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**MAT188H1S - Linear Algebra**  
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1. Given that the reduced row echelon form of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 10 & 1 & 7 & 5 \\ -1 & -5 & 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 2 & 10 & 1 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

find the following. (No justification is required.)

- (a) [1 mark] the rank of  $A$
- (b) [1 mark]  $\dim(\text{Row}(A))$
- (c) [1 mark]  $\dim(\text{Col}(A))$
- (d) [1 mark]  $\dim(\text{Null}(A))$
- (e) [1 mark]  $\dim(\text{Null}(A^T))$
- (f) [1 mark] A basis for the row space of  $A$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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- (g) [2 marks] A basis for the column space of  $A$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (h) [2 marks] A basis for the null space of  $A$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



2. Let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \\ 3 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show  $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3, \vec{u}_4\}$  is an orthogonal set, and write  $\vec{x}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3, \vec{u}_4$ .



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3. Let  $A = \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 12 \\ 12 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the eigenvalues of  $A$  and a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ . Plot the eigenspaces of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and clearly indicate which eigenspace corresponds to which eigenvalue. Interpret your result geometrically.



4. Let  $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$L \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 - x_2 \\ 9x_1 + 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) [5 marks] Draw the image of the unit square<sup>1</sup> under  $L$  and find its area.

(b) [5 marks] Find  $L^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>The unit square is the square with the four vertices  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$ .



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5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . (a) [5 marks] Show that  $S = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid A\vec{x} = A^T\vec{x}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

5.(b) [5 marks] Find a basis for  $S$ .



6. Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $D = P^T AP$ , if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .



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7. Let  $S = \text{span} \left\{ [1 \ 0 \ -1 \ 1]^T, [3 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T, [2 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]^T \right\}$ .

(a) [5 marks] Find an orthogonal basis of  $S$ .

(b) [5 marks] Let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Find  $\text{proj}_S(\vec{x})$ .



8. Consider the plane  $\Pi$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with scalar equation  $2x_1 - 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$  and the point with coordinates  $Q(1, 3, 1)$ . Find the point on the plane  $\Pi$  closest to the point  $Q$ .



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9. Use the method of least squares to find the best fitting quadratic function for the five data points

$$(-2, 4.9), (-1, 2.1), (0, 0.9), (1, 1.9), (2, 5.1).$$

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