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**110.201 Linear Algebra  
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**Instructions:** The exam is 6 pages long, including this title page and a blank page at the end. All pages must stay with the exam. The number of points each problem is worth is listed after the problem number. The exam totals to one hundred points. For each item, please **show your work** or **explain** how you reached your solution. Please do all the work you wish graded on the exam. Good luck !!

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Problem	Score	Points for the Problem
1		15
2		30
3		25
4		30
TOTAL		100

**Statement of Ethics regarding this exam**

I agree to complete this exam without unauthorized assistance from any person, materials, or device.

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Question 1. [15 points] Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ , do the following:

- (a) Calculate the matrix  $S$  so that  $S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and determine  $a$  and  $b$ .
- (b) Write the linear transformation  $S^{-1}AS$  as a composition of a scaling and a rotation. What is the scaling factor in this case?

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Question 2. [30 points] For  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , let  $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . Do the

following:

- (a) Calculate the area (the 2-volume) of the parallelepiped defined by  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .
- (b) Calculate the matrix of the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $V$ . (*Hint: you will need to produce an orthonormal basis for  $V$  for this.*)

- (c) Determine  $\text{proj}_V \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**Question 3.** [25 points] Let  $W \subset P_4$  be the subset of polynomials of degree 4 or less that are even (that is,  $f(-t) = f(t)$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Do the following:

- (a) Show  $W$  is a linear subspace of  $P_4$ .
- (b) Given the basis  $\{1, t^2, t^4\}$  for  $W$ , construct the matrix of the linear transformation  $T : W \rightarrow W$  where  $T(f(t)) = 3f''(t) - 2f(t)$ .

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Question 4. [30 points] For  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , do the following:

- (a) Calculate the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  and determine their algebraic multiplicities.
- (b) Determine the eigenspaces of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the geometric multiplicities of the eigenvalues.
- (c) Diagonalize  $\mathbf{A}$ , if possible, or explain why it is not diagonalizable.