

# LINEAR ALGEBRA

## SECOND MIDTERM EXAM

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5 (bonus)	

- (1) Consider the linear transformation  $\mathbf{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4$  with matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) [10 points] Determine a basis for the image of A.

(b) [10 points] Determine a basis for the kernel of A.

(c) [5 points] For which real numbers  $r$  (if any) does the equation  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  have a solution  $\vec{x}$ ?

- (2) (a) [12 points] Indicate which properties the given vectors have by writing *Yes* or *No* in each square. (Show your work in the margins or below the table.)

	linearly independent	(pairwise) orthogonal	orthonormal
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\mathbf{R}^3$			
$\begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4/5 \\ -3/5 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\mathbf{R}^2$			
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\mathbf{R}^4$			
$(x-1), (x-1)^2, (x-1)(x+1)$ in $\mathbf{P}_2$			

- (b) [13 points] Compute the inverse of the following matrix. Justify your answer.

*[Hint: Intellect & romance triumph over brute force & cynicism.]*

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$  given by the formula:

$$T(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} M - M \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) [20 points] Find the matrix  $B$  for  $T$  with respect to the basis:

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

(b) [5 points] Determine the dimension of the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $M$  such that  $T(M) = 0$ .

(4) (a) [12 points] Orthonormalize—that is apply the Gram-Schmidt process to—these vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ :

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) [13 points] Compute the  $4 \times 4$  matrix (with respect to the standard basis) for the orthogonal projection onto the plane spanned by the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  above.

(5) [1 bonus point] This letter appears often in the textbook. Which letter of the alphabet is it?



*[Hint: It's not the number 21—half the number 42.]*