities.

- (d) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_4, 3x_1 + 2x_3 - x_4, -x_1 - 4x_2 - 2x_3 + 9x_4).$$

- i. Compute the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- ii. Determine a basis for both  $\text{null } T$  and  $\text{range } T$ .

- (e) Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  defined by

$$U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_1 = x_3 \text{ and } x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 0\}.$$

- i. Determine a basis for  $U$ .
- ii. Find a basis for the orthogonal complement  $U^\perp$ .
- iii. Find an orthonormal basis for  $U^\perp$ .

- (f) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  be the operator whose matrix with respect to the standard basis is given by

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a Jordan basis for  $T$ , the characteristic and minimal polynomials of  $T$ , and the Jordan Canonical Form of  $T$ .

**Space for your first problem from Question 4**

**Space for your second problem from Question 4**

**Space for your third problem from Question 4**

5. **Bonus problems:** If you have time left and you'd like some bonus points, I'll give a 5% bonus for correct solutions to each of the following:
- (a) Let  $U$  be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that  $P_{U^\perp} = 1 - P_U$ , where  $P_U$  and  $P_{U^\perp}$  denote orthogonal projection onto  $U$  and  $U^\perp$ , respectively.
  - (b) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $u, v$  are eigenvectors of  $T$  such that  $u+v$  is also an eigenvector. Prove that  $u$  and  $v$  are eigenvectors corresponding to the same eigenvalue. Deduce from this that if every nonzero  $v \in V$  is an eigenvector, then  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity.

**Extra space for rough work. Do not remove this page if you want it to be graded.**