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## Term Test II

First Year — Program 5

# *MAT185H1S — Linear Algebra*

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### Instructions:

1. Attempt *all* questions.
2. The value of each question is indicated at the end of the space provided for its solution; a summary is given in the table opposite.
3. Write the final answers *only* in the boxed space provided for each question.
4. No aid is permitted.
5. The duration of this test is 90 minutes.
6. There are 9 pages and 5 questions in this test paper.

For Markers Only		
Question	Value	Mark
<b>A</b>		
1	10	
<b>B</b>		
2	10	
<b>C</b>		
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
Total	50	

## A. Definitions and Statements

*Fill in the blanks.*

1(a). The *span* of  $\{v_1 \dots v_n\} \subset \mathcal{V}$ , a vector space, is defined as

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1(b). The span of the empty set ( $\text{span } \emptyset$ ), in a vector space, is

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1(c). Give a mathematical test for the set of vectors  $\{v_1 \dots v_n\}$  to be *linearly dependent*.

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1(d). State the *contrapositive* of the Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra.

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1(e). A *basis* for the space of symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices is

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## B. True or False

Determine if the following statements are true or false and indicate by “T” (for true) and “F” (for false) in the box beside the question. The value of each question is 2 marks.

2(a). Every vector space possesses at least two subspaces.

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2(b). The set  $\{1, \cos 2x, \sin^2 x, e^x\}$  is linearly independent in the function space  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

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2(c). The set  $\{1 + x, 2 - x^2, 3 + 5x^2, 7 - 2x\}$  is linearly independent in  $\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

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2(d). If  $\dim \mathcal{V} = n$  and  $M$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{V}$  containing  $k < n$  vectors, then  $M$  is linearly independent.

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2(e). If  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{U}$  and  $\dim \mathcal{U} = \dim \mathcal{W}$ , then  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{W}$ .

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### C. Problems

3. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two finite nonempty subsets of a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ .

(a) Prove that  $\text{span}(M \cap N) \subseteq \text{span } M \cap \text{span } N$ .

(b) Is  $\text{span}(M \cap N) = \text{span } M \cap \text{span } N$ ? Justify your answer.

**3(a).** Prove that  $\text{span}(M \cap N) \subseteq \text{span } M \cap \text{span } N$ .

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**3(b).** Is  $\text{span}(M \cap N) = \text{span } M \cap \text{span } N$ ? Justify your answer.

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4. Given that  $\mathcal{S} = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_4 \mid p(1) = p(-1) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_4$ , find a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$  and determine the dimension of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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4. ...*cont'd*

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5. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a vector space and let  $M \neq \emptyset$  be a subset of  $n$  vectors of  $\mathcal{V}$ . We say that  $M$  is a *maximal linearly independent set* if and only if

- (i)  $M$  is linearly independent
- (ii) If  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V} \setminus M$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$  but  $\mathbf{x} \notin M$ ), then  $M \cup \{\mathbf{x}\}$  is linearly dependent

Show that  $M$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{V}$  if and only if  $M$  is a maximal linearly independent set.

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5. ...*cont'd*

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