

**FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**  
**University of Toronto**  
**FINAL EXAM, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008**

**MAT 188S**  
**Linear Algebra**

**Examiner: S. Cohen**  
**Duration: 2 hours, 30 minutes**

**Calculators allowed – Casio 260, Sharp 520, or TI 30.**

**Total: 80 marks**

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1. [10 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & 9 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 7 & -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine the rank of A and find bases for  $\text{col } A$  and  $\text{null } A$ .

2. [7 marks] Find an orthogonal basis for the subspace  $U = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

3. [4 marks] Find all values of  $k$  such that  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

4. a. [4 marks] If  $A^3 + A^2 - A - 2I = 0$ , show that  $A$  is invertible and find  $A^{-1}$ .

b. [4 marks] Show that if  $A^2 = 0$ , then  $\text{col } A \subseteq \text{null } A$ .

5. [8 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $B$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $(BA)^{-1} = A^T$ , find  $B$ .

6. [7 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & a^2 & a+1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all values of  $a$ , if any exist, for which  $\dim(\text{null } A) = \dim(\text{col } A)$ .

7. [7 marks] Find the vector in  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$  that is closest to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

8. [10 marks] The augmented matrix of a system  $AX = B$  is 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & a \\ a & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & a & 4 & a \end{array} \right]$$
. For what values of  $a$  does the system have infinitely many solutions, one solution, no solutions?

9. Consider the subset  $W = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \mid a_1 = a_2, a_3 = a_4 + 2a_2\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

a. [5 marks] Find a basis for  $W$ .

b. [7 marks] Extend your answer from (a) to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

10. [7 marks] If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices that commute with each other (i.e.,  $AB = BA$ ), show that their inverses also commute.