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Key

This is a pen-and-paper-only exam. You have two hours.

- 1 Suppose that that value associated with each interior node in the figure below is equal to the average of the two adjacent nodes.



- (a) Write two linear equations that must be satisfied by a and b .

$$\frac{14+b}{2} = a \quad \frac{a+23}{2} = b$$

- (b) Write this system of equations in augmented matrix form and row reduce it to solve for a and b .

$$\begin{aligned} 2a - b &= 14 \\ -a + 2b &= 23 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 14 \\ -1 & 2 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -23 \\ 2 & -1 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -23 \\ 0 & 3 & 60 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -23 \\ 0 & 1 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{a = 17 \text{ and } b = 20.}$$

2 For each of the following statements, indicate whether it is true or false. If it is false, give a counterexample demonstrating that it is false.

F (a) Given a matrix A , there is only one matrix in row echelon form which is row equivalent to A .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nwarrow \quad \nearrow$
 both row echelon form,
 & row equivalent

T (b) Given a matrix A , there is only one matrix in reduced row echelon form which is row equivalent to A .

F (c) If the column in an augmented matrix corresponding to the variable x_3 is not a pivot column, then there are necessarily infinitely many solutions to the corresponding system of equations.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \text{no sol.}$$

\nwarrow not a pivot column

F (d) Every linear map from \mathbb{R}^{10} to \mathbb{R}^5 is surjective but not injective.

$$T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \text{ is neither}$$

surjective nor injective

T (e) The transpose of A times B is equal to the transpose of B times the transpose of A .

3 Determine whether the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly independent.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We can see that the third column is not a pivot column, so $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ will have nontrivial solutions. Thus the columns of A are linearly dependent.

4 Suppose that $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation which maps $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ to $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ to $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the matrix which represents T .

If $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+2b \\ c+2d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a+b \\ -c+d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} a+2b=0 \\ -a+b=3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 3b=3 \Rightarrow b=1, a=-2$$

$$\begin{cases} c+2d=-1 \\ -c+d=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 3d=-1, \text{ so } d=-\frac{1}{3}, c=-\frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1/3 & -1/3 \end{pmatrix}}$$

5 Suppose that running for one hour burns 450 calories and costs \$1 (worth of wear-and-tear on your shoes). Suppose that cycling for one hour burns 350 calories and costs \$3 (worth of bicycle maintenance cost).

(a) Write down a vector expression that represents the calories burned and cost of running r hours and cycling c hours.

$$r \begin{pmatrix} 450 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 350 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Write down a vector equation satisfied by the numbers r and c such that running r hours and cycling c hours burns 16000 calories and costs 80 dollars.

$$r \begin{pmatrix} 450 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 350 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16000 \\ 80 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Rewrite the vector equation from (b) as a matrix equation (that is, a matrix of the form $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$).

$$\begin{pmatrix} 450 & 350 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16000 \\ 80 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 6 Find a matrix equation of the form $Ax = b$ whose solution set is equal to

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2x_3 \\ -4x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

We reverse the procedure used to infer the solution from the rref:

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

7 (a) What does it mean to say that a matrix transformation is *one-to-one* (injective)? What does it mean to say the matrix transformation is *onto* (surjective)? Any correct definitions are acceptable.

$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is surjective if for every $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, there is an $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so that $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is injective if $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$ occurs only when $\vec{x} = \vec{y}$.

(b) Show that if $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear transformation which is both one-to-one and onto, then $m = n$.

'one-to-one' requires a pivot in every column of T 's matrix,
& 'onto' requires a pivot in every row.

So # pivots = # rows and
pivots = # columns,

So # rows = # columns.

8 Show that if $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a linearly dependent list of vectors in \mathbb{R}^{50} , then the list $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^{50} is also linearly dependent.

Since $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent,
there exist c_1, c_2, c_3 not all zero with

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}.$$

Thus $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 + 0 \vec{v}_4 + 0 \vec{v}_5 + 0 \vec{v}_6 = \vec{0}$,

& $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, 0, 0, 0\}$ are not all zero. So

$\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_6\}$ is not linearly independent.