

## Extended Edition

**DIRECTIONS:** You may use books, notes, software, and existing online resources to complete this exam. You may **not** talk to anyone (except me) about these problems or ask for help online.

NOTATION: Recall that  $P_n = \{a_n x^n + \cdots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 \mid a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the space of all polynomials of degree at most  $n$ ,  $\text{Hom}(V, W) = \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is the space of all linear transformations from  $V$  to  $W$ , and  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  is the space of all polynomials with real coefficients.

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $PA = R$  is the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .

(b) Write  $P$  as a product of elementary matrices.

2. Let  $S_1 = \{x^3 - 1, x^2 + 2x, 2x^3 - x^2 - 2x - 2\}$ . Define  $W = \{ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a + 2b - c + d = 0\}$ .

(a) Show  $W$  is a subspace.

(b) Find a basis for  $W$ .

(c) Show  $\text{span}(S_1) \subseteq W$ . Are they equal? Why or why not?

3. Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  be defined by  $T(ax^2 + bx + c) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $\beta_1 = \{1, x, x^2\}$  (note the order) and  $\beta_2 = \{1 - x, 1 + x, x - x^2\}$ . Also, let  $\gamma_1 = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{13}, E_{21}, E_{22}, E_{23}\}$  and

$$\gamma_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(a) Prove  $T$  is linear.

(b) Prove that  $\beta_2$  is a basis for  $P_2$  and  $\gamma_2$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ .

(c) Find  $[T]_{\beta_1}^{\gamma_1}$ .

(d) Find a basis for the kernel and range of  $T$ . State  $T$ 's rank and nullity. Is  $T$  one-to-one, onto, both or neither?

(e) Find the change of coordinate matrix from  $\beta_1$  to  $\beta_2$ .

(f) Find  $[T]_{\beta_2}^{\gamma_2}$ .

(g) Find  $[x^2 + 2x + 1]_{\beta_2}$ . Then compute  $[T(x^2 + 2x + 1)]_{\gamma_2}$  using part (e) (f) [Actually, (e) is useful too.].

4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Looking at  $A$ , we can immediately conclude it is diagonalizable over the real numbers. Why?

(b) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and  $A$ 's eigenvalues as well as their algebraic and geometric multiplicities. [Note: You probably will want to have technology factor your polynomial for you.]

(c) Find an **orthogonal** matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $A$ .

5. We run an experiment and find the following data points:  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(0, -1, 2)$ ,  $(2, 1, 1)$ , and  $(-1, 1, 0)$ . Let  $f(x, y) = A \sin(xy) + B \cos(x + y) + C$ . Find constants  $A, B, C$  such that  $z = f(x, y)$  best fits the given data (give a least squares solution). [Note: Doing this by hand would be a very very bad idea. You can give an approximate solution (i.e. use decimal approximations of  $A, B, C$ ).]

6. Let  $T, U : V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations between vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  (vector spaces over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ ).
- Let  $S \subseteq W$  and suppose  $S$  is linearly independent. Show that  $T^{-1}(S) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) \in S\}$  is linearly independent.
  - Recall that the annihilator of a subset  $X \subseteq V$  is  $A(X) = \{f \in V^* \mid f(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in X\}$  and  $T^t : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  is defined by  $T^t(f) = f \circ T$ . Show that  $A(T(V)) = \text{Ker}(T^t)$  (i.e. the annihilator of the range is equal to the kernel of the transpose map).
  - Suppose that neither  $T$  nor  $U$  are the zero transformation. Also, assume that  $T(V) \cap U(V) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  (i.e. the ranges of  $T$  and  $U$ ) have a trivial intersection. Prove that  $\{T, U\}$  is linearly independent as a subset of  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .
  - Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional and use a previous part to show that  $T$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $T^t$  is an isomorphism.
  - Let  $U, T : V \rightarrow V$  be commuting linear operators (i.e.  $U \circ T = T \circ U$ ). Show that any eigenspace of  $U$  is  $T$ -invariant.

7. Let  $T$  be a linear operator defined on a finite dimensional inner product space. Show  $T^*(V) \subseteq \text{Ker}(T)^\perp$  (the range of the adjoint is contained in the orthogonal complement of the kernel of the operator). **Bonus: Show equality.**

8. If the statement is always true, write “True” and **prove it**. If the statement is never true, write “False” and **prove** that it can never be true. If the statement is true in some cases and false in others, write “Possible” then give an *example* **and** a *counter-example*.

You may skip 4.

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$  be a matrix with characteristic polynomial  $f(t) = t(t-1)(t-2)(t-3)(t-4)$ .  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  where  $\mathbb{F}$  is field and  $n$  is a positive integer.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $A$  can be written as a finite product of elementary matrices.
- Let  $W = \{ax^2 + bx + c \mid a + b = 0, c = 1\}$   
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  (for some positive integer  $n > 1$ ) and suppose  $\det(A) = 3$ . Let  $E$  be the  $n \times n$  elementary matrix associated with the row operation: add 5 times row 2 to row 1.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\det(-E^T A^{-2}) = -\frac{1}{9}$ .
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  have characteristic polynomial  $f(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 + t$ . In addition suppose that the eigenspace for eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  is  $E_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- Let  $n$  be a positive integer.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \oplus P_{2n}$ .
- Let  $T : P_5 \rightarrow P_5$  be a one-to-one linear transformation.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $T$  is onto.
- Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ .  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinitely many solutions.
- Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow P_5$  be a linear transformation. Assume that  $\text{rank}(T) = 2$ .  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\text{Ker}(T) \cong T(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$  (i.e. the kernel and range of  $T$  are isomorphic).
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{3 \times 3}$  (i.e.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with integer entries).  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\det(A^{-1}) = \sqrt{5}$ .
- Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  be a linear transformation.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\text{rank}(T) = 4$ .

- (l) Let  $S \subset V$  where  $V$  is an inner product space (over some field  $\mathbb{F}$ ). Suppose that  $S$  is an orthogonal set.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $S$  is linearly independent.
- (m) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a Hermitian matrix.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $\det(A) \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (n) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  have characteristic polynomial  $f(t) = t^3 - 2t^2 - t$   
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $A$  is invertible.
- (o) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  be a one-to-one linear transformation.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $T$  is onto.
- (p) Let  $T : P_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  be a linear transformation.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $T$  is one-to-one.
- (q) Let  $T : P_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  be a linear transformation.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $T$  is onto.
- (r) Recall that a square matrix  $P$  is called a permutation matrix if the rows of  $P$  are just a permutation of the rows of the identity matrix. Let  $P$  be a permutation matrix.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $P$  is orthogonal.
- (s) Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an orthogonal matrix.  
**TRUE / POSSIBLE / FALSE:**  $-Q$  is orthogonal.