

Math 308H - Winter 2018  
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# KEY

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- There are 6 problems on this exam. Be sure you have all 6 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 linear system of equations whose solution space is the  $(1, 2, 3) + s_1(1, 0, 0)$  line.

**Solution:**

$$y = 2, z = 3$$

- (b) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \neq 0, I$  and  $A(A - I) = 0$ .

**Solution:** This means that  $A^2 = A$  so any projection matrix would work. For example,

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

- (c) (2 points) If possible, give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrix,  $A$ , such that  $e_1 - e_2 \notin \text{col}(A)$ .

**Solution:** NOT POSSIBLE. An invertible matrix must have spanning columns.

- (d) (2 points) If possible, give an example of two invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B$  is not invertible.

**Solution:** Let  $A = -B = I$ .

- (e) (2 points) If possible, give an example of two  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  that are neither zero nor the identity matrix such that  $AB = BA$ .

**Solution:** Take any two diagonal matrices that are not zero or the identity.

- (f) (2 points) If possible, give an example of two linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that 2 is an eigenvalue of  $T$  and 3 is an eigenvalue of  $S$  but 6 is not an eigenvalue of  $T \circ S$ .

**Solution:**  $T(x, y) = (2x, 0)$ ,  $S(x, y) = (0, 3y)$ .

2. (a) (6 points) Let

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

1. What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A^{-1}$ ?

**Solution:**  $(1 - \lambda)(1/2 - \lambda)$ .

2. The matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable so it can be written as  $A = UDU^{-1}$ . What is  $U$  and  $D$ ?

**Solution:**

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (6 points) Let

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

1. What is the reduced echelon form of  $B$ ?

**Solution:**

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

2. What is the general solution to  $Bx = (6, 3, 6)$ ?

**Solution:**

$$(1, 1, 1) + s_1(-1/2, -2, 1).$$

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  denote the columns of  $A$ .

- (a) (3 points) Do not write express a basis as a matrix.

1. Give a basis for  $\text{col}(2A^t)$ .

**Solution:** The first thing to note that is  $\text{col}(2A^t) = \text{row}(A)$ . A basis is then

$$\{(1, 0, 0, -7), (0, 1, 0, 3), (0, 0, 1, -3)\}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\{(7, -3, 3, 1)\}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\{(1, 0, 0, -7), (0, 1, 0, 3), (0, 0, 1, -3)\}$$

- (b) (3 points) These should be quick questions.

1. What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?

**Solution:** 3

2. What is  $\text{nullity}(A^t D^{-1})$ , where  $D$  is the  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4 along the diagonal.

**Solution:** 1

3. What is  $\det(2A)$ ?

**Solution:** 0

- (c) (3 points) Give a nontrivial linear combination of the columns of  $A$  that sum to zero. You may use  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  to denote the columns of  $A$ .

**Solution:**  $7a_1 - 3a_2 + 3a_3 + a_4 = 0$ .

- (d) (3 points) Let  $C$  be the  $4 \times 3$  matrix given by  $C = [a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3]$ . So  $C$  is the submatrix of  $A$  consisting of the first 3 columns. Give the general solution for  $Cx = a_1 + a_4$ .

**Solution:** From the previous part, we know that  $a_4 = -7a_1 + 3a_2 - 3a_3$ . This means that  $a_1 + a_4 = -6a_1 + 3a_2 - 3a_3$ . The general solution is then

$$x = (-6, 3, -3, 0).$$

There is no homogenous part because the columns of  $C$  are linearly independent.

4. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(w, x, y, z) = (w + y + z, x + y + z, x + y + z).$$

- (a) (3 points) There is a matrix  $A$  such that  $T(x) = Ax$ . What is  $A$ ?

**Solution:**

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

- (b) (3 points) Let  $v = (0, 3, 0, 8)$ . Give the general solution to  $Ax = 2Av + (2, 1, 1)$ .

**Solution:** A particular solution to  $Ax = 2Av$  is  $x = 2v$ . A particular solution to  $Ax = (2, 1, 1)$  is  $(2, 1, 0)$ . The general solution to the homogenous system  $Ax = 0$  is  $s_1(-1, -1, 1, 0) + s_2(-1, -1, 0, 1)$ . The general solution to  $Ax = 2Av + (2, 1, 1)$  is then

$$2v + (2, 1, 0) + s_1(-1, -1, 1, 0) + s_2(-1, -1, 0, 1).$$

- (c) (3 points) Does there exist a rank 2 linear transformation  $S$  such that  $T \circ S$  is the zero transformation? If so, give an example. If not, why not?

**Solution:** Yes. If  $T \circ S = 0$  then  $\text{range}(S) \subseteq \ker(T)$ . We know a basis for  $\ker(T)$  so define

$$S(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x.$$

- (d) (3 points) Does there exist a rank 3 linear transformation  $S$  such that  $T \circ S$  is the zero transformation? If so, give an example. If not, why not?

**Solution:** No. If  $\text{range}(S) \subseteq \ker(T)$ , then  $\text{rank}(S) \leq \text{nullity}(T)$ .

5. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & \frac{37}{3} & -\frac{253}{15} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 18 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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 this table.

Eigenvalue $\lambda$	Alg. Multiplicity of $\lambda$	Geo. Multiplicity of $\lambda$	Basis for $E_\lambda$
0	1	1	$\{u_1\}$
2	2	2	$\{u_2, u_3\}$
3	1	1	$\{u_4\}$

(b) (3 points) Let  $x = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + u_4$ . Express  $A^{18}x$  as a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$ . You are allowed to have exponents of numbers in your answer. (Hint:  $x$  has been expressed as the sum of eigenvectors.)

**Solution:**  $2^{18}u_2 + 2^{18}u_3 + 3^{18}u_4$ .

(c) (3 points) What are the eigenvalues for  $A^2 - 2A$ ?

**Solution:** 0, 3

6. Let  $T(x) = Ax$ , where  $A$  is as defined in Question 5. Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  also be as defined in Question 5.
- (a) (4 points) Give two vectors  $v, w$  such that the triangle with vertices  $\{T(0), T(v), T(w)\}$  has 6 times the area as the triangle with vertices  $\{0, v, w\}$ . Be sure to justify your answer. (Hint: It is unnecessary to compute the area of these triangles.)

**Solution:** Let  $v = u_2$  and  $w = u_4$ . Then  $T(u_2) = 2u_2$  and  $T(u_4) = 3u_4$ . So the area of the triangle increased by a factor of 6.

- (b) (4 points) Find a basis for each of the following subspaces. If a subspace is trivial, then write  $\emptyset$  for its basis.

- $\text{null}(A - 2I)$

**Solution:** This is a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to 2,  $\{u_2, u_3\}$ .

- $\text{null}(A^2 - 3I)$

**Solution:** Since 3 is not an eigenvalue of  $A^2$ , this subspace is trivial so a basis is  $\emptyset$ .

- (c) (4 points) Let  $B = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  be a basis.

- What is the general solution to  $Ax = u_2 + 2u_3$ ?

**Solution:**

$$x = (1/2u_2 + u_3) + s_1(u_1)$$

- Let  $y$  be a particular solution to the above linear system. What is  $[y]_B$ ?

**Solution:**

$$(0, 1/2, 1, 0)$$