

Math 272, Linear Algebra with Applications, Spring 2016
Final Exam Practice Test

1. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find all eigenvalues of A .
- (b) Find the eigenspace corresponding to each eigenvalue found in part (a).
- (c) Find a formula for A^n . Your answer should consist of a single 3×3 matrix, where the entries may depend on n .
2. (a) Prove that the set $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a + d = 0 \right\}$ is a subspace of M_{22} , the set of 2×2 matrices.
- (b) Find a basis for S .
- (c) What is the dimension of S ?
3. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation that is one to one. Show that if $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a linearly independent set in V , then so is $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_n)\}$.
4. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and suppose v is a vector in $\text{null}(A)$. Show that v is orthogonal to every vector in $\text{row}(A)$. (**Hint:** Find a spanning set for $\text{row}(A)$ and show that v is orthogonal to every vector in this set. Then use this to show that v must be orthogonal to every vector in the span of this set.)
5. For each of the statements below, give an example of a 2×2 matrix A that satisfies the condition.

(a) A has eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalues 2 and 3 respectively.

(b) A is the matrix representing the transformation $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ such that $T(ax^2 + bx + c) = (3a + b)x - 2a + 4b$, relative to the bases $\mathcal{B} = \{x^2, x^2 + x, x^2 + x + 1\}$ of P_2 and $\mathcal{C} = \{x, 1\}$ of P_1 .

(c) A is a matrix such that $\text{null}(A) = \left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\text{col}(A) = \left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

6. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the transformation given by

$$T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + y \\ x - y \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that T is an isomorphism.
- (b) Find the inverse transformation, T^{-1} .

7. Let $S = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(a) Find an orthonormal basis for S .

(b) Find the projection of $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ onto S .

8. Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false, give a brief justification of your answer.

(a) If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices then $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$.

(b) If A is a 3×3 matrix such that $\det(A) = -2$, then $\det(3A^2) = 36$.

(c) If the reduced row echelon form of a matrix A is the identity matrix I , then A is similar to I .

(d) If A and B are similar matrices, then they have the same eigenvectors.

(e) If U is a vector space in which one can find n linearly independent vectors in U , then $\dim(U) = n$.

(f) If T is a matrix transformation given by a matrix A , then $\dim(\text{range}(T)) = \dim(\text{row}(A))$.

(g) If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with at least n eigenvectors, then A is diagonalizable.

(h) The transformation $T : M_{33} \rightarrow M_{33}$ given by $T(A) = A^t$ is linear.