

**Instructions:**

- Follow directions and answer questions with requested supporting work.
- Clearly indicate your answer in the allotted space or by putting a box around it.
- No cellphones, laptops, books, notes, supporting materials, or external aids are allowed on this exam.

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1. True or False. **(2 points each)**

(a) There exists a 3-by-2 matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ .

false

(b) If a square matrix is full rank, then its row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF) must be the identity matrix.

true

(c) If  $T(x) = Ax$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$  is a 4-by-2 matrix, then  $T$  must be injective (one-to-one).

false

(d) If  $T(x) = Ax$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$  is a 4-by-2 matrix, then  $T$  cannot be surjective (onto).

true

(e) A linear system has a unique solution if the columns of the corresponding matrix are linearly independent.

false. Consider 3-by-2 linear system

(f) The set  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a nonzero square matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a nonzero vector.

false

(g) The set  $S = \{(x, y, z) \mid ax + by + cz = 0\}$  is a plane parallel to the vector  $n = (a, b, c)$ .

false

(h) If  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation where  $n \neq m$ , then  $T$  is not invertible.

true

(i) **(4 points)** Write down the definition of linear dependence.

A set of vector  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is linear dependent if there exist nontrivial scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0.$$

2. Solve the following system (or explain why it does not have any solution). **(6 points)**  
Characterize the geometry of the associated linear map (e.g. scaling, orthogonal projection, reflection, rotation, or shear). **(4 points)**

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z - u = 0 \\ 2x + 4y + 6z - 2u = 0 \\ 3x + 6y + 9z - 3u = 0 \\ -x - 2y - 3z + u = 1 \end{cases}$$

*Hint:* Note that the system is not much but

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This system has no solution as  $(0, 0, 0, 1) \notin L = \{\alpha(1, 2, 3, -1) : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , where the linear map is not much but  $15\text{proj}_L$  (note that the vector  $n = (1, 2, 3, -1)$  is not a unit vector).

3. (a) **(5 points)** Compute the inverse of

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

(b) **(5 points)** Derive the necessary and sufficient condition such that

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible. Compute its inverse and verify that the inverse of upper triangular is upper triangular as well.

(a)

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) The condition is  $adg \neq 0$  and the inverse is

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & \frac{-b}{ad} & \frac{bc-cd}{adf} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{d} & \frac{-c}{df} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (a) **(3 points)** Give an example of a system of 3 linear equations with 3 variables that has infinitely many solutions.

(b) **(3 points)** Give an example of a system of 3 linear equations with 3 variables that has no solution.

(c) **(2 points)** Give an example of a 4-by-4 matrix that has rank 2.

(d) **(2 points)** Give an example of  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  such that  $AB \neq BA$ .

(a)

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z = 2 \\ z = 1 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z = 3 \\ z = 1 \end{cases}$$

(c)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. **(10 points)** Describe the geometry of the image and kernel of the linear map  $T(x) = Ax$  (as point, line, plane, or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for  $\text{im}(A)$  and  $\text{ker}(A)$  and verify that  $\dim(\text{im}(A)) + \dim(\text{ker}(A)) = 3$ .

Note that  $3a_1 - a_2 - a_3 = 0$  where  $a_i$ 's denote the columns of  $A$ .  $\text{im}(T) = \text{span}(\{a_1, a_2\})$  is a plane,  $\text{ker}(T) = \text{span}(\{(3, -1, -1)^T\})$  is a line.