

# Exam in Linear Algebra

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This test has 9 pages and 14 problems. All the problems are “multiple choice” problems. **The answers must be given on these sheets.**

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In all problems: *there is only one correct answer to each question.*

**Problem 1 (9%)**

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and answer the following questions.

1. Is  $A$  in row echelon form?

Yes

No

2. Is  $B$  in row echelon form?

Yes

No

3. Is  $A$  in reduced row echelon form?

Yes

No

4. Is  $B$  in reduced row echelon form?

Yes

No

5. Can  $B$  be obtained from  $A$  by elementary row operations?

Yes

No

6. Can  $A$  be obtained from  $B$  by elementary row operations?

Yes

No

**Problem 2 (4 %)**

Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2]$  be a matrix with 4 rows and let  $B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \mathbf{b}_3 \ \mathbf{b}_4 \ \mathbf{b}_5]$  be such that  $C = AB$  is defined.

1. How many rows are there in the matrix  $B$ ?

- 2                       3                       4                       5

2. How many rows are there in the matrix  $C$ ?

- 2                       3                       4                       5

**Problem 3 (10 %)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $B = \frac{1}{5}A$ .

1. Answer the following true/false problems.

$A$  is an orthogonal matrix.                       True                       False

$B$  is an orthogonal matrix.                       True                       False

$A$  is a symmetric matrix.                       True                       False

$B^{-1} = -B$                        True                       False

$B^{-1} = B$                        True                       False

2. What is the determinant of  $B$ ?

- 5                       -1                       0                       2                       5

3. Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  be an eigenvector of  $B$  with eigenvalue 1. What is the value of  $x_1$  if  $x_2 = 1$ .

- 3     
 -1     
 0     
 1     
 3

**Problem 4 (10 %)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . The augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  has the following reduced row echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. Answer the following problems about pivot columns of  $A$ :

- column 1 is a pivot column.       True       False  
column 2 is a pivot column.       True       False  
column 3 is a pivot column.       True       False  
column 4 is a pivot column.       True       False

2. What is the rank of  $A$ ?

- 0     
 1     
 2     
 3     
 4     
 5

3. What is the nullity of  $A$ ?

- 0     
 1     
 2     
 3     
 4

4. Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . What is  $x_2$ ?

- 1  
 2  
 3  
  $x_2$  is a free variable.

**Problem 5 (4 %)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -5 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $C = AB$ . What is the number  $c_{13}$ ?

- 7       -5       -3       8       11

**Problem 6 (10 %)**

Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\mathbf{w}$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W$ .

1. What is the third component of  $\mathbf{w}$  (i.e.  $w_3$ )?

- 4       -2       -1       0       1       4

2. Let  $\mathbf{z}$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W^\perp$ . What is the third component of  $\mathbf{z}$  (i.e.  $z_3$ )?

- 2       -1       2       3       4       6

3. What is the dimension of  $W^\perp$ ?

- 0       1       2       3       4       5

**Problem 7 (6 %)**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det A = 5$  and  $\det B = 3$ .

1. What is  $\det(-2A)$ ?

- 200     -50     -40     -10     5     40

2. What is  $\det AB^T$ ?

- 2     3     5     15      $\frac{3}{5}$       $\frac{5}{3}$

3. What is  $\det AB^{-1}$ ?

- 1      $\frac{1}{15}$       $\frac{3}{5}$       $\frac{5}{3}$      2     15

**Problem 8 (10 %)**

The characteristic polynomial of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 4 & -2 & 10 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ -7 & 4 & -2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $t(t-2)(t+1)^2$ .

1. Which one of the following is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ?

- 2     -1     1     4

2. Which one of the following is an eigenvector of  $A$ ?

- $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Is  $A$  invertible?

- Yes     No

**Problem 9 (4 %)**

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the determinant of  $A$ ?

- 12       10       5       0       -5       -10       -12

**Problem 10 (4 %)**

What is the number of solutions of the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 + x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ -x_1 + x_2 - x_4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- 0  
 1  
 infinitely many.

**Problem 11 (6%)**

Let  $T$  be the linear transformation with standard matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{R}^2$ .

Which one of the following is the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$ , denoted by  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ ?

- $\begin{bmatrix} -18 & -7 \\ 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 11 & -18 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ -7 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 \\ 11 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$

**Problem 12** (10%)

Let  $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$  be the linear transformation with standard matrix

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

1. What is the value of  $n$  ?

- 2       3       4       5       6

2. What is the value of  $m$  ?

- 2       3       4       5       6

3. What the rank of  $A$  ?

- 2       3       4       5

4. What is the dimension of the null space of  $T$  ?

- 0       1       2       3       4       5

5. Is  $T$  one-to-one?

- Yes       No

6. Is  $T$  onto?

- Yes       No



**Problem 13 (6%)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

1. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  contained in Col  $A$ ?  Yes  No
2. Is  $\mathbf{c}$  contained in Col  $A$ ?  Yes  No
3. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  contained in Null  $A$ ?  Yes  No
4. Is  $\mathbf{c}$  contained in Null  $A$ ?  Yes  No

**Problem 14 (7%)**

The following commands are entered in the MATLAB Command Window:

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>> A = [1 1 1 1; 1 2 3 4; 0 1 0 1; 0 0 0 1];  
>> b = [1; 0; 1; 2];  
>> T = [A b];
```

1. What is the size of the matrix  $T$ ?  
  $1 \times 20$       $2 \times 16$       $4 \times 4$       $4 \times 5$       $5 \times 4$
2. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$ . Which one of the following combinations of MATLAB commands computes  $\mathbf{x}$ ?  
 `>> R = rref(A); x = R(:,4)`  
 `>> R = rref(A); x = R(5,:)`  
 `>> R = rref(T); x = R(:,4)`  
 `>> R = rref(T); x = R(:,5)`  
 `>> R = rref(T); x = R(5,:)`