

Practice Exam Questions Week 7, **Linear Algebra**

1. Let  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the columns of  $V$  are orthogonal to each other.

2. Consider the following matrix  $A$  and vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a. Verify that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ .
  - b. Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix  $A$ .
3. True or false? If the given statement is true, give a brief explanation. If it is false, give a counterexample.
- a. If  $U$  and  $V$  are  $3 \times 3$  orthogonal matrices, then their product  $W = UV$  is also a  $3 \times 3$  orthogonal matrix.
  - b. If the columns of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $Q$  are orthogonal to each other, then  $Q^T Q = I$ .
  - c. Every linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an orthogonal set.
  - d. If  $A^T = A$  and if vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  satisfy  $A\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{u}$  and  $A\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{v}$ , then  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .
  - e. There are symmetric matrices that are not orthogonally diagonalizable.