

Peter Cholak Math 221 Wednesday, December 18, 1996. Final  
This final is worth 150 points. There are 7 problems on 5 pages and one blank page. *Be sure to show all your work; you will not get full credit unless your work matches your answer!!*

(10 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If  $b$  is some real number, use Cramer's rule to find the  $x_3$  coordinate of the solution to the following equation:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . (10 points) Determine whether  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  is consistent and if so, find the general solution.

(10 points) Determine whether  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is consistent and if so, find the general solution.

(40 points – 8 points each) For each of the following, indicate whether the statement is true or false. Include a brief explanation of your answer. *You will not receive full credit without a reasonable explanation!* The rule  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = x_1y_1 - x_2y_2$  defines an inner product on the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (Here  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $\vec{y} = (y_1, y_2)$ .) Let  $W$  be all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $a + d = 1$  and

$V$  be all  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then for all values of  $b$  the linear transformation  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  is onto. Let  $W$

be the set of  $\vec{b}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent, where  $A$  is an  $4 \times 3$  matrix. Then the  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. If

$$k_1\vec{x}_1 + k_2\vec{x}_2 = \vec{0} \text{ then } k_1T(\vec{x}_1) + k_2T(\vec{x}_2) = \vec{0}.$$

(15 points) Consider the following three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (with the Euclidean inner product):  $(1, 0, 0, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0, -1)$  and  $(0, 0, 1, 1)$ . Find an *orthonormal* basis for the space spanned by these three vectors (you will need to use Gram-Schmidt).

Consider the following system of linear equations:

$$1x_1 + 4x_2 + 0x_3 = a_1$$

$$0x_1 + 2x_2 + 1x_3 = a_1$$

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 2x_3 = a_1$$

(5 points) Find the coefficient matrix  $P$  of this system of linear equations.

(10 points) Is  $P$  invertible? If so, find the inverse matrix  $P^{-1}$ . Otherwise, explain why  $P$  has no inverse.

(5 points) Find the *general* solution  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  to this system of linear equations.

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

(15 points) Find the eigenvalues for the matrix  $A$ . For each eigenvalue that you find, find a basis for the corresponding *eigenspace*.

(5 points) Find a matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .



Consider the vectors  $\vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0)$  and  $\vec{w} = (0, 0, 1)$ . These vectors form an *orthonormal* basis for a subspace  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (with the Euclidean inner product). Let  $P : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation given by orthogonally projecting onto the subspace  $W$ ; so  $P(\vec{x}) = \text{Proj}_W(\vec{x})$ .

(10 points) We know that for a vector  $\vec{x}$ ,  $P(\vec{x}) = \text{Proj}_W(\vec{x}) = (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{w} + (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{v}$ . Compute the standard matrix associated with  $P$ . (Hint: compute  $P(\vec{e}_1)$ ,  $P(\vec{e}_2)$  and  $P(\vec{e}_3)$ .)

(For the remaining parts of the problem there is nothing to compute.) (5 points)  $\vec{z} = (1, 1, 0)$  is orthogonal to the subspace  $W$ . Is the vector  $\vec{z}$  an eigenvector for  $P$ ? If so, what is the eigenvalue?

(5 points) Is the vector  $\vec{v}$  an eigenvector for  $P$ ? If so, what is the eigenvalue. What about  $\vec{w}$ ? (5 points) Find the eigenvalues of the standard matrix for  $P$ .

Find bases for the eigenspaces. (Hint: use the above two parts.)