

**Math 272, Linear Algebra with Applications, Spring 2017**  
**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  $3 \times 3$  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  $M_{2 \times 2}$ , the set of  $2 \times 2$  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  $2 \times 2$  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  $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$  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  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{x, 1\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_1$ .

(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  $3 \times 3$  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  $T : M_{3 \times 3} \rightarrow M_{3 \times 3}$  given by  $T(A) = A^t$  is linear.