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Midterm 1  
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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

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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.

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Total.

Part I: Multiple choice questions (7 points each)

1. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = a \\ 4x + 5y = b \end{cases}$$

If  $(x, y)$  is a solution, which of the following describes  $y$  in terms of  $a, b$ ?

- (a)  $y = (-5a + 3b)/2$       (b)  $y = 6a + 8b$       (c)  $y = 2a - b$       (d)  $y = 2a + 5b$   
 (e)  $y$  is not determined by  $a, b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & : & a \\ 4 & 5 & : & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & : & a \\ 0 & -1 & : & b-2a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow -y = b-2a$$

So  
 $y = 2a - b$

2. Consider the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of the following sets of vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

- (I)  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$       (II)  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$       (III)  $\{\vec{v}_2\}$       (IV)  $\{\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$

- (a) III only      (b) I and III only      (c) I and II only      (d) II and IV only  
 (e) III and IV only

$\vec{v}_2 = 2\vec{v}_1$  so  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1\}$  is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

So (I), (III) are wrong!

$\{\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  independent (not scalar multiples of one another)

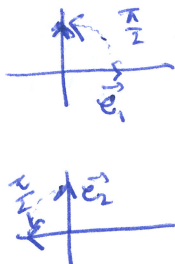
So they form basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , hence they span  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Same is then true about  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  (i.e. they also span)

3. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear map given by counterclockwise rotation of the plane about the origin by an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (in radians). Let  $A$  be the standard matrix of  $T$ . Which of the following matrices is equal to  $A^2$ ?

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^2$  is the standard matrix for rotation by  $2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$



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

4. Under which of the scenarios below is the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  guaranteed to have at least one solution?

I.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix and  $\vec{b}$  is any vector in the column space of  $A$ . ✓

II.  $A$  is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix of rank 2 and  $\vec{b}$  is any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . ✗

III.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $\vec{b}$  is a vector in the null space of  $A$ . ✗

IV.  $A$  is an invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $\vec{b}$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . ✓  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is a solution

(a) I and IV only

(b) IV only

(c) I, III, and IV only

(d) II and IV only

(e) III only

II is false:  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  of dimension 2

if  $\vec{b}$  is not in  $\text{Col } A$  then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  inconsistent

III is false: take  $A = 0$  the zero matrix

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

:  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  inconsistent

5. Given the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

determine  $A^{-1}B - AB^T$ .

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$     (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$     (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so} \quad A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1}B - AB^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1-t \\ 1+t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For which value of  $t$  does the vector  $\vec{v}_3$  belong to  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ ?

- (a) all  $t \leq 2$     (b)  $t = 2$  and  $t = -1$     (c)  $t = -3$  only    (d)  $t = 0$  only  
 (e) no value of  $t$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1-t & \\ -1 & 1 & 1+t & \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1-t & \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & \\ 0 & -1 & 2t-1 & \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1-t & \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 & \\ 0 & -1 & 2t-1 & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1-t & \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 2t & \end{array} \right]$$

$$2t = 0 \\ \text{so } \boxed{t=0}$$

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7. Which of the following sets is linearly independent?

~~(I)~~  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   $\stackrel{=3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}{\text{linearly dependent}}$  (II)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   $\checkmark$  ~~(III)~~  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   $\checkmark$  (IV)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   $\checkmark$

- (a) I, II, III only      (b) II and IV only      (c) I and II only  
(d) III and IV only      (e) I, III, IV only

8. Let  $A$  be a  $7 \times 8$  matrix of rank 3. Which of the following is equal to the dimension of the null space of the transpose matrix  $A^T$ ?

- (a) 0      (b) 3      (c) 4      (d) 5      (e) 7

$A^T$  is  $8 \times 7$  (has 7 columns)

$$\text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A) = 3$$

by Rank Theorem

$$\dim(\text{Null}(A^T)) = 7 - 3 = 4$$

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

9. Consider the matrix

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

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(a) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  (the column space of  $A$ ).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2}]{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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pivot positions

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free variables

basis for  $\text{Col } A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

(b) Find a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$  (the row space of  $A$ ).

non-zero rows in REF:  $\left\{ [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 2], [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ -1], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ -3] \right\}$

(c) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$  (the null space of  $A$ ).

Solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  using REF

$x_4 = s$  free  
 $x_5 = t$  free

$x_3 + x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = -s - 2t$

$x_2 + x_4 - x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = t - s$

$x_1 + x_3 + 2x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = s$

$\text{Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t-s \\ -s-2t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ s \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  so basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

10. Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - \frac{5}{2}R_2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{-\frac{1}{2}} & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow -2R_3}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -5 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 5 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

inverse

11. Consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the matrix transformation  $S(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ , where

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

(a) Find the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) & T(\vec{e}_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Find the standard matrices of the compositions  $S \circ T$  and  $T \circ S$ .

$$[S \circ T] = [S] \cdot [T] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T \circ S] = [T] \cdot [S] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Find a vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $T(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(So  $T(S(\vec{x})) = \vec{x}$   
for all  $\vec{x}$ )

can take  $\vec{v} = S \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

(or  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  any solution of  $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 3 \\ x_2 + x_3 = -5 \end{cases}$ )



12. Consider the bases  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(a) Find the change of coordinate matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  (recall that  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  is the matrix such that  $[\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \cdot [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  for all vectors  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{move 6st} \\ \text{row to the top} \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow -R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} P \\ \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \end{array}$$

(b) If  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , determine the coordinate vectors  $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

to find  $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} c_1 = 11 \\ c_2 = -10 \\ c_3 = -4 \end{array}$$

so  $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -10 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \cdot [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -10 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

