

**SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS**

**MATH 2202- Linear Algebra I**

Date: 9.3.2009

**MIDTERM EXAM 1 - SPRING 2009**

Time: 60 minutes

**Answer the following questions (show all work).**

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1. [13 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 7 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -9 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ .
- (b) Do the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Justify.
- (c) Solve the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Write the solution in parametric vector form, and give the vectors that span the solution set.
- (d) Verify that  $A\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then, obtain the general solution of the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , and give a geometric description of the solution.

2. [8 marks] Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Determine whether the following sets are linearly independent. Use as few calculations as possible. Justify your answer.
  - (i)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$
  - (ii)  $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4, -3\mathbf{v}_2 + 4\mathbf{v}_4\}$
  - (iii)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$
  - (iv)  $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_4\}$

3. [10 marks]

- (a) A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  first rotates points counterclockwise through  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$  and then reflects the resulting points through the  $x_1$ -axis. Find the standard matrix for  $T$ . Is  $T$  a one to one mapping? Does  $T$  map  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Justify.

- (b) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the image under  $T$  of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4. [9 marks] The following statements are **true**. Give a justification for each one.

- (a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, where  $m < n$ . Then, the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  have a nontrivial solution.
- (b) Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  be a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , and  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  a linear transformation. Then,  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), T(\mathbf{v}_3)\}$  is also a linearly dependent set.
- (c) The transformation defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + 4x_2, x_2 - 3|x_1|)$  is not linear.

Total: 40 marks

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**MIDTERM EXAM 2 - SPRING 2009**

Time: 60 minutes

**Answer the following questions (show all work).**

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1. [8 marks]

- (a) Determine by inspection (no calculation) which of the following matrices have inverses. Explain.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) If  $A, B, C$  are invertible matrices such that  $A = B(2C - 3I)B^T$ , show that  $C = \frac{1}{2}[B^{-1}A(B^{-1})^T + 3I]$ .

2. [12 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) Find an  $LU$  factorization of the matrix  $A$ . Check your answer.  
(b) Use the  $LU$  factorization found in (a) to solve the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

3. [12 marks] The following statements are true. Explain why?

- (a) Suppose that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with the property that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, each equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has exactly one solution.  
(b) If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^2 - 2A + I = 0$ , then  $A^3 = 3A - 2I$ .  
(c) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(-A) = (-1)^n \det A$ .  
(d) If  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$  are real numbers, then

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+d & b+d & c+d \\ a+e & b+e & c+e \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

4. [8 marks]

- (a) Suppose  $A_{11}$  is invertible. Find  $X$ , and  $Y$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & Y \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $S = A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$ .

- (b) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  invertible matrices such that  $\det A = -2$  and  $\det B = 4$ . Compute  $\det(A^2(B^{-1})^2A^TB^3)$ .

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**FINAL EXAM - SPRING 2009**

Time: 150 minutes

**Answer the following questions (show all work).**

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1. [18 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Show that  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ .
- (b) Determine if  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $Nul A$ .
- (c) Find bases for  $Col A$  and  $Nul A$ .
- (d) Find  $\dim(Nul A)$  and  $Rank A$ .

2. [11 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Show that  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , and determine its eigenvalue.
- (b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and give the corresponding eigenvectors.

3. [17 marks] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -6 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find an  $LU$  factorization for  $A$ , and show that  $A$  is invertible.
- (b) Use the factorization found in (a) to compute  $A^{-1}$ .

4. [9 marks] Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a - 2b = 4c \\ 2a = c + 3d \end{array} \right\} \right\}$ .

- (a) Find two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $W = Nul A$  and  $W = Col B$ .
- (b) Use the answer of part (a) to show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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5. [10 marks] Consider the set of polynomials  $\mathfrak{B} = \{1 - t, t + t^2, 1 + 2t + t^2\}$ .

(a) Show that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$  (the set of real polynomials of degree at most 2).

(b) Assuming that a polynomial  $p$  in  $\mathbb{P}_2$  has coordinate vector, relative to  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,

$$[p]_{\mathfrak{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ find the polynomial } p.$$

6. [13 marks] The following statements are true. Explain why?

(a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If the sum of the column vectors of  $A$  is equal to zero, then  $\text{rank } A < n$ .

(b) If  $B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_p]$ , then  $\{A\mathbf{b}_1, A\mathbf{b}_2, \dots, A\mathbf{b}_p\}$  spans  $\text{Col } AB$ .

(c) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a square matrix  $A$ , then  $\lambda^2$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A^2$ .

(d) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $A^3 = 0$ , then  $(I - A)(I + A + A^2) = 0$ , and  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2$ .

(e) If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\text{Adj } A$  is invertible and  $(\text{Adj } A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} A$ .

7. [12 marks] Let  $M_{2 \times 2}$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices, and define

$$T : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2} \text{ by: } T(A) = A + A^T, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}; \ a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

(b) Find a nonzero  $2 \times 2$  matrix that spans the kernel of  $T$ .