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**Instructions:**

- Answer each question to the best of your ability.
- All answers must be written clearly. Be sure to erase or cross out any work that you do not want graded. Partial credit can not be awarded unless there is legible work to assess.
- If you require extra space for any answer, you may use the back sides of the exam pages. Please indicate when you have done this so that I do not miss any of your work.

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(full name)

Questions:	1	2	3	4	5	6	Bonus	<b>Total</b>
Points:	15	20	15	20	15	15	10	100
Score:								

<b>Percentage</b>

1. (15 points) (a) (5 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -7 & -9 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Calculate the determinant of  $A$ .

(b) (5 points) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & -7 & -9 \\ 7 & 3 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Calculate the determinant of  $B$  using a cofactor expansion.

(c) (2 points) Using the properties of the determinant, calculate  $\det 2A$ .

(d) (2 points) Using the properties of the determinant, calculate  $\det B^3$ .

(e) (1 point) Is  $B$  invertible? Justify your answer.

2. (20 points) Consider  $\mathbb{P}_2$  the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 2.
- (a) (5 points) Show that the set of polynomials  $\{1 + t^2, t - 3t^2, 1 + t - 3t^2\}$  is linearly independent.

- (b) (5 points) Let  $U$  be the collection of all polynomials of the form  $p(t) = a + t^2$  for any  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Is  $U$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ? If so, show  $U$  shows the three properties of a subspace. If not, show one of these properties fail.

(c) (5 points) Define a transformation  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(p) = \begin{bmatrix} p(1) \\ p(0) \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $T$  is linear. (That is, for any polynomials  $p, q$  and scalars  $c$  we have  $T(p + q) = T(p) + T(q)$  and  $T(cp) = cT(p)$ .)

(d) (5 points) Give an explicit description of the range and kernel of  $T$  via spanning sets. (*Hint:* Both require at least two linearly independent vectors.)

3. (15 points) The following matrices are row equivalent:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (5 points) For what  $k$  is  $\text{Col}(A)$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ? For what  $k$  is  $\text{Nul}(A)$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$ ?

(b) (5 points) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

(c) (5 points) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

4. (20 points) (a) (5 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Solve the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  using Cramer's rule. No credit will be given for other methods of solution.

(b) (5 points) Observe that  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Give the coordinate vector for  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  from above relative to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

(c) (5 points) Compute the area of the parallelogram  $S$  with vertices  $(0, -2), (5, 5), (2, -1), (7, 6)$ .

(d) (5 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2\}$  is another basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with change of coordinate matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Is  $P_{\mathcal{C}}$  invertible? Justify your answer.

5. (15 points) Let  $D_{2 \times 2}$  be the collection of all  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices. That is

$$D_{2 \times 2} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

With addition and scalar multiplication defined in the usual way for  $2 \times 2$  matrices, show that  $D_{2 \times 2}$  verifies axioms 2 and 4 of the vector space axioms and is a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

(a) (5 points) Axiom 2: for all vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ , we have  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ .

(b) (5 points) Axiom 4: there is a zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $V$  such that for any vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , we have  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ .

(c) (5 points) Verify that  $D_{2 \times 2}$  is a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ .

6. (15 points) Indicate whether each statement is true or false by circling **True** or **False** appropriately.

(a) (3 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices then  $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$ .

**True**    **False**

(b) (3 points) If  $f$  is a function in the vector space  $V$  of all real-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f(t) = 0$  for some  $t$ , then  $f$  is the zero vector in  $V$ .

**True**    **False**

(c) (3 points) The kernel of a linear transformation is not a vector space.

**True**    **False**

(d) (3 points) If  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$ , then  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is a basis for  $H$ .

**True**    **False**

(e) (3 points) Suppose  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  be the change of coordinate matrix for  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}}\mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**True**    **False**



7. (**Bonus:** 5 points) Assume  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix. Prove that  $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$ .  
(Note: By  $(\det(A))^{-1}$ , we mean  $\frac{1}{\det(A)}$ .)

8. (**Bonus:** 5 points) Recall that a scalar  $\lambda$  is an *eigenvalue* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  if

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

has a nontrivial solution. Suppose that a specific matrix  $A$  has  $\lambda = 0$  as an eigenvalue. Is  $A$  invertible or not? Justify your answer.