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1. (3 pts for each) Answer True or False for the following statements. Give **short explanations** for your answers.

(a) $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 x_2 = 0\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

(b) Vectors $\{(1, 0, 0)^T, (2, -2, 0)^T, (1, 2, -1)^T\}$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

(c) The angle between vectors $(1, 2, -3)^T$ and $(2, -1, 1)^T$ is 90° .

(d) Rank of a $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is 2.

(e) Let $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be $L(x) = (x_1 - x_2, x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3)^T$. Then $(1, 1, 1)$ is an element of $\ker(L)$.

2. (a) (7.5 pts) Determine whether the set $S = \{f \in C[-1, 1] \mid f(-1) + f(1) = 2\}$ is a subspace of $C[-1, 1]$. **If yes, find its dimension.**

- (b) Determine whether the set of all symmetric 2×2 matrices is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$. **If yes, find its dimension.**

3. (15 pts) Find all possible choice of a that make the following matrix singular:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & a & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & a \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. (a) (5 pts) State the Rank-Nullity Theorem.

(b) (10 pts) Given an 5×7 matrix A with $\text{rank}(A) = 5$ and let b be any vector in \mathbb{R}^5 . Explain why the system $Ax = b$ must have infinitely many solutions.

5. (7.5 pts for each) (a) Whether $\{(1, 1, -2)^T, (2, 2, -1)^T, (3, -1, 2)^T\}$ forms a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . Show all your work.

(b) Whether $\{2x^2 - x + 1, x^2 + 1, x + 1\}$ forms a basis of P_3 . Show all your work.

6. (5 pts for each) Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Find a basis for the null space $N(A)$.

(b) Find a basis for the row space.

(c) Find a basis for the column space.

(d) Find $\text{nullity}(A)$ and $\text{rank}(A)$.

7. Define $L : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ by $L(A) = A - A^T$ for any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$.

(a) (10 pts) Verify that L is a linear transformation.

(b) (5 pts) Determine $\text{Ker } L$ and its dimension.

(c) (5 pts) Determine the range of L and its dimension.

8. (a) (5 pts) State the triangle inequality for the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

(b) (5 pts) Use the triangle inequality to prove that

$$\|x - y\| \geq \max\{\|x\| - \|y\|, \|y\| - \|x\|\} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$