

## Introduction to Functions of Several Variables Exam 1

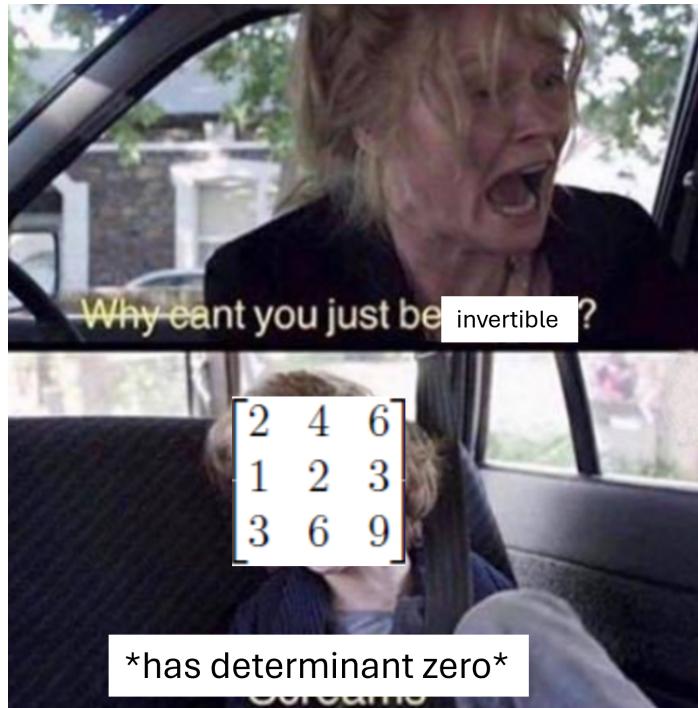
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- There are 75 total points on this exam.
- If you need extra space, you may write on the backs of the pages. In that case, please indicate that you have extra work on another page.
- You are not permitted to use any resources besides a “cheat sheet” of one side of an  $8.5 \times 11$  inch (or smaller) sheet of paper. Please make sure your name is on your cheat sheet and turn it in with your exam. I will return your cheat sheet at a later date.
- Please give exact answers (e.g.,  $\sqrt{2}$  instead of 1.41) unless explicitly instructed not to.
- Please read all instructions carefully and ask for clarification if you are unsure about anything.



1. (15 points) Short Answer. Briefly show your work (unless explicitly told not to).

(a) (3 points) For what value(s) of  $a$  are  $\langle -4, a, -3 \rangle$  and  $\langle -3, 2, -4 \rangle$  orthogonal?

$$(-4)(-3) + 2a - 3(-4) = 0 \rightarrow 12 + 2a + 12 = 0 \rightarrow 2a = -24$$

$$a = -12$$

(b) (3 points) Write down the matrix representing the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfying  $T(\vec{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $T(\vec{j}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $T(\vec{k}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . No justification necessary.

$$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}}$$

(c) (3 points) If  $M$  is a  $4 \times 10$  matrix and  $\text{rank}(M) = 3$ , then what is the dimension of  $\text{Nul}(M)$ ? In other words, how many vectors are in any basis for  $\text{Nul}(M)$ ? No justification necessary.

$$10 - 3 = 7$$

See the Rank-Nullity Theorem

(d) (3 points) Suppose  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a vector  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ , or explain why no such  $\vec{x}$  exists.

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}}$$

(e) (3 points) For what value of  $b$  does the linear transformation represented by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & b \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  stretch space by a factor of 7 and reverse (or flip) the orientation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

$$\text{Want } \det(A) = -7 \rightarrow 3(-4) - b = -7 \rightarrow -12 - b = -7$$

$$\rightarrow -b = 5$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{b = -5}$$

2. (16 points) For each statement, write exactly one of the following. You do not need to justify your answers.

- Write “I” if the given set of vectors **must be** linearly independent.
- Write “D” if the given set of vectors **must be** linearly dependent.
- Write “N” if there is not enough information to determine whether the set of vectors is linearly independent or dependent.

