

Spring 2018, Math 304

Final Exam  
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*“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do.”*

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This exam consists of **thirteen** problems.

The answer to each question must be **justified in detail**.

The duration of this exam is two hours.

The use of electronic devices, such as cellphones, tables, laptops, and calculators is prohibited.

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**Good luck!**



**Problem 1.** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Find the rank and nullity of  $A$ . *2 pt.*
- (ii) Write a basis for the row space of  $A$ . *2 pt.*
- (iii) Write a basis for the column space of  $A$ . *3 pt.*
- (iv) Write a basis for the null space of  $A^\top$ . *3 pt.*
- (v) Consider  $S = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . What are  $\dim(S)$  and  $\dim(S^\perp)$ ? *2 pt.*
- (vi) Write a basis for  $S$  and a basis for  $S^\perp$ . *2 pt.*



**Problem 2.**

Consider the transformation  $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$L \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a + b + c \\ b + c \\ a + 2b + 2c \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Show that  $L$  is linear. *2 pt.*
- (ii) Find the standard matrix representation  $A$  of  $L$ . *2 pt.*
- (iii) Find all vectors  $x$  for which  $\|L(x) - \mathbf{b}\|$  is minimized, where  $\mathbf{b} = [1, 1, 1]^\top$ . *3 pt.*
- (iv) Find the kernel of  $L$ . *3 pt.*
- (v) If  $E = \left\{ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  find the matrix  $B$  representing  $L$  with respect to  $E$ . *3 pt.*
- (vi) If  $v = 2v_1 - v_2 + 3v_3$  find  $L(v) = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3$ . *1 pt.*



**Problem 3.**

Consider the vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 1/6 \\ 1/2 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/3 \\ \sqrt{2}/3 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (i) Find  $\|x_1\|$ ,  $\|x_2\|$ ,  $\|x_3\|$ , and  $\|x_4\|$ . *1 pts.*
- (ii) Find  $\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x_1, x_3 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x_1, x_4 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x_2, x_3 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x_2, x_4 \rangle$ , and  $\langle x_3, x_4 \rangle$ . *1 pts.*
- (iii) If  $w = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$  write this vector as  $w = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + c_3x_3 + c_4x_4$ . *2 pts.*
- (iv) Write the transition matrix from the basis  $F = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$  to the usual basis  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  and the transition matrix from  $E$  to  $F$ . *2 pts.*
- Take  $u = (-\sqrt{2}/2)x_1 + (1/2)x_2 + (\sqrt{2}/3)x_3 + (1/6)x_4$  and  $z = (\sqrt{2}/2)x_2 + (2/3)x_3 + (\sqrt{2}/6)x_4$ .
- (v) Find  $\|u\|$  and  $\|z\|$ . *2 pts.*
- (vi) Find  $\langle u, z \rangle$ . *1 pts.*
- (vii) Find the angle  $\theta$  between  $u$  and  $z$ . *1 pts.*





**Problem 4.**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .

- (i) What is  $\text{nullity}(A)$ ? *1 pt.*
- (ii) Let  $x$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which  $(Ax)^\top(Ax) = 0$ . Show that  $x$  must be the zero vector. *3 pt.*
- (iii) Consider for each  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the quantity  $\langle x, y \rangle = (Ax)^\top(Ay)$ . Show that it defines an inner product. *3 pt.*

Consider the vector space  $C[0, 1]$  equipped with the inner product given by  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ . If  $f(x) = \sqrt{3}x$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{15}x^7$  find

- (iv) The norms of  $f$  and  $g$ . *3 pt.*
- (v) The cosine of the angle of  $f$  and  $g$ . *3 pt.*
- (vi) The vector projection  $p_g(f)$  of  $f$  onto  $g$ . *1 pt.*



- Problem 5.** Let  $S$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (i) Find an orthonormal basis of  $S$ . *3 pt.*
  - (ii) Write the orthogonal projection matrix  $P$  onto  $S$ . *2 pt.*
  - (iii) Find an orthonormal basis for the orthogonal complement  $S^\perp$  of  $S$ . *2 pt.*
  - (iv) Find the orthogonal projection matrix  $\tilde{P}$  onto  $S^\perp$ . *2 pt.*
  - (v) What is  $P + \tilde{P}$ ? *1 pt.*



**Problem 6.**

Consider the vector space  $C[-1, 1]$  endowed with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$

If  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  let  $S = \text{Span}\{f, g\}$  as a subspace of  $C[-1, 1]$ . Use the the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to find an orthonormal basis for  $S$ . *10 pts.*



**Problem 7.**

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) What is the determinant of  $A$ ? *3 pt.*
- (ii) What is the trace of  $A$ ? *3 pt.*
- (iii) What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . *3 pt.*
- (iv) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? *Justify your answer.* *1 pt.*





**Problem 8.**

Consider the matrix

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

- (i) Write the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and find the eigenvalues of  $A$ . *4 pt.*
- (ii) What are the eigenspaces of  $A$ ? *4 pt.*
- (iii) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? *Justify your answer.* *2 pt.*



**Problem 9.**

(i) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is given that 3 and 5 are eigenvalues of  $A$ . Find all eigenvalues of  $A$ . *4 pt.*

(ii) If  $B$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with  $\text{tr}(B) = 5$  and  $\det(B) = 4$  find all the eigenvalues of the matrix  $B$ . *4 pt.*

(iii) If  $C$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with  $\text{tr}(C) = 5$  and  $\lambda_1 = 1 + i$  is an eigenvalue of  $C$  find all the eigenvalues of  $C$ . *2 pt.*



**Problem 10.**

- (i) If  $D$  is an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix all diagonal entries of which are either 1 or  $-1$  show that necessarily  $D^2 = I$ . *4 pt.*
- (ii) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  show that necessarily  $|\lambda| = 1$ . *4 pt.*
- (iii) If  $A$  is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and it has only real eigenvalues show that necessarily  $A^2 = I$ . *2 pt.*



**Problem 11.** Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$ .

(i) If  $x_1$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $x_2$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda_2 = -1$  show that  $x_1 \perp x_2$ . *4 pt.*

We additionally assume that  $x_1 = \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right]^T$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .

(ii) Find the eigenspace of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda_2 = -1$ . *4 pt.*

(iii) Find the matrix  $A$ . *2 pt.*





**Problem 12.**

- (i) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $A$  is singular if and only if  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . *4 pt.*
- (ii) Let  $A$  be a non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Show that  $1/\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ . *4 pt.*
- (iii) If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with eigenvalues 2, 3 and corresponding eigenvectors  $[1 \ 0]^\top$ ,  $[-1 \ 1]^\top$  find  $A^{-1}$ . *2 pt.*



**Problem 13.** A patch of farmland has a total area of 1000 acres. Initially, 30% of the area is covered by shrubs and 70% is clear. Every year  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the clear area is reclaimed by the shrubs and  $\frac{3}{10}$  of the shrubland is cleared manually.

- (i) Find the area of the shrubland and the clear area after one year. *5 pt.*
- (ii) Find the area of the shrubland and the clear area after  $k$  years. *3 pt.*
- (iii) Find the area of the shrubland and the clear area as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . *2 pt.*

