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Exam 2, Math 20580  
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- The Honor Code *is* in affect for this examination. All work is to be your own.
- Please turn off and put away all cellphones and electronic devices.
- Calculators are **not** allowed.
- The exam lasts for one hour and 15 minutes.
- Be sure that your name and your instructor's name and your section number are on the front page of your exam.
- There are 12 problems: 8 are multiple choice and 4 are partial credit.
- Be sure that you have all 8 pages of this exam.
- Each multiple choice question is worth 6 points. Your score will be the sum of the best 7 scores on the multiple choice plus your score on questions 9–12.
- Make sure you have correctly marked your multiple choice answers by the time the exam ends. No credit will be given for incorrectly marked answers.

01	Matthew Dyer	8:20-9:10	127 HH
02	Matthew Dyer	9:25-10:15	127 HH
03	Jeffrey Diller	10:30-11:20	136 DBRT
04	Han Lu	11:30-12:20	114 PASQ
05	Sudipta Gosh	12:50-1:40	140 DBRT
06	Sudipta Gosh	2:00-2:50	140 DBRT
07	Claudia Polini	3:30-4:20	140 DBRT

Please mark you answers with an **X**, not a circle.

1.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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3.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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5.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
6.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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7.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
8.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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1. (6 points) Which of the following is a vector space?

I.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y, z \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x + y + z = 1 \right\}$ .

II.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y = x \text{ or } y = -x \right\}$ .

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

IV.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid s, t \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ and } t \geq 0 \right\}$ .

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

2. (6 points) Let  $M_{2,2}$  denote the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and let  $S$  be the subspace of  $M_{2,2}$  consisting of all matrices  $A$  satisfying  $A + A^T = 0$ . What is the dimension of  $S$ ?

- (a) 2      (b) 3      (c) 1      (d) 0      (e) 4

3. (6 points) Let  $\mathcal{P}_2$  denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2, and let  $T: \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$  be a linear transformation such that

$$T(1+x) = x, \quad T(x+x^2) = x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T(x^2+1) = 1.$$

What is the value of  $T(2+2x+2x^2)$ ?

- (a)  $1+x+x^2$       (b) 2      (c)  $4x+x^2$       (d)  $4+4x+4x^2$       (e)  $x+x^2$

4. (6 points) Let  $\mathcal{P}_3$  denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3$  be a linear transformation. Which of the following statements is always correct?

- I.  $T$  can not be one-to-one.
- II.  $T$  can not be onto.
- III. If  $T$  is one-to-one, then the dimension of  $\text{range}(T)$  is 3.
- IV.  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = 4$ .

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

5. (6 points) Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices such that  $\det(A) = 3$ ,  $\det(B) = \sqrt{2}$  and  $C$  is invertible. What is the value of  $\det(3C^{-1}AB^2C^T)$ , where  $C^T$  denotes the transpose of  $C$ ?

(a) 108

(b) 18

(c) 54

(d) 27

(e) 6

6. (6 points) Let  $\mathcal{P}_1$  denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 1. Consider the two bases  $\mathcal{E} = \{1, x\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 - 2x, -1 + x\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_1$ . Which of the following is the first row of the change of basis matrix  $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}$  from  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ ?

(a)  $[-1 \quad -2]$

(b)  $[-2 \quad -1]$

(c)  $[1 \quad 1]$

(d)  $[-1 \quad -1]$

(e)  $[1 \quad -2]$

7. (6 points) Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(6, 7)$ ,  $(4, 5)$  and  $(10, 12)$ .

(a) 3

(b) 1

(c) 4

(d) 2

(e) 5

8. (6 points) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the determinant of  $A$ ?

(a) 0

(b)  $-4$

(c) 4

(d) 3

(e)  $-3$

9. (15 points) Consider the bases of  $\mathcal{P}_2$  given by

$$\mathcal{B} = \{4 + 3x + x^2, 1 + x - 2x^2, 1 - x^2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C} = \{1 + x, 1 + x^2, 1 - x^2\}.$$

(a) Find the change of basis matrix  ${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}P$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

(b) Suppose that  $p(x)$  is a polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}_2$  with  $[p(x)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is  $[p(x)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ ?

(c) What is  $p(x)$  in (b)?

10. (14 points) Consider the matrix

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

where  $s$  is a real number.

(a) Compute the determinant of  $A$ .

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

(c) If the matrix  $A$  is invertible, give a formula for  $\det(A^{-1})$  in terms of  $s$ .

11. (15 points) Let  $\mathcal{P}_3$  denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3, and  $T: \mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(p(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(-1) \\ p(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $p(x)$  in  $\mathcal{P}_3$  (you do not have to explain why  $T$  is a linear transformation).

- (a) Write down the matrix  ${}_{\mathcal{E}}[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of  $T$  with respect to the standard bases

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\} \text{ of } \mathcal{P}_3 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

- (b) Find a basis for the range of  $T$ .

- (c) Find a basis for the kernel of  $T$ . Make sure to write each element of your basis as a polynomial.



**12.** (14 points) Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} sx_1 - 3x_2 = 2 \\ 3x_1 - sx_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

where  $s$  is a number.

- (a) For values of  $s$  for which the system has a unique solution, USE CRAMER'S RULE to find the solution, giving explicit formulas for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in terms of  $s$ .

- (b) For which values of  $s$  does the system have a unique solution?