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MAT185F — Linear Algebra

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Instructions:

1. Attempt *all* questions.
2. The value of each question is indicated at the end of the space provided for its solution; a summary is given in the table opposite.
3. Write the final answers *only* in the boxed space provided for each question.
4. No aid is permitted.
5. There are 11 pages and 6 questions in this examination paper.

For Examiners Only		
Question	Value	Mark
A		
1	10	
B		
2	10	
C		
3	20	
D		
4	20	
E		
5	20	
6	20	
Total	100	

## A. Definitions

Fill in the blanks.

1(a). The *inverse* of a matrix  $A$  is

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1(b). The *homogeneous system* associated with a matrix  $A$  is

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1(c). The *distributive properties* of a vector space are

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1(d). A *linear combination* of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$  is

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1(e). The  $(i, j)$ -*cofactor* of a square matrix  $A$  is

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## B. Theorems

2(a). State two (2) equivalent conditions for a basis of a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  given that  $\dim \mathcal{V} = n$ .

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2(b). State the *Fundamental Theorem*.

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2(c). State the necessary conditions on the dimension of an eigenspace  $\mathcal{E}$  corresponding to an eigenvalue of multiplicity  $m$ .

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### C. True or False

Determine if the following statements are true or false and indicate by "T" (for true) and "F" (for false) in the box beside the question. The value of each question is 2 marks.

3(a). The image space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is identical to its row space.

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3(b). If  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{A} \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$  has a solution for at least one  $\mathbf{b} \in {}^m\mathbb{R}$ , then it has a solution for every  $\mathbf{b} \in {}^m\mathbb{R}$ .

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3(c). There is only one subspace of  ${}^{10}\mathbb{R}$  of dimension 10.

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3(d). For  $\mathbf{A} \in {}^m\mathbb{R}^n$ , the columns of  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  containing a leading "1" form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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3(e). For any  $\mathbf{A} \in {}^3\mathbb{R}^7$ , the solution (null) space of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  has the same dimension as the solution (null) space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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3(f). If  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible, then  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = \text{rank } \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

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3(g). For any square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\det \mathbf{A}^T = \det \tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ .

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3(h). For any square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , if the rows of  $\text{adj } \mathbf{A}$  are dependent, then the columns of  $\text{adj } \mathbf{A}$  are also dependent.

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3(i). If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A} \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $(-1)^n \lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $-\mathbf{A}$ .

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3(j). The eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  are also the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^T$ .

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### D. Multiple Choice

For the following questions, select the most complete answer (A, B, C, D or E) and indicate it in the corresponding box. The value of each question is 4 marks. Full marks will be awarded only to the most complete answer but 2 marks will be given to partially correct answers where they apply.

4(a). Let

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

Which of the following statements is true?

- I. The  $(2, 3)$  element of  $A^{-1}$  is 0
- II.  $\det A = 7$
- III. The unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]^T$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  has  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$
- IV. The third row of  $\mathbf{Y}$  such that

$$\mathbf{Y}A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is  $[-2 \ 0 \ 4]$ .

- A. I and II
- B. III and IV
- C. I and IV
- D. II and III
- E. IV



4(b). Let

$$W_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

For what values of  $k$  is  $W_1 = W_2$ ?

- A.  $k = 0$
- B.  $k = -1$
- C.  $k = 1$  and  $k = -1$
- D. All  $k \in \mathbb{R}$
- E. There is no such  $k$



4(c). Let  $P = \{p \in \mathbb{P}_4 \mid p(1) = p(0) \text{ and } p(-1) = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}_4$ . Which of the following is a basis for  $P$ ?

- I.  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$
- II.  $\{x^3 - x, x^4 - x^2\}$
- III.  $\{x^3 - x, x^2 - x^4, -x^4 + x^3 + 2\}$
- IV.  $\{x - x^3, x - x^4, -x^4 + x^3 + 3\}$
- V.  $\{-x^4 + x^3 + 2, x^4 - x^2, x^3 - x^2 + 2\}$

- A. III
- B. III and IV
- C. IV and V
- D. III, IV and V
- E. All



4(d). If  $A \in {}^9\mathbb{R}^9$  is diagonalizable and  $\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda(\lambda - 2)^3(\lambda - 3)^5$ , which of the following statements is true?

- I.  $\text{rank}(3I - A) = 4$
- II.  $A$  is invertible
- III.  $\text{tr } A = 5$
- IV.  ${}^9\mathbb{R}$  has a basis containing 3 vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$  such that  $A\mathbf{x}_i = 2\mathbf{x}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$

- A. I and II
- B. II and III
- C. III and IV
- D. I, II and IV
- E. All



4(e). Consider the system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of the following solutions is correct?

I.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

II.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

III.  $\mathbf{x}(t) = P\Lambda P^{-1}\mathbf{x}_0$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

IV.  $A$  is not diagonalizable and therefore a solution does not exist.

- A. I
- B. II
- C. I and III
- D. II and III
- E. IV



### E. Problems

5. Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  and let

$$f_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij} e_i, \quad j = 1 \dots n$$

Show that  $\mathcal{V} = \text{span}\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{P} = [p_{ij}]$  is invertible.

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6(a). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  then  $\lambda^k$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  for any integer  $k \geq 1$ .

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6(b). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that if  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  for any integer  $k \geq 1$  then  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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6(c). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $A^k = \mathbf{O}$  ( $k > 1$ ) but  $A \neq \mathbf{O}$ . Show that  $\lambda = 0$  is the only eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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6(d). Let  $A \in {}^n\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $A^k = \mathbf{O}$  ( $k > 1$ ) but  $A \neq \mathbf{O}$ . Show that  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

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