

**Math 20580**  
**Midterm 3**  
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Calculators are NOT allowed. Do not remove this answer page – you will return the whole exam. You will be allowed 75 minutes to do the test. You may leave earlier if you are finished.

There are 8 multiple choice questions worth 7 points each and 4 partial credit questions each worth 11 points. Record your answers by placing an  $\times$  through one letter for each problem on this answer sheet.

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1.  a  b  c  d  e

2.  a  b  c  d  e

3.  a  b  c  d  e

4.  a  b  c  d  e

5.  a  b  c  d  e

6.  a  b  c  d  e

7.  a  b  c  d  e

8.  a  b  c  d  e

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Multiple Choice.

9.

10.

11.

12.

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Total.

**Part I: Multiple choice questions (7 points each)**

1. Find the orthogonal projection of the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the vector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3/7 \\ 1/7 \\ -2/7 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\vec{0}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

(e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2. If  $A$  is a  $4 \times 6$  matrix of rank 2, what is the dimension of the orthogonal complement of the row space of  $A^T$ ?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

(e) 5

3. Find the distance between  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and the subspace  $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .
- (a) 1            (b)  $\sqrt{3}$             (c) 2            (d)  $\sqrt{2}$             (e)  $\sqrt{6}$

4. Which of the following functions is the general solution of the equation  $y' + 5y = 0$ ?

- (a)  $e^{5x} + C$             (b)  $C \cdot e^{-5x}$             (c)  $5C + e^{-x}$             (d)  $e^{-5x} - C$             (e)  $e^x - 5$

5. Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' + 2y = 3e^x, \\ y(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a)  $(x - 1)e^x$       (b)  $e^x$       (c)  $x^2$       (d)  $e^x - e^{3-2x}$       (e)  $(3e^x - 3)/2$

6. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2y^2 - 4y, \quad y(5) = 1.$$

Which of the following describes the nature of the solution?

- (a)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) = 2;$        $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$   
(b)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) = 2;$        $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \infty$   
(c)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) = 0;$        $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 4$   
(d)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) = -\infty;$        $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$   
(e)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} y(t) = 0;$        $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = -\infty$

7. The differential equation

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = y + x + t$$

is

- (a) an equation of order 2      (b) a partial differential equation      (c) exact  
(d) separable      (e) an ordinary differential equation

8. Consider the orthogonal basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the coordinate vector  $[\vec{w}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  if  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$       (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$       (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$       (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Part II: Partial credit questions (11 points each). Show your work.**

9. Let  $W = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3\}$ , where

$$\vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .

(b) Find the  $QR$  decomposition of the matrix  $A$  with columns  $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3$ .

10. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the least squares solution to the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

(b) Find the vector in the column space of  $A$  which is closest to  $\vec{b}$ .

11. Consider the differential equation

$$(3x \sin(y) + 2e^y) dx + (x^2 \cos(y) + xe^y) dy = 0.$$

(a) Explain why the equation is not exact.

(b) Find an integrating factor  $\mu$  which only depends on the variable  $x$ .

(c) Determine the implicit solution which satisfies the initial condition  $y(1) = 0$ .



12. (a) Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy^2 = 0 \\ y(0) = -1 \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the maximal interval on which the solution in (a) is defined.

