

# Linear algebra (math 110.201)

## Final Exam - 4 May 2016

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### Instructions:

- (1) Do not open this packet until instructed to do so.
- (2) This midterm should be completed in **3 hours**.
- (3) Notes, the textbook, and digital devices **are not permitted**.
- (4) Discussion or collaboration is **not permitted**.
- (5) All solutions must be written on the pages of this booklet.
- (6) Justify your answers, and write clearly; **points will be subtracted otherwise**.
- (7) Once you submit your exam, you will not be allowed to modify it.
- (8) By submitting this exam, you are agreeing to the above terms. Cheating or refusing to stop writing when time is called may result in an automatic failure.

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Exercise	Points	Your score
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
6	10	
7	10	
8	10	
9	10	
10	10	
11	10	
12	10	
13	10	
14	10	
15	10	
16	10	
17	10	
18	10	
Total	180	

**Exercise 1.** Consider the following system of equations, where  $\lambda$  is a real number:

$$2W + 2X + 3Y + 3Z = 1$$

$$3W + 3X + 4Y + 4Z = \lambda^2$$

$$4W + 4X + 5Y + 5Z = \lambda$$

- (1) (2 points) Write down the augmented matrix of this system.
- (2) (4 points) For which real numbers  $\lambda$  does this system have at least one solution?  
Can it ever have exactly one solution?
- (3) (4 points) For the cases in which the system has at least one solution, describe all solutions.

**Solution:**

**Exercise 2.** (10 points) Let  $a$  denote a real number, and consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & 0 \\ a & 0 & a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For which values of  $a$  is this matrix invertible? For those values of  $a$ , write down  $A^{-1}$  in terms of  $a$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 3.** Consider the following vectors:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (1) (4 points) Calculate  $|\vec{x}|$  and  $|\vec{y}|$ .
- (2) (4 points) Calculate the dot product  $\vec{x} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})$ .
- (3) (2 points) Calculate the distance between  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 4.** (10 points) Suppose that  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the vectors  $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$  and  $\vec{x} - \vec{y}$  must also be linearly independent.

**Solution:**

**Exercise 5.** Consider the vectors  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$  denote the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which are orthogonal to both  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$ .

- (1) (5 points) Verify that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (2) (5 points) Find a basis for  $W$ . What is  $\dim(W)$ ?

**Solution:**

**Exercise 6.** Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) (2 points) Compute  $\text{RREF}(A)$ .
- (2) (4 points) Find a basis for  $\text{Ker}(A)$ . What is  $\dim(\text{Ker}(A))$ ?
- (3) (4 points) Find a basis for  $\text{Im}(A)$ . What is  $\dim(\text{Im}(A))$ ?

**Solution:**

**Exercise 7.** (10 points) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Suppose that  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation whose matrix with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . What is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Express your answer in terms of  $a, b, c, d$ .

**Solution:**



**Exercise 8.** (10 points) Let  $B$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and let  $C$  be a  $n \times k$  matrix. Show that if  $\vec{y}$  is in  $\text{Im}(BC)$ , then  $\vec{y}$  is in  $\text{Im}(B)$ . Explain why this tells us that  $\text{rank}(BC) \leq \text{rank}(B)$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 9.** Let  $W \subseteq P_3(\mathbb{R})$  denote the set of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$  which satisfy  $f(1) = 0$  and  $f(-2) = 0$ .

- (1) (2 points) Give an example of a polynomial of degree exactly equal to 3 which satisfies  $f(1) = 0$  and  $f(-2) = 0$ .
- (2) (4 points) Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (3) (4 points) Find a basis for  $W$ . What is  $\dim(W)$ ?

**Solution:**

**Exercise 10.** Consider the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ :

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and put  $W = \text{Span}(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ . These vectors are linearly independent.

- (1) (4 points) Perform the Gram-Schmidt process on  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  to obtain an orthonormal basis of  $W$ .
- (2) (4 points) What is the matrix of  $\text{Proj}_W : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$ ?
- (3) (2 points) Calculate the projection of the vector

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

onto  $W$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 11.** (10 points) Consider the following matrix and vector:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  has no exact solutions  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find all least squares solutions to this system.

**Solution:**

**Exercise 12.** Consider the vector space  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$  of continuous functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ , together with its inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ .

- (1) (5 points) Viewing the space  $P_1(\mathbb{R})$  of polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$  as a subspace of  $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ , construct an orthonormal basis of  $P_1(\mathbb{R})$  from the basis  $1, X$  using the Gram-Schmidt algorithm.
- (2) (5 points) Let  $f$  denote the function  $f(t) = t^2$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Calculate  $\text{Proj}_{P_1(\mathbb{R})}(f)$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 13.** (10 points) Suppose that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix having the property that the sum of entries in each row is equal to 0. For example, the following matrix has this property:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -5 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with this property, what must  $\det(A)$  be equal to?

**Solution:**

**Exercise 14.** (10 points) Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) Calculate  $\det(A)$ .
- (2) Is the matrix  $A$  invertible?

**Solution:**

**Exercise 15.** (10 points) Suppose  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  real matrix with  $A^T = I_n$ . What is  $\det(A)$ ?

**Solution:**



**Exercise 16.** Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) (5 points) Which of the following vectors are eigenvectors of  $A$ ? For those which are eigenvectors, state what their corresponding eigenvalues are.

$$\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 12 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (2) (5 points) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Explain why or why not. (You are not asked to diagonalize  $A$ ).

**Solution:**

**Exercise 17.** Consider the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -15 & 56 \\ -4 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) (2 points) Find all real eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (2) (6 points) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, write it in the form  $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$  with  $\Lambda$  diagonal and  $S$  invertible.
- (3) (2 points) Compute  $A^{200}$ .

**Solution:**

**Exercise 18.** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix  $A$  has 1 and 2 as eigenvalues.

- (1) (3 points) Find a basis for the eigenspace  $E_1$ .
- (2) (3 points) Find a basis for the eigenspace  $E_2$ .
- (3) (2 points) Can  $A$  have any other eigenvalues? Why or why not?
- (4) (2 points) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Explain why or why not. (You are not asked to diagonalize  $A$ ).