

Math 320, Spring 2013, Term Test II  
Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

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**Instructions**

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2. Answer questions in the space provided, using backs of pages for overflow and rough work.
3. Show all the work required to obtain your answers.
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1. Definitions:

- [1] (a) State the definition of what it means for a set of vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  to be linearly independent.

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$$

has only the solution  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ .

- [1] (b) Give the definition of what it means for  $V$  to be a *vector space*.

- 1) for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\vec{v} \in V$  we have  $c\vec{v} \in V$ .  
 2) for all  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$ , we have  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} \in V$ .

- [1] (c) State the Rank-Nullity Theorem.

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Then  
 $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$

[3] 2. True/False:

- (a) If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has a left inverse  $B$  then the right inverse is the adjoint of  $B$ .  
 [True / False]

- (b) An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . [True / False]

- (c) Every basis of a 4-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^7$  has 4 vectors in it. [True / False]

- ~~(d) If an  $n \times n$  matrix has less than  $n$  distinct real eigenvalues then it must have at least one complex eigenvalue. [True / False]~~

3. Gaussian Elimination:

- [4] (a) Write the following linear system as the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  then determine values of  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the system has (i) a unique solution; (ii) no solution; and (iii) infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= -1 \\ -2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ -3x_1 + x_2 + kx_3 &= -4. \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & k & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & k-3 & -7 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & k+4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  One solution if  $k \neq -4$   
 Infinitely many solutions if  $k = -4$   
 No solution  $\Rightarrow$  not possible.

- [2] (b) Use the fact that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -17 & 1 & -14 \\ -11 & 3 & -10 \\ -8 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

to solve the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} -3x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 &= 1 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 - 5x_3 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A\vec{x} = \vec{b})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -17 & 1 & -14 \\ -11 & 3 & -10 \\ -8 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ -18 \\ -16 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ -9 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Determinants and Inverses:

[4] Determine the adjoint of the following matrix and use it to find  $A^{-1}$  (part marks will be awarded for solving for  $A^{-1}$  by another method):

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

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$$

$$\det(A) = -(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(2)(-1) = -2$$

$$A_{11} = -3 \quad A_{12} = 2 \quad A_{13} = 2$$

$$A_{21} = -1 \quad A_{22} = 0 \quad A_{23} = 0$$

$$A_{31} = -3 \quad A_{32} = 0 \quad A_{33} = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Matrix Spaces:

[3] Consider the following matrix  $A$  and its row-reduced echelon matrix (to the right):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -7 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 12 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

State a basis for the following vector spaces:

(a) The row space of  $A$ :  $\{(1, 0, -2, 0), (0, 1, 5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$

(b) The column space of  $A$ :  $\{(1, 2, 1, -1), (1, 0, -1, 2), (-2, 1, 0, 7)\}$ .

(c) The null space of  $A$ :  $\{(2, -5, 1, 0)\}$ .

6. Eigenvalues/Eigenvectors:

- [4] Determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix:

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

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 \\ -2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 8 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 9 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 3) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3, \quad \lambda_2 = -3$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Theory:

- [2] Suppose
- $V = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- are pairwise linearly independent (i.e. we have
- $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$
- ,
- $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3\}$
- , and
- $\{\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$
- are linearly independent). Prove or disprove the claim that
- $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$
- is linearly independent. [Hint: To prove, you must show the claim holds; to disprove, find a counter example.]

NOT TRUE! Even for vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we can see that  $\vec{v}_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = (0, 1)$  and  $\vec{v}_3 = (1, 1)$  are pairwise linearly independent but  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is linearly dependent.