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**MAT188H1F - Linear Algebra**

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1. Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ .5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4\}$  is an orthogonal set, and write  $\mathbf{x}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4$ .



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

Find the eigenvalues of  $A$  and a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ . Plot the eigenspaces of  $A$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , and clearly indicate which eigenspace corresponds to which eigenvalue.



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3. An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **idempotent** if  $A^2 = A$ .

(a) [2 marks] Show that the only invertible idempotent matrix is the identity matrix.

(b) [2 marks] Show that if  $A$  is idempotent then so is  $I - A$ , where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

(c) [3 marks] Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be an eigenvector of an idempotent matrix  $A$ , with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Show that  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda = 1$ .

(d) [3 marks] Show that if  $A$  is an idempotent matrix then it is diagonalizable. Hint: what can you say about the dimension of the eigenspaces of  $A$ ?



4. Find *all* linear transformations  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  such that

$$\ker(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } \text{range}(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$



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5. Find the solution to the system of linear differential equations  $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 + 3y_2 \\ y_2' = 2y_1 + 2y_2 \end{cases}$ , where  $y_1, y_2$  are functions of  $t$ , and  $y_1(0) = 0$ ,  $y_2(0) = 5$ .



6. Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $D = P^T A P$ , if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .



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7. Let  $S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \right\}$ .

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

(b) [5 marks] Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Find  $\text{proj}_S(\mathbf{x})$ .





8. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & c & b \\ b & a & c \\ c & b & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) [4 marks] Show that if  $a + b + c = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

(b) [6 marks] Show that if  $a + b + c = \pm 1$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , then  $A$  is orthogonal. Hint:  $(\pm 1)^2 = 1$ .



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