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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.

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| 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.

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| 2.            | (a)            | (b)            | <del>(c)</del> | (d)            | (e)            |
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| 3.            | <del>(a)</del> | (b)            | (c)            | (d)            | (e)            |
| 4.            | (a)            | (b)            | (c)            | (d)            | <del>(e)</del> |
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| 5.            | (a)            | (b)            | <del>(c)</del> | (d)            | (e)            |
| 6.            | (a)            | (b)            | (c)            | <del>(d)</del> | (e)            |
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| 7.            | (a)            | (b)            | (c)            | <del>(d)</del> | (e)            |
| 8.            | (a)            | <del>(b)</del> | (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.**

~~X~~ I Doesn't contain  $\vec{0}$   
~~X~~ II Contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  but not  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\checkmark$  III  $\begin{bmatrix} t+s \\ t \\ s-t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . It is span  $(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$   
~~X~~ IV Contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  but not  $(-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad A + A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & b+c \\ b+c & 2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

when  $a = d = 0$  and  $b + c = 0$  i.e.  $c = -b$ .

$S$  consists of matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $S = \text{span}(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix})$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a basis for  $S$ ,  $\dim S = 1$

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)  $x+x^2$

$$2+2x+2x^2 = (1+x) + (x+x^2) + (x^2+1). \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } T(2+2x+2x^2) &= T(1+x) + T(x+x^2) + T(x^2+1) \\ &= x + x^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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.

•  $\dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3, \dim \mathcal{P}_3 = 4$ .

•  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim \mathbb{R}^3 = 3$ . So IV is false.

•  $T$  is one-to-one if  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0, \text{rank}(T) = 3$ ; I possible, but not always true

•  $T$  is onto if  $\text{rank}(T) = 4, \text{nullity}(T) = -1$ , so II is true

• If  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ , then  $\text{rank}(T) = 3 = \dim(\text{range}(T))$ , so III is always true.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \det(3C^{-1}AB^2C^T) &= 3^2 \cdot \det(C)^{-1} \cdot \det(A) \cdot \det(B)^2 \cdot \det(C^T) \\ &= 9 \det(A) \det(B)^2 \quad \text{since } \det(C) = \det(C^T) \\ &= 9 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{2}^2 = 54. \end{aligned}$$

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)  $[1 \quad -2]$ 

$$P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [1-2x]_{\mathcal{E}} & [-1+x]_{\mathcal{E}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = \left( P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

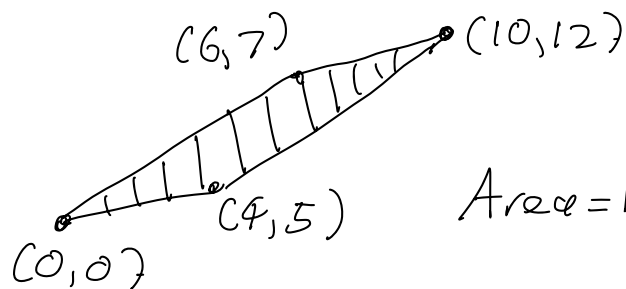
(a) 3

(b) 1

(c) 4

 (d) 2

(e) 5



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right| \\ &= |6 \cdot 5 - 4 \cdot 7| \\ &= |2| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-4) = -4$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

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

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

$E = \{1, x, x^2\}$  standard basis

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{matrix} E \xleftarrow{P} E \\ \uparrow \\ E \xleftarrow{P} E \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ E \\ \downarrow \\ E \xleftarrow{P} E \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

$${}_{C \leftarrow B}^P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$[p(x)]_C = {}_{C \leftarrow B}^P [p(x)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= 1 \cdot (4 + 3x + x^2) + 1 \cdot (1 + x - 2x^2) + 2(1 - x^2) \\ &= 7 + 4x - 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

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  $A$ .

Cofactor expansion along row 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= s \begin{vmatrix} s & -1 \\ -2 & s \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & s \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & s \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= s(s^2 - 2) - s \\ &= s^3 - 3s \\ &= s(s^2 - 3) \end{aligned}$$

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

$A$  is invertible unless  $s(s^2 - 3) = 0$   
ie for all  $s$  except  $s = 0$  and  $s = \pm\sqrt{3}$ .

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

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det A} = \frac{1}{s(s^2 - 3)} \text{ if } A^{-1} \text{ exists.}$$

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  $\mathcal{P}_2$  (you do not have to explain why  $T$  is a linear transformation).

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}[T] &= \begin{bmatrix} [T(1)]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(x)]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(x^2)]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(x^3)]_{\mathcal{E}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{E}} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{E}} & \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^2 \\ 1^2 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{E}} & \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^3 \\ 1^3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{E}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Pivot columns of  $B$  are first and second.

First, second columns of  $A$  are a basis of  $\text{col}(A)$ ,

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . These are coordinate vectors with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$  of a basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  of  $\text{range } T$ .

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

Null space of  $A$  is solution space of  $\begin{cases} a_1 + a_3 = 0 \\ a_2 + a_4 = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s \\ -t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{The vectors } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are a basis of  $\text{null}(A)$ , and the coordinate vectors with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  of a basis  $\{x^2 - 1, x^3 - x\}$  of  $\ker(T)$ .



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  $s$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} s & -3 \\ 3 & -s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} s & -3 \\ 3 & -s \end{bmatrix}}_A \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{b}}$

$\det A = -s^2 + 9$ . When  $\det A \neq 0$ , the system has a unique solution

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -s \end{vmatrix}}{-s^2 + 9} = \frac{-2s + 9}{-s^2 + 9} = \frac{2s - 9}{s^2 - 9}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} s & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{-s^2 + 9} = \frac{3s - 6}{-s^2 + 9} = -\frac{3s - 6}{s^2 - 9}$$

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

There is a unique solution when  $-s^2 + 9 \neq 0$  i.e. when  $s \neq \pm 3$ .