

**Final Exam**  
(150 points)

**Instructions:** Do all the problems on **both sides** of each page. Show all your work and box your answers. If you get stuck on a problem, skip it and come back to it at the end.

1. **Definitions and Concepts:** Complete the following definitions in your own words, *using complete sentences*.

(a) [3 points] A matrix is called *symmetric* if

(b) [3 points] A number  $\lambda$  is called an *eigenvalue* of the matrix  $A$  if

(c) [3 points] A set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  is called an *orthogonal set* if

(d) [3 points] A function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is called a *linear transformation* if

(e) [3 points] If  $A$  is a matrix, then the *nullspace* of  $A$  is

2. **[10 points]** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . An orthogonal diagonalization of  $A^T A$  is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 0 & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use this information to compute the singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . (*Hint: You can immediately write down  $V$  and  $\Sigma$  using information given above.*)

3. **[5 points]** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear transformation. List all of the possible dimensions of the image (range) of  $T$ . In each case write down what the dimension of the kernel will be.

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4. **[10 points]** Compute a least squares solution  $\hat{x}$  of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. **Inventions:** In this problem, you will invent some things.

(a) [**3 points**] Give an example of a vector space in which every set of four vectors is linearly dependent.

(b) [**3 points**] Invent a matrix that is diagonalizable but not invertible.

(c) [**3 points**] Invent a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  such that  $[1 + t + t^2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(d) [**3 points**] Invent a vector space  $V$  whose objects are functions with  $\dim V = 5$ .

(e) [**3 points**] Invent a matrix  $A$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution of  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) **[6 points]** Write down the corresponding quadratic form  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ .

(b) **[6 points]** Explain why the matrix from part (a) is diagonalizable. What does this mean that we could do to the quadratic form to make it simpler.

(c) **[6 points]** What is the determinant of the matrix  $A$ ?

7. [9 points] Suppose  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. You know the following:

- null  $A$  is 2 dimensional
- $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\det(A - 4I) = 0$

(a) What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ ?

(b) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Why or why not?

(c) If possible, write down the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

8. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

(a) [6 points] Compute the reduced echelon form of  $A$ .

(b) [6 points] Compute a basis for  $\text{null } A$ .

(c) [3 points] Write down a basis for  $\text{col } A$ .

(d) [3 points] Is  $T$  one-to-one? (*No explanation necessary*)

(e) [3 points] Is  $T$  onto? (*No explanation necessary*)

9. Consider the following symmetric matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $-2$  and  $7$ .

- (a) [**8 points**] To save computation, you are given that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are all eigenvectors of  $A$ . Use this information to write down bases for the eigenspaces coming from  $\lambda = -2$  and  $\lambda = 7$ .

- (b) [**3 points**] Using the information given above and what you found in (a), write down the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  in factored form.



- (c) **[8 points]** Write down any matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . Is it possible to choose  $P$  so that  $P^{-1} = P^T$ ? If so, explain how you could find such a  $P$  (but don't do that computation).

10. **[8 points]** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation and suppose that  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $\{T(\vec{v}_1), T(\vec{v}_2), T(\vec{v}_3)\}$  is a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

11. Consider the subspace  $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) **[6 points]** Compute an orthogonal basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2\}$  of  $W$ .

(b) **[4 points]** Let  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the closest point in  $W$  to  $\vec{y}$ .

12. Consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(-1) \\ p(2) \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) **[6 points]** Find the matrix of  $T$  relative to the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 + t + t^2, 2 + t + t^2, -1 + t^2\}$ .

(b) **[4 points]** Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{1, t, t^2\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . Write down the change of basis matrix  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ .

## Scratch Paper

*“There is hardly any theory which is more elementary [than linear algebra], in spite of the fact that generations of professors and textbook writers have obscured its simplicity by preposterous calculations with matrices.”* – Dieudonne in “Foundations of Modern Analysis, Vol. 1”