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## Linear Algebra — Final Exam (Supplemental)

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**NOTE:** Answer **ALL** questions.

Time allowed is **90** minutes.

The exam paper has **2** sections on **8** pages, with a full score of 100 marks.

You are required to use only the provided **Examination Book** for answers.

## SECTION A — MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

In each question, choose **at most one** option.

Circle the preferred choice on the **Examination Book** provided.

This section is worth a total of **45** marks, with each question worth **3** marks.

1. Consider three points  $A(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(0, 1, 0)$  and  $C(0, 0, 1)$  in 3 dimensions. Which of the following is an equation describing the plane passing through these points?

(a)  $x + y + z = 1$ ;

(b)  $x + y + z = 3$ ;

(c)  $x - 1 = y - 1 = z - 1$ ;

(d)  $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}) = 0$ .

2. Consider the points  $A, B, C$  given in Question (1). Find the vector component of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  parallel to the vector  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ .

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{i})$ ;

(b)  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ ;

(c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ;

(d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{i})$ .

3. Which of the following is true for all invertible matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of the same size:

(a)  $AB = BA$ ;

(b)  $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$ ;

(c)  $(ABA^{-1})^2 = A^2B^2A^{-2}$ ;

(d)  $(A + A^{-1})^2 = A^2 + 2I + A^{-2}$ .

4. Which of the following is true for all  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ :

(a)  $\det(-A) = \det A$ ;

(b)  $\det A^T = -\det A$ ;

(c)  $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$ ;

(d)  $\det(AB) = \det A \det B$ .

5. Determine the number of solutions for the following linear system:

$$\begin{cases} x & & +z & = 3 \\ -x & +2y & +3z & = 1 \\ x & +2y & +5z & = 7 \end{cases} .$$

- (a) 1;                      (b) 2;                      (c) Infinitely many;                      (d) The system is inconsistent.

6. Justify the following two steps of row operations on a matrix. (Notation below:  $R_{\#}$  = Row #)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Step ①:  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$ .  
 (b) Step ①:  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$ .  
 (c) Step ①:  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$ .  
 (d) Step ①:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$ .

7. Justify the following two steps of row or column operations on a determinant.

(Notations below:  $R_{\#}$  = Row #,  $C_{\#}$  = Column #)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- (a) Step ①:  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1$ ;                      Step ②:  $C_3 \rightarrow 2C_3 - 3C_1$ .  
 (b) Step ①:  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ .  
 (c) Step ①:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$ ;                      Step ②:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$ .  
 (d) Step ①:  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2$ ;                      Step ②:  $C_3 \rightarrow 2C_3 - 3C_1$ .

8. Find the elementary matrix to realize the following row reduction:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;      (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;      (c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;      (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

9. Which of the following is a *LU decomposition*?

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 10 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ;

(d) None of the above.

10. Given that a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $M$  has three distinct eigenvalues  $5, 0, -1$ , find its trace  $\text{Tr}M$ .

(a) 4;

(b) 0;

(c)  $-5$ ;

(d) 5.

11. Evaluate the determinant:  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 11 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a)  $-33$ ; (b)  $-120$ ; (c)  $120$ ; (d)  $40$ .

12. With respect to the diagonalization:  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ , we can make a transformation to a quadratic form

$$3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 = 2x'^2 + 4y'^2,$$

where the transformation between the coordinates  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  is given by

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -x + y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$ ; (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x + y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$ ;  
 (c)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -x' + y' \\ x' + y' \end{pmatrix}$ ; (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x' - y' \\ x' + y' \end{pmatrix}$ .

13. Given three vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}^T$ , determine if  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  are linearly independent, and choose a basis for the space they span.

- (a) linearly independent, and a basis is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ;  
 (b) linearly dependent, and a basis is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ ;  
 (c) linearly dependent, and a basis is  $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ;  
 (d) linearly independent, and a basis is  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ .

14. Determine the rank of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & -2 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) 1;

(b) 2;

(c) 3;

(d) 4.

15. Solve the following linear system

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 6y + 2z = 2, \\ x + y - 2z = 4, \\ y + 3z = -1. \end{cases}$$

(Hint:  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = -1$ ;

$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = -40$ ;

$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = 22$ ;

$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -7$ .)

(a)  $x = \frac{1}{7}$ ,  $y = \frac{40}{7}$ ,  $z = -\frac{22}{7}$ .

(b)  $x = \frac{1}{40}$ ,  $y = -\frac{1}{22}$ ,  $z = \frac{1}{7}$ .

(c)  $x = 40$ ,  $y = -22$ ,  $z = 7$ .

(d)  $x = -41$ ,  $y = 21$ ,  $z = -8$ .

## SECTION B — EXTENDED ANSWER QUESTIONS

Write your answers on the **Examination Book** provided.

This section is worth a total of **55** marks, the marks of each question being as shown.

**16. (11 marks) (11 marks)** Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  be three vectors,

$$\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Compute  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ , and determine the volume of the parallelepiped (平行六面体) which has three adjacent edges represented  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , respectively. (3 marks)
- (c) Let  $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  be another vector. Try to express  $\mathbf{v}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , i.e., to find an expression for  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\mathbf{v} = \alpha\mathbf{a} + \beta\mathbf{b} + \gamma\mathbf{c},$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are not all zeroes,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . (6 marks)

**17. (8 marks)** Find the inverse of the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

by making use of the following two methods, respectively:

- (a) elementary row operations; (3 marks)
- (b) adjoint matrix. (5 marks)

Check if your results of (a) and (b) agree with each other.

18. Solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 3y = 1 \\ 5x - 2y = 7 \end{cases},$$

i.e.,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  with  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

by making use of the following two methods, respectively:

- (a)
- (b) elementary row operations on the augmented matrix  $(A|\vec{b})$ ; (5 marks)
- (c) Cramer's rule. (6 marks)

19. (13 marks) Diagonalize the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and evaluate  $A^{2015}$ .

20. (12 marks) Consider the matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{7}{8} \end{pmatrix}$ , whose entries are positive and the columns add to 1.  $M$  is an example of a *regular stochastic matrix* (正则随机矩阵).  $M$  has two eigenvalues: one is  $\frac{1}{8}$ , with eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ; the other is 1, with eigenvector denoted by  $\mathbf{v}$ . The components of  $\mathbf{v}$  add up to 1.

A theorem about regular stochastic matrices states

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M^n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{v} \text{ is a column vector}). \quad (1)$$

Hence  $\mathbf{v}$  is called the *steady state vector* (稳态矢量) of  $M$ .

Find  $\mathbf{v}$ , and verify the above limit behavior, as shown in eq.(1), for the given  $M$ .

# EXAMINATION BOOK

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## SECTION A

Circle the preferred answer.

If you make a mistake, mark a cross through your wrong choice and circle your next alternative.

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|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 2.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 3.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 4.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 5.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 6.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 7.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 8.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 9.  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 10. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 11. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 12. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 13. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 14. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |
| 15. | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |