

# KEY

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- There are 5 problems on this exam. Be sure you have all 5 problems on your exam.
- The final answer must be left in exact form. Box your final answer.
- You are allowed the TI-30XIIS calculator. It is possible to complete the exam without a calculator.
- You are allowed a single sheet of 2-sided handwritten self-written notes.
- You must show your work to receive full credit. A correct answer with no supporting work will receive a zero.
- Use the backsides if you need extra space. Make a note of this if you do.
- Do not cheat. This exam should represent your own work. If you are caught cheating, I will report you to the Community Standards and Student Conduct office.

## Conventions:

- I will often denote the zero vector by  $0$ .
- When I define a variable, it is defined for that whole question. The  $A$  defined in Question 2 is the same for each part.
- I treat row and column vectors as the same.
- For any linear transformation  $T$ , there exists a matrix  $A$  such that  $T(x) = Ax$ . I defined the determinant, rank, and nullity of  $T$  using  $A$ . This means,

$$\det(T) = \det(A), \quad \text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}(A), \quad \text{nullity}(T) = \text{nullity}(A).$$

1. Give an example of each of the following. If it is not possible, write “NOT POSSIBLE”. You do not need to justify your answers.

- (a) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  that is not diagonalizable but  $A^2$  is diagonalizable.

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A^2 = 0$  which is diagonalizable.

- (b) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = I_2$  and  $\text{nullity}(A) = 1$ .

**Solution:** NOT POSSIBLE. If  $A^2 = A$ , then  $A$  is invertible so the nullity is 0.

- (c) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with distinct eigenvalues that is not invertible.

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (d) (2 points) If possible, give an example of linear transformations  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}(S) = \text{rank}(T \circ S) = 1$ .

**Solution:**  $T(x, y) = S(x, y) = (x, 0)$ .

- (e) (2 points) If possible, give an example a  $2 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  such that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{nullity}(A)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (f) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that 1 is not an eigenvalue of  $A^2$  but 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A^4$ . (Think geometrically).

**Solution:** Let  $A$  be rotation by  $\pi/2$ .

2. Perform the following computations.

(a) (6 points) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- What is the reduced echelon form of  $A$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Does  $Ax = (1, 2, 1)$  have a solution? If so, give the general solution.

**Solution:** Yes.

$$(1, 1, 0) + s_1(-2, -1, 0)$$

- Does  $Ax = (1, 1, 1)$  have a solution? If so, give the general solution.

**Solution:** No.

- What is a basis for  $\text{row}(A)$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\{(1, 0, 2), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

(b) (6 points) Let

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

- What is  $B^{-1}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the characteristic polynomial of  $B^2$ ? (Hint: Be careful about the sign.)

**Solution:** The eigenvalues of  $B^2$  are the square of the eigenvalues of  $B$ . The characteristic polynomial is

$$(4 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)^2$$

3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be equivalent matrices given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

Denote the columns of  $A$  by  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ .

(a) (3 points) Give a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\{(-3, -8, 5, 1)\}$$

(b) (3 points) Give the general solution to  $Ax = a_2$ .

**Solution:**

$$(0, 1, 0, 0) + s_1(-3, -8, 5, 1)$$

(c) (3 points) Give the general solution to  $2Ax - a_3 = a_1 + a_2$ .

**Solution:**

$$(1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 0) + s_1(-3, -8, 5, 1)$$

(d) (3 points) It turns out  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0) \notin \text{col}(A)$ . Give a vector  $v$  such that  $v \neq e_1$  and  $Ax = e_1 - v$  has a solution.

**Solution:**

$$v = e_1 + (-3, -8, 5, 1)$$

4. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformations given by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + 2z, y + z, x + y + z, z)$$

and

$$S(x, y, z) = (2x + y + z, y + z, y + z)$$

- (a) (2 points) There exists a matrix  $A$  such that  $T(v) = Av$ . What is  $A$ ?

**Solution:**

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

- (b) (2 points) There exists a matrix  $B$  such that  $S(v) = Bv$ . What is  $B$ ?

**Solution:**

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) (4 points) These should be quick questions.

- What is  $\text{rank}(S)$ ?

**Solution:** 2

- What is  $\det(S)$ ?

**Solution:** 0

- What is  $\text{nullity}(2S)$ ?

**Solution:** 1

- What are 2 different eigenvalues of  $S$ ?

**Solution:** 0, 2

- (d) (4 points) Recall that  $(T \circ S)(v) = T(S(v))$ .

- What is the rank of  $T \circ S$ ?

**Solution:** 2. See next part for explanation.

- What is a basis for  $\text{range}(T \circ S)$ ? (Hint: Look at the 2nd two columns of  $B$ ).

**Solution:** The range of  $T \circ S$  is spanned by  $\{(T \circ S)(e_1), (T \circ S)(e_2), (T \circ S)(e_3)\}$  but  $S(e_2) = S(e_3)$ . So the range of  $T \circ S$  is spanned by  $\{(T \circ S)(e_1), (T \circ S)(e_2)\}$ . Then choose your favorite method to determine that these are linearly independent.

5. Let

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

be a matrix which decomposes as  $A = UDU^{-1}$ , where

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  be the columns of  $U$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ .

(a) (6 points) Fill out the following table.

Eigenvalue $\lambda$	Alg. Multiplicity of $\lambda$	Geo. Multiplicity of $\lambda$	A Basis for $E_\lambda$
0	1	1	$\{u_1\}$
-1	1	1	$\{u_2\}$
2	2	2	$\{u_3, u_4\}$

(b) (3 points) What is a basis for  $\text{range}(A)$ ?

**Solution:**  $\{(0, 1, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$ .

(c) (3 points) Let  $x = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$ . What is  $[A^{18}x]_{\mathcal{B}}$ ? You are allowed to have exponents in your answer.

**Solution:**  $(0, 1, 2^{18}, 0)$ .

6. Let  $A, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  be as defined in Question 5.

(a) (2 points) What is  $\det(A)$ ?

**Solution:** 0.

(b) (2 points) What is  $\det(A + 2I)$ ?

**Solution:** The eigenvalues of  $A + 2I$  are 2, 1, 4, 4. The determinant is then  $2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$ .

(c) (2 points) What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?

**Solution:** This is just the rank of  $D$ . Or the number of nonzero eigenvalues of  $A$ , counting multiplicities.

(d) (2 points) What is  $\text{rank}(A - 2I)$ ?

**Solution:** This is just the rank of  $[A - 2I]_B$ . Or the number of nonzero eigenvalues of  $A - 2I$ , counting multiplicities.

(e) (2 points) Does  $Ax = -u_2 + u_3 - 4u_4$  have a solution? If so, express it as a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ .

**Solution:**  $x = u_2 + \frac{1}{2}u_3 - 2u_4$ .

(f) (2 points) Does  $Ax = 2u_1 + u_2 + u_3$  have a solution? If so, express it as a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ .

**Solution:** No. The column space of  $A$  does not contain any vector with a nonzero first component.