

**Math 20580**  
**Midterm 2**  
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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.

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11.

12.

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Total.

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

1. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $\det(A) = 3$  and  $\det(B) = -2$ . What is  $\det(3B^T A^{-1}B)$ ?

- (a)  $-36$       (b)  $0$       (c)  $4$       (d)  $36$       (e) none of the above

2. What are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- (a)  $-4, 0$       (b)  $-3, -1$       (c)  $-2, 1$       (d)  $1, 2$       (e) none of the above

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

- (a)  $-4$             (b)  $-2$             (c)  $0$             (d)  $2$             (e)  $4$

4. Suppose that  $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow M_{2,2}$  is a linear transformation. Which of the following statements are always true? (Recall that  $M_{2,2}$  is the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and  $\mathcal{P}_2$  is the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2. Also recall that  $\text{rank}(T)$  is the dimension of the range of  $T$ , and  $\text{nullity}(T)$  is the dimension of the kernel of  $T$ .)

I.  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = 4$ .

II.  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ .

III. The range of  $T$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

- (a) I only            (b) II only            (c) I, III only            (d) II, III only            (e) none of them

5. Recall that  $M_{2,2}$  is the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Consider the linear transformation

$$T : M_{2,2} \rightarrow M_{2,2}, \quad T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a + 2b + c & b - c + d \\ -a - 3c + 2d & a + 3b + d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following vectors is in the kernel of  $T$ ?

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

6. Which of the following statements are always true for an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ?

I. If  $A$  is invertible, then 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

II. If  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis of eigenvectors of  $A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

III. Every matrix similar to  $A$  has the same characteristic polynomial as  $A$ .

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

7. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 3, \\ x_1 - x_2 = 2. \end{cases}$$

According to Cramer's rule, what is  $x_2$ ?

(a)  $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$

(b)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

(c)  $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$

(d)  $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$

(e)  $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}$

8. Recall that  $M_{2,2}$  is the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Consider the function

$$T : M_{2,2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 \\ c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

I.  $T$  is a linear transformation.

II.  $T$  is not a linear transformation because  $T(\vec{0}) \neq \vec{0}$ .

III.  $T$  is not a linear transformation because there exist  $A$  in  $M_{2,2}$  and a scalar  $k$  such that  $T(kA) \neq kT(A)$ .

(a) none of them      (b) I only      (c) II only      (d) III only      (e) II, III only

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

9. Consider the bases

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

of  $\mathcal{P}_2$  (the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2 in the variable  $x$ ).

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

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

10. Recall that  $\mathcal{P}_2$  is the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2 in the variable  $x$ . Consider the linear transformation

$$T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2, \quad T(p(x)) = p(x) - (1+x)p'(x),$$

where  $p'(x)$  is the derivative of  $p(x)$ .

- (a) Verify that  $T$  can be expressed more explicitly as

$$T(a + bx + cx^2) = (a - b) - 2cx - cx^2.$$

- (b) Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2$ . Find the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = [T]_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}$  of  $T$  with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

- (c) Find a basis for the kernel of  $T$  and a basis for the range of  $T$ .

11. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & t \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $t$  is some real number.

(a) Calculate the determinant of  $A$ . (Your answer may depend on  $t$ .)

(b) Find all values of  $t$  such that  $A$  is invertible.

12. Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (1 - \lambda)^2(-2 - \lambda)$ .

(a) What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ ?

(b) Diagonalize  $A$ , that is, find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