(a) (2 points) The columns of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $M$  such that  $M \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$ .

**D** The linear transformation represented by  $M$  isn't one-to-one.

(b) (2 points) A set of vectors that forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

**I** By definition, a basis is linearly independent.

(c) (2 points) The columns of a  $7 \times 7$  matrix  $A$ , where  $B$  is an invertible  $7 \times 7$  matrix and  $\det(AB) = 0$ .

**D**  $B$  invertible  $\Rightarrow \det(B) \neq 0$ . Since  $0 = \det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ , and  $\det(B) \neq 0$ , must have  $\det(A) = 0$ . Thus, linearly dependent.

(d) (2 points) The columns of a  $4 \times 2$  matrix of rank 2.

**I** If the columns were linearly dependent, the rank would be either 0 or 1 since there are only two columns.

(e) (2 points) The set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}, \vec{0}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are nonzero vectors.

**D** Any set of vectors containing  $\vec{0}$  is linearly dependent.

(f) (2 points) The set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , where  $ad = bc$ .

**D** The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  has determinant 0.

(g) (2 points) A set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose span is all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**N** Ex:  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}\}$  is independent, but  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{0}\}$  is dependent

(h) (2 points) The set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are all nonzero scalars.

**I** No vector can be written as a linear combination of the other two because of the zeros.

3. (15 points) Find the line  $y = a_0 + a_1x$  that best fits the data below. **Show your work.** If the columns of the matrix that you attain are linearly independent, you may use this fact without explicitly justifying it.

Want to solve following system:

$$a_0 - a_1 = -6$$

$$a_0 = 8$$

$$a_0 + a_1 = 4$$

x	y
-1	-6
0	8
1	4

However, this system has no solution.

Write  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Need to find best approximation  $\vec{z}$

to a solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . Columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, so

$$\vec{z} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}.$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow (A^T A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{z} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 + \frac{8}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \\ 3 + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the line of best fit is  $\boxed{y = 2 + 5x}$

4. (14 points) For the following system of linear equations: Write down the augmented matrix for the system (1 point; no justification necessary), perform elementary row operations to row-reduce your matrix **until it is in reduced row echelon form** (10 points; show your work by labeling your elementary row operations), and interpret your reduced matrix from to find all solutions of the system, or determine that no solutions exist (3 points; no justification necessary).

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & - & 3z = 8 \\ 2x + 2y + 9z = 7 \\ y + 5z = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 15 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 15 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 15 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 15R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF!}$$

$$x = 5$$

$$y = 3$$

$$z = -1$$

$$(5, 3, -1)$$

5. (14 points) Consider the points  $P = (1, -2, 0)$  and  $Q = (5, 0, -4)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (a) (6 points) Find the displacement vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ . No justification necessary.

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 5-1, 0-(-2), -4-0 \rangle = \boxed{\langle 4, 2, -4 \rangle}$$

- (b) (3 points) Find a set of parametric equations for the line through  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . No justification necessary.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1+4t \\ y &= -2+2t \\ z &= -4t \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 5+4t \\ y &= 2t \\ z &= -4-4t \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (4 points) Find the equation of the form  $ax+by+cz = d$  for the plane containing the point  $R = (6, -4, -5)$  and orthogonal to  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ . Briefly show your work.

$$4(x-6) + 2(y+4) - 4(z+5) = 0$$

$$4x - 24 + 2y + 8 - 4z - 20 = 0$$

$$4x + 2y - 4z - 36 = 0$$

$$\boxed{4x + 2y - 4z = 36}$$

- (d) (6 points) Find the point of intersection of the line from (b) and the plane from (c), or determine that they do not intersect. **Show your work.**

$$4(1+4t) + 2(-2+2t) - 4(-4t) = 36$$

$$4+16t - 4 + 4t + 16t = 36$$

$$36t = 36$$

$$t = 1$$

$$(5, 0, -4)$$

$$x = 1+4 \cdot 1 = 5$$

$$y = -2+2 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$z = -4 \cdot 1 = -4$$