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Midterm 2
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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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Multiple Choice.

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Total.

Part I: Multiple choice questions (7 points each)

1. Assume that A and B are two 4×4 matrices with determinants $\det A = 2$, $\det B = 3$. Find the determinant $\det(A^T B A^{-1} B)$.

(a) 0 (b) $9/4$ (c) 36 (d) 9 (e) cannot be determined.

2. Consider the four functions $f_1 = (\sin t)^2$, $f_2 = (\cos t)^2$, $f_3 = 1$, $f_4 = \cos 2t$. They generate a subspace $H = \text{Span}\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ in the vector space $C[0, 1]$ of continuous functions on the interval $[0, 1]$. Which among the following sets is a basis for H ?

Hint: You may use the trig identity

$$\cos 2t = (\cos t)^2 - (\sin t)^2 = 2(\cos t)^2 - 1 = 1 - 2(\sin t)^2.$$

(a) $\{f_1, f_2\}$ (b) $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ (c) $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ (d) $\{f_1\}$
(e) none of the above.

3. Which among the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 is a subspace?

1. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix} \mid t, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

2. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 2t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

3. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ t+s \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, s \geq 0 \right\}$

4. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t+s \\ s \end{bmatrix} \mid t, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

- (a) 3 and 4 only (b) 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
(d) all of them (e) none of them.

4. Let S be the parallelogram determined by the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the area of S .

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) 42 (e) none of the above.

5. Consider the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$ defined by $T : p(t) \mapsto t p'(t) - p(t)$. Which of the following polynomials is in the null space (kernel) of T ?

(I) t^2 (II) $2t$ (III) $1 - t^2$ (IV) $-t$

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

6. Let H be the subspace of \mathbb{P}_3 consisting of all polynomials $p(t)$ of degree at most 3 such that $p(-1) = 0$. Which of the following is a basis of H ?

(a) $\{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$ (b) $\{t - 1, t^2 + 1, t^3 - 1\}$ (c) $\{t + 1, t^2 - 1, t^3 + 1\}$

(d) $\{t + 1, t^2 - 1, t^2 + t^3, t^3 + 1\}$ (e) $\{t + 1, t^3 + 1\}$

7. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^8$ be a linear transformation of \mathbb{R}^{12} onto \mathbb{R}^8 . What is the dimension of the null space (kernel) of T ?

- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 6 (d) 8 (e) 11.

8. The vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

- (a) 2 (b) 6 (c) 4 (d) 8 (e) 3

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

9. Consider the matrix

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

with s a parameter.

(a) Calculate the determinant of A .

(b) For which values of the parameter s is the matrix A invertible?

(c) When A is invertible, find the entry in row 1, column 3 of the inverse matrix A^{-1} (the formula will depend on the parameter s).

10. Consider the two ordered bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} of \mathbb{R}^3 given by

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

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

(b) If \vec{v} is a vector in \mathbb{R}^3 with $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, determine $[\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and \vec{v} .

11. Let A be the matrix

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

(a) Find all the eigenvalues of A .

(b) For each eigenvalue of A , determine a basis of the corresponding eigenspace.

12. Consider the vector space \mathbb{P}_2 of polynomials of degree at most 2 in the variable t . Let $\mathcal{E} = \{1, t, t^2\}$ denote the standard basis of \mathbb{P}_2 . Define the following polynomials in \mathbb{P}_2 :

$$p_0(t) = 1 + t + t^2, \quad p_1(t) = 1 + 2t + 3t^2, \quad p_2 = 1 + 4t + 9t^2, \quad p_3 = 1 + 8t + 17t^2.$$

- (a) Write below the coordinate vector $\vec{v}_i = [p_i(t)]_{\mathcal{E}}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 for each $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

$$\vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find scalars a_0, a_1, a_2 such that $\vec{v}_3 = a_0\vec{v}_0 + a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2$.

- (c) Find scalars b_0, b_1, b_2 such that $p_3 = b_0p_0 + b_1p_1 + b_2p_2$. Explain your reasoning.

