

## PART I: Multiple Choice Questions

1. For the linear system  $\begin{pmatrix} 2+a & 1-a \\ 4+3a & 3+a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ :

- (a) When  $a \neq \frac{-1}{2}$  and  $a \neq -1$ , there are infinitely many solutions.  
 (b) When  $a \neq \frac{-1}{2}$ , there is a unique solution.  
 (c) In both the cases  $a = \frac{-1}{2}$  and  $a = -1$ , there are infinitely many solutions.  
 (d) When  $a = \frac{-1}{2}$ , there are infinitely many solutions.  
 (e) When  $a = -1$ , there are infinitely many solutions.

2. For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , we have  $A^3 = -\mathbf{I}$ , where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix. What is  $(A - \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ?

- (a)  $A^2 - A + \mathbf{I}$   
 (b)  $A - \mathbf{I}$  might not be invertible  
 (c)  $\frac{-1}{2}(A^2 + A + \mathbf{I})$   
 (d)  $\frac{1}{2}(A^2 - A + \mathbf{I})$   
 (e)  $\frac{-1}{2}\mathbf{I}$

3. The point  $(-3, 2, 1)^t$  is on both of the planes

$$x + y + 3z = 2$$

and

$$x - y + z = -4.$$

Which of the following gives all the points of intersection?

(a)  $\frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-1}$ ,      (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,      (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

- (e) Only the point  $(-3, 2, 1)^t$ .

5. Which one is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ ?

- (a)  $\{(a, b, c, d)^t \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid a^2 = b^2, c + d = 0\}$   
 (b)  $\{(a, b, c, d)^t \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid a + b = 0, c + d = 0\}$   
 (c)  $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\}$   
 (d)  $\{(a, b, c, d)^t \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid a^2 + b^2 > 0\}$   
 (e) all vectors that are *not* orthogonal to  $(1, 0, 0)^t$

6. What are the coordinates of the vector  $(1, 1, 1)^t$  with respect to the ordered basis  $\{(1, 0, 0)^t, (1, 1, 0)^t, (1, 1, 1)^t\}$ ?

- (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$       (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$   
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$       (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$       (e)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

7. Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_6$  are vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  and we write them as the columns of a  $4 \times 6$  matrix  $A$ . Upon doing some elementary row operations, we find a row echelon form of

$A$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Which of the following gives a basis for  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_6\}$ ?

- (a)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_5\}$   
 (b)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_4 - \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_6\}$   
 (c)  $\{(1, 0, 0, 0)^t, (4, 1, 0, 0)^t, (6, 1, 1, 0)^t\}$   
 (d)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_6\}$   
 (e)  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4, \mathbf{v}_6\}$

8. Suppose  $a_{ij}$  are chosen so that  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = 2$ .

What is the determinant of  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + 3a_{21} & a_{12} + 3a_{22} & a_{13} + 3a_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$  ?

9. The vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0, 1)^t$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 1, 1)^t$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = (0, 1, 1)^t$  form a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process to this ordered basis yields the following orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

$$(a) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad (b) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$(c) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad (d) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$(e) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

10. A conic in the  $xy$  plane is given by the equation  $4x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 = 3$ . After making the change of variables  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , the conic has the equation

$$(a) 4X^2 - 2XY + 4Y^2 = 3,$$

$$(b) 3X^2 + 5Y^2 = 3,$$

$$(c) 6X^2 + 10Y^2 = 3,$$

$$(d) 5X^2 + 3Y^2 = 3,$$

$$(e) 10X^2 + 6Y^2 = 3.$$

11. Let

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

Which of the following is true?

- (a)  $(0, 0, 0)^t$  is an eigenvector for the eigenvalue 0 of  $A$   
 (b)  $(1, 1, 1)^t$  is an eigenvector for eigenvalue 7 of  $A$   
 (c)  $A$  has no eigenvectors  
 (d)  $(1, 1, 0)^t$  and  $(-1, 0, 1)^t$  are both eigenvectors for the eigenvalue  $-2$  of  $A$   
 (e)  $(1, -1, 1)^t$  is an eigenvector for eigenvalue 1 of  $A$

**PART II:**

1. (16 marks) The solution set of the equation  $8x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 = 36$  gives a conic  $C$  in the  $xy$  coordinate system.
  - (a) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  which brings the conic  $C$  to standard form in the  $XY$  coordinate system with the change of variables  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (b) What is the equation of conic  $C$  in the new  $XY$  coordinate system? What kind of conic is  $C$ ?
  - (c) Make a sketch showing the relation between the  $XY$  and  $xy$  coordinate systems *and* draw the conic  $C$  in the original  $xy$  coordinate system.

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2. (18 marks) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 & 1 & -6 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 & 7 & 8 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Performing Gaussian elimination on  $A$  for a few steps yields the matrix

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The book-keeping matrix at this point is

$$B' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Continuing from this point, use the Gaussian elimination algorithm while continuing to keep track of the book-keeping matrix to obtain the reduced row echelon form  $\hat{A}$  of  $A$ , and the final book-keeping matrix  $B$  (i.e. start your row reduction on  $A'$  with current book-keeping matrix  $B'$ ).
- Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .
- Find all dependence relations on the columns of  $A$ .
- Find all dependence relations on the rows of  $A$ .
- Find a basis for the column space of  $A$  consisting of columns of  $A$ .
- Determine if the vector  $(1, -1, 1, -1, 1)$  is in the row space of  $A$ .

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3. (12 marks) Consider the two lines

$$L_1 : \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-2}{1}$$

and

$$L_2 : \frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y-6}{2} = \frac{z}{-1}.$$

- (a) Find the equation of the plane which contains  $L_1$  and is parallel to  $L_2$  in two different forms:
- cartesian form (i.e.  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ )
  - vector parametric form (i.e.  $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{OP} + s\mathbf{d}_1 + t\mathbf{d}_2$ )
- (b) Find the shortest distance from the point  $(3, 3, 2)^t$  to the line  $L_2$ .

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