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**MTH 1230**

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**FINAL EXAM**

**Instructions:** Put your name in the blanks above. Put your final answers to each question in the designated spaces—you may lose credit if you don't. Calculators are permitted. A single sheet of formulas is allowed. **Show your work.** If there is not enough room to show your work, use the back of the preceding page. Good luck!

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1. 12 points Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Are the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$ ,  $\vec{v}_3$  linearly independent or dependent? If they are independent, say why. If they are dependent, exhibit a linear dependence relation among them.

- (b) Write the vector  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$ ,  $\vec{v}_3$ .

2. 14 points The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 11 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has the matrix  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as its row-reduced echelon form.

(a) Find a basis for the image of  $A$ .

(b) Find a basis for the kernel of  $A$ .

(c) Compute:

- $\text{rank } A =$
- $\dim(\text{im } A) =$
- $\dim(\text{ker } A) =$
- $\dim(\text{im } A^T) =$
- $\dim(\text{ker } A^T) =$

3. 12 points In each of the following cases, determine whether or not the given subset  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector subspace. If it is, identify it as either the kernel or the image of a matrix  $A$ , and write down the matrix  $A$ . If it is not a vector subspace, explain why not.

(a)  $V = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ and } s \text{ take all real values} \}$

(b)  $V = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ takes all real values} \}$

(c)  $V = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x_1 + x_2 - x_3x_4 = 0 \}$

(d)  $V = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0, \quad x_3 - x_4 = 0, \quad 2x_1 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \}$

4. 14 pts Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the least squares solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$  of the inconsistent system  $A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$ .

(b) Find the  $4 \times 4$  matrix associated with the projection of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto the subspace  $\text{im } A$ .

(c) Find the projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\text{im } A$ .

5. 14 pts Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $A = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ .

- (a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ , and write the result in the form  $A = QR$ .

- (b) Compute the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ .

6. 10 pts Consider the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  which is a counterclockwise rotation of  $30^\circ$  about the  $y$ -axis, followed by a dilation by a factor of 6.
- (a) Find the matrix  $A$  corresponding to  $T$ .

(b) What is the image of the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  under the map  $T$ ?

7. 10 points A  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_4 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_5 = 4$ .

(a) Compute:  $\text{tr } A =$

(b) Compute:  $\det A =$

(c) Compute:  $\det(3I_5 - A) =$

(d) Is  $A$  invertible? Why, or why not?

(e) Is  $A$  orthogonal? Why, or why not?

8. 14 pts Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 9 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

(b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(c) Find a basis for each eigenspace of  $A$ .