

**FINAL EXAM  
LINEAR ALGEBRA**

MATH 2135  
SUMMER 2018

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9:15 AM – 10:50 AM

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**PRACTICE EXAM**

Please answer all of the questions, and show your work.  
You must explain your answers to get credit.  
**You will be graded on the clarity of your exposition!**

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*Date:* July 2, 2018.

1. Find the determinant of each of the following matrices.

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1.(a).  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

1.(b).  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \pi \\ 1 & 0 & e & -4 & 8 & 3^{-5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 10^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$  be the vector space of real polynomial functions. Let

$$D : V \rightarrow V$$

be the derivative map; i.e.  $D(p) = p'$  for all  $p \in V$ . Let

$$E : V \rightarrow V$$

be the integration map that sends a polynomial  $p$  to the polynomial  $q$  given by  $q(x) = \int_0^x p(t)dt$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is a fact that  $D$  and  $E$  are linear maps.

**2.(a).** *Show that  $D$  is surjective, but not injective.*

**2.(b).** *Show that  $E$  is injective, but not surjective.*

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3. Suppose we have a two state Markov chain with stochastic matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 \\ 0.9 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given the probability vector  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n v$ .

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4. Consider the following matrix

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

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4.(a). Find the characteristic polynomial  $p_A(t)$  of  $A$ .

4.(b). Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

4.(c). Find an orthonormal basis for each eigenspace of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

4.(d). Is  $A$  diagonalizable? If so, find a matrix  $S \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $S^{-1}AS$  is diagonal. If not, explain.

4.(e). Is  $A$  diagonalizable with orthogonal matrices? If so, find an orthogonal matrix  $U \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  so that  $U^T A U$  is diagonal. If not, explain.



5. Consider the following matrix:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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5.(a). What is the sum of the roots of the characteristic polynomial of  $B$ ?

5.(b). What is the product of the roots of the characteristic polynomial of  $B$ ?

5.(c). Are the roots of the characteristic polynomial of  $B$  real?

6. Consider the two dimensional discrete dynamical system

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = A\mathbf{x}_k$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1.7 & 0.3 \\ 1.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**6.(a).** *Is the origin an attractor, repeller, or saddle point?*

**6.(b).** *Find the directions of greatest attraction or repulsion.*



7. Let  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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Find an orthonormal basis for the vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_4$ .

8. Find the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  of the line that best fits the given data points, as a least squares model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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10 points

9. TRUE or FALSE. You do **not** need to justify your answer.

9
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9.(a). Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, and that  $AB = BA$ . Then  $A^{-1}B^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .

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9.(b). Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map of a vector space to itself. If  $f$  is surjective, then  $f$  is an isomorphism.

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9.(c). Suppose that  $P$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with positive entries, such that the column sums are equal to 1. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n$  exists.

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9.(d). Suppose that  $T : V \rightarrow V'$  is a linear map of finite dimensional vector spaces. Then  $\dim V' = \dim \ker(T) + \dim \operatorname{Im}(T)$ .

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9.(e). If an  $n \times n$  matrix has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then it has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

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9.(f). If  $v$  is an eigenvector for an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , and  $r \neq 0$  is a real number, then  $rv$  is an eigenvector for  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

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9.(g). Suppose that  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is symmetric, and let  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be eigenvectors with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ . If  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then  $v_1$  is orthogonal to  $v_2$ .

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9.(h). Suppose that  $M$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $M^N = 0$  for some integer  $N > 1$ . Then  $M$  is diagonalizable.

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9.(i). For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , if  $\det(\operatorname{cof} A) = 0$ , then  $\det A = 0$ .

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9.(j). Let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $v$  and  $w$ , then  $\cos \theta = \frac{v \cdot w}{\|v\| \|w\|}$ .

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