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MATH 2331 (Linear Algebra)

Final Exam — Fall 2017

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**Instructions:**

- Write your name and your instructor's name in the blanks above.
  - Make sure that your exam has 10 pages.
  - **SHOW YOUR WORK.** If there is not enough room to show your work, use the back of the preceding page.
  - Sufficient work must be shown to justify answers. No calculator or any other reference is permitted.
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1. (10 points) Consider the system:

$$\begin{array}{rccccccr} & & & & -x_4 & + & 2x_5 & +x_6 & = & 2 \\ x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & -x_4 & + & x_5 & & = & 0 \\ x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 2x_3 & +x_4 & - & x_5 & = & 2 \end{array}$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to compute the *rref* of the augmented matrix of the system. Show all necessary steps of the computation. Then, use the *rref* to find all solutions of the system. Indicate which unknowns, if any, act as free variables. Using the free variables as parameters, write down all solutions of the system.

2. (6 points) Given the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & -6 \\ -7 & -2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to compute the inverse of  $M$ . Label the inverse of  $M$  clearly.

3. (6 points)  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is the linear transformation which begins with first reflection,  $\phi$ , across the line  $y = x$ , followed by orthogonal projection  $\pi$  onto the line  $y = -x$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard basis.

4. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 9 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . The columns of  $A$  are  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_5$ .

The matrix

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is the *RREF* of  $A$ .

(a) (3 points) Find a basis for  $Im(A)$ . Give reasons for your answer.

(b) (2 points) Express  $\vec{v}_4$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$ .

(c) (5 points) Find a basis for  $ker(A)$ . Show your work.

5. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 \\ 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . The columns of  $A$  are  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ .

(a) (6 points) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find a matrix  $Q$  with orthonormal columns  $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2\}$  such that  $Im(Q) = Im(A)$ .

(b) (3 points) Using the matrix  $Q$  found in part (a), find a matrix  $R$  so that  $A = QR$ . Clearly label the matrix  $R$ .

(c) (2 points) Find the matrix  $P$  of the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $Im(A)$ .

6. Consider the matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{6} & 0 & \frac{2}{6} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{6} & \frac{2}{6} \\ \frac{2}{6} & \frac{2}{6} & \frac{3}{6} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (3 points) Show that the vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $G$ . For each eigenvector, find the corresponding eigenvalue.

(b) (6 points) Find a factorization of  $G$  of the form  $G = Q\Lambda Q^T$  with  $Q$  an orthogonal matrix and  $\Lambda$  a diagonal matrix. Show all the entries of  $Q$  and  $\Lambda$ . Do not multiply together the matrices  $Q$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $Q^T$ .

(c) (3 points) Use the factorization in part (b) to compute  $H = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G^n$ , explicitly listing its entries.

**7. Given**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

(a) (8 points) Find the least-squares solution  $\vec{x}^*$  of the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ,

(b) (2 points) Calculate the orthogonal projection of the vector  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  onto  $Im(A)$ .

(c) (3 points) Fit a linear function of  $t$  of the form  $y = C + Dt$  to the data points  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(3, 6)$  using least squares. Explain your reasoning briefly.

8. Consider the quadratic form  $q = q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 4(x_1)^2 + 3(x_2)^2 + 4(x_3)^2 + 12x_1x_3$ .

(a) (3 points) Find the matrix  $A$  of  $q$ .

(b) (6 points) Determine the definiteness of  $q$  (or equivalently,  $A$ ). Explain your reasoning.

9. (a) (5 points) Evaluate  $\det(3K)$  in terms of  $a$  if  $K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5a & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2a & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) (2 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two matrices with  $\det(A) = -2$ , and  $\det(B) = -3$ .  
Compute  $\det(A^3 \cdot B^2 \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B^T)$ .



10. Consider  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $N = C^T C$ .

(a) (2 points) Find  $N$ .

(b) (4 points) Show that the following vectors are eigenvectors for  $N = C^T C$  and determine the corresponding eigenvalues.

$$\vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) (3 points) Find an orthonormal basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^4$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $N$ .

(d) (2 points) Find the singular values of  $C$ .

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(e) (2 points) Determine the vectors  $C\vec{v}_1$ ,  $C\vec{v}_2$ ,  $C\vec{v}_3$ ,  $C\vec{v}_4$ .

(f) (3 points) Using your work in (a)-(e), determine the matrices  $V, \Sigma, U$  of the singular value factorization of  $C$  (you do not need to multiply  $U, \Sigma$  and  $V^T$ ). Label each matrix clearly.