

# Math 307: Practice Midterm 2

Date of exam: November 24, in class

Instructions: You have 50 minutes. Calculators and notes are not allowed. This practice exam is slightly longer than the actual midterm.

**Problem 1.** State precise definitions of (a) “linear independence”, (b) “span” and (c) “basis”.

**Problem 2.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false. You don’t need to show your work or justify your answer.

- (a) The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a rotation.
- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $AX = b$  has a unique solution  $X$  if  $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ .
- (c) If  $A$  is a  $4 \times 6$  matrix, then its nullspace is a plane passing through the origin.
- (d) The set of functions  $X = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(.4) = 1\}$  forms a vector space.
- (e) Any five vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly dependent.
- (f) If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the dimension of the row space of  $A$  equals the dimension of the column space.
- (g) If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .
- (h) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $T(X) = AX$  be a linear transformation. Then the domain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the range is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (i) An  $n \times n$  matrix has rank  $n$  if and only if its columns are linearly independent.
- (j) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, then  $AB$  is also invertible.
- (k) The set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices of rank 1 is a subspace.
- (l) If we know  $T(v)$  for  $n$  different nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then we know  $T(v)$  for every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (m) If a square matrix  $A$  has independent columns, so does  $A^2$ .
- (n) If  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear transformation, then  $T^2$  is also a linear transformation.
- (o) Every subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is the kernel of some matrix.

- (p) The vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) By what factor does the linear transformation of  $A$  scale area?
- (b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (c) For each eigenvalue of  $A$ , find a basis for the eigenspace.

**Problem 4.** Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Problem 5.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find bases for

- (a) Find a basis for  $RS(A)$
- (b) Find a basis for  $NS(A)$
- (c) Find a basis for  $CS(A)$
- (d) What is the rank of  $A$ ?

**Problem 6.** The planes given by the equations

$$x + 3y + 3z = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x - y + z = 1$$

intersect to form a line.

**Problem 7.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the determinants of  $A$  and  $B$ .
- (b) Find  $\det(AB)$ ,  $\det(A^{-1})$ , and  $\det(B^\top A^{-1})$ .
- (c) Show that  $\det(A + B)$  is not the same as  $\det(A) + \det(B)$ .

**Problem 8.** Compute the determinant of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 9.** Solve the system of equations using row reduction

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y - 4z &= 3 \\ 4x + 6y - 4z &= 6 \\ 8x + 12y - 4z &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 10.** Compute a basis for the nullspace of the following matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$