

## Practice Problems for the Final Exam

1. Find all solutions to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ 8x_1 + 16x_2 + 4x_3 + 4x_4 = 0 \\ 6x_1 + 20x_2 + 5x_3 + 17x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear map, such that  $T(1, 2) = (3, 2, 4)$  and  $T(2, 7) = (3, -1, 1)$ .

- (a) Find  $T(0, 1)$ .  
 (b) What is the matrix that represents  $T$  in the canonical basis?  
 (c) What are the dimensions of the subspaces  $\ker T$  and  $\text{Im } T$ ?

3. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be given by  $T(x, y, z) = (z, x + y, x - y)$ .

- (a) Find the matrix that represents  $T$  in the canonical basis.  
 (b) Is  $T$  invertible? If so, find a formula for its inverse.

4. Write a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  consisting of solutions to the following system:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_5 + x_6 = 0 \\ x_6 + x_7 = 0 \\ x_7 + x_8 = 0 \end{cases}$$

5. Decide if each of the following sets is linearly dependent or linearly independent:

- (a)  $\{(4, 6), (1, 1), (3, 7)\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 (b)  $\{(1, -1), (1, 1)\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 (c)  $\{(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 (d)  $\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$  in  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$   
 (e)  $\{t^2 + 5t, t - 1, t, 7\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t]_3$

6. Find bases for  $\ker T$  and  $\text{Im} T$  for each of the following linear transformations:

(a)  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(x, y) = (x + y, 2x + 2y)$

(b)  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(x, y, z, w) = (x, w)$

(c)  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(x) = (x, 5x)$

(d)  $T: \mathbb{R}[t]_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[t]_3, T(p(t)) = \int p(t) dt$

(e)  $T: \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(A) = (a_{11}, a_{22}),$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

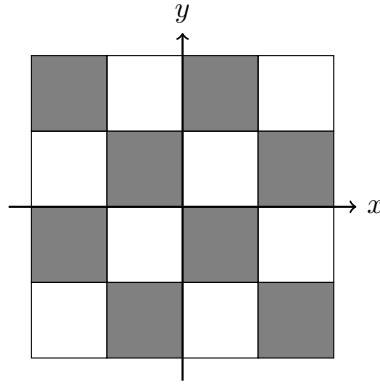
7. Compute the determinant of the matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

8. Suppose that  $A$  is an invertible matrix. Is its transpose  $A^T$  also invertible? Justify.

9. Suppose that  $A$  is symmetric. Is  $A$  invertible? Justify.

10. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible. Is  $A^2B^2$  invertible? What about  $ABAB$ ?

11. Sketch the image of the checkerboard below under each of linear transformation:



(a)  $T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

(c)  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(d)  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

12. Find the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  given by vectors of the form

$$(a - 3b + c, 2a - 6b - 2c, 3a - 9b + c, c, 2a - 6b + 6c)$$

13. Find the eigenvalues of the following matrices

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

14. Find  $A^{100}$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

15. Suppose that  $A$  is symmetric. Is  $A^2$  symmetric? Justify.

16. Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y + z = 0\}$ .

17. Find the equation of the 1-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  orthogonal to the line  $y = mx + b$ .

18. What are all the possible lengths of the line segments joining vertices of a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose side length is 1? (Bonus: What about for a “hypercube” in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?)

19. If  $A$  is diagonalizable, prove that  $A + c\text{Id}$  is also diagonalizable for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

20. Find a least-squares solution to  $Ax = b$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

21. Find a change of variables  $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto (y_1, y_2)$  which eliminates the cross-terms in the quadratic form  $Q(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 8x_1x_2 + 10x_2^2$ .

22. Does the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  admit an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors? Justify.

23. Suppose that  $p(t)$ ,  $q(t)$ , and  $r(t)$  are elements of  $\mathbb{R}[t]_7$  satisfying the following:

$$\langle p, p \rangle = 4, \langle p, q \rangle = 0, \langle p, r \rangle = 8, \langle q, q \rangle = 1, \langle q, r \rangle = 0, \langle r, r \rangle = 50.$$

- (a) Compute  $\langle p, q + r \rangle$ .
- (b) Compute  $\|p + r\|$  and  $\|q + r\|$ .
- (c) Find the orthogonal projection of  $r$  onto  $\text{span}\{p, q\}$ . (Write your answer as a linear combination of  $p$  and  $q$ ).
- (d) Find an orthonormal basis of  $\text{span}\{p, q, r\}$ .

24. Find the singular values of the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .