

# Exam in Linear Algebra

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The present exam set consists of 9 numbered pages with 15 multiple-choice problems. A number of points are specified for each question. The total number of points equals 100.

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your answers must be marked directly in this exam set. The grading of the exam is based solely on these marks. Remember to write your **full name** and **student number** below

Good luck!

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## Answers

### Problem 1 (6 points)

A system of equations is given by

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\2x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 &= 7 \\-x_1 + 2x_2 &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Mark the correct statement below.

- The system of equations has no solutions.
- The only solution of the system is  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 3$ .
- There are infinitely many solutions of the system. One of these is  $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 3$ .
- The system of equations has precisely two solutions.

### Problem 2 (7 points)

Let  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (4 points). Which one of the following vectors does not belong to  $W$ ?

- $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) (3 points). What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

- 1       2       3       6       9

### Problem 3 (5 points)

Two matrices are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By matrix multiplications one gets the matrix  $C = AB$ .

(a) (2 points). What is the size of matrix  $C$ ?

- $3 \times 2$         $2 \times 3$         $3 \times 3$         $3 \times 5$         $5 \times 3$

(b) (3 points). What is the entry  $c_{21}$ ?

- $-1$         $0$         $3$         $6$         $5$

### Problem 4 (5 points)

Consider the following six matrices:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (2 points). For which value of  $i$  is  $A_i$  *not* an elementary matrix?

- 1       2       3       4

(b) (3 points). For which value of  $i$  is  $A_i B = C$ ?

- 1       2       3       4

### Problem 5 (4 points)

A matrix is given by

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

What is the determinant of the matrix?

- 4       3       -2       0       8       -6

### Problem 6 (10 points)

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

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

(a) (2 points). What is the value of  $n$ ?

- 1       2       3       4       5

(b) (2 points). What is the value of  $m$ ?

- 1       2       3       4       5

(c) (2 points). Is  $T$  injective (one-to-one)?

- Yes       No

(d) (2 points). Is  $T$  surjective (onto)?

- Yes       No

(e) (2 points). Do there exist two different vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v})$ ?

- Yes       No

### Problem 7 (5 points)

Consider the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What are its eigenvalues?

- 2 and 5                       1 and -3  
 2 and -5                       -2 with multiplicity 2  
 -1 and 3                       there are none

### Problem 8 (10 points)

A matrix and a vector are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 & 8 \\ -4 & -3 & 8 \\ -4 & -6 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (2 points). The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

- 2                       0                       1                       4

(b) (3 points). The number  $\lambda = 3$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . What is the dimension of the corresponding eigenspace?

- 0                       1                       2                       3

(c) (3 points). Is  $A$  diagonalizable?

- Yes                       No

(d) (2 points). What is the determinant of  $A$ ?

- 3                       10                       9                       -33

### Problem 9 (10 points)

Three vectors are given by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix},$$

and a subspace is defined as  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ .

(a) (2 points). Is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  an orthonormal set?

- Yes  No

(b) (2 points). What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

- 1  2  3  4

(c) (2 points). What is the dimension of  $W^\perp$ ?

- 1  2  3  4

(d) (2 points). What is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $W$ ?

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$    $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$    $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$    $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) (2 points). What is the distance from  $\mathbf{u}$  to  $W$ ?

- $\sqrt{2}$   2   $2\sqrt{3}$   4

### Problem 10 (4 points)

Let

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 0 \\ 1 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

Mark the combination which makes  $Q$  an orthogonal matrix.

- $a = 1, b = -1, c = 1$    $a = -1, b = 1, c = \sqrt{2}$   
  $a = -1, b = 1, c = 2$    $a = 2, b = -1, c = 1$   
  $a = 1, b = 2, c = \sqrt{2}$    $a = 1, b = -1, c = 0$

### Problem 11 (7 points)

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  be the basis for  $\mathcal{R}^2$  with  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Furthermore, let  $T : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. The matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the standard matrix of  $T$ ?

- $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$         $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Remark.** The questions in Problem 12 are evaluated using the following principle: Each wrong mark cancels a true mark.

### Problem 12 (8 points)

A list of vectors is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) (4 points). Which of the following sets are linearly independent?

- $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_5\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$

(b) (4 points). Which of the following sets span  $\mathcal{R}^4$ ?

- $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$

### Problem 13 (6 points)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $4 \times 4$ -matrices with  $\det(A) = -2$  and  $\det(B) = 5$ .

(a) (2 points). What is  $\det(A^3)$ ?

- 6       6       -8       8       -16       16

(b) (2 points). What is  $\det(A^T B^{-1})$ ?

- $-\frac{5}{2}$        -10       10        $\frac{1}{5}$         $-\frac{2}{5}$        -50

(c) (2 points). What is  $\det(2B)$ ?

- 10       20       80        $\frac{5}{2}$        -10       50

### Problem 14 (7 points)

A subspace of  $\mathcal{R}^4$  is given as  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$  where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 26 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One wants to determine a basis for  $W$  and use the MATLAB Command Window as follows:

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>> A = [ 2 4 1 1 19 2; -1 -2 1 4 -2 3; 1 2 -1 -4 2 1; 3 6 1 0 26 9];  
>> rref(A)
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ans =

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1 2 0 -1 7 0  
0 0 1 3 5 0  
0 0 0 0 0 1  
0 0 0 0 0 0
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Which one of the sets below is a basis for  $W$ ?

- $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_6\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$   
  $\{\mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$         $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$



### Problem 15 (6 points)

The linear transformation

$$T : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2; \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 5 \\ 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

describes a reflection about a line through the origin. Which one of the following vectors lies on the line of reflection?

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$