

**MIDTERM  
LINEAR ALGEBRA**

MATH 2130  
SUMMER 2018

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9:15 AM – 10:50 AM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**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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10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	total

*Date:* June 14, 2018.

1. Find all solutions to the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}3x_1 + 9x_2 + 27x_3 &= -3 \\-3x_1 - 11x_2 - 35x_3 &= 5 \\2x_1 + 8x_2 + 26x_3 &= -4\end{aligned}$$

1
10 points

2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -9 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2
10 points

2.(a). Find the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .

2.(b). Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent?

2.(c). Are the rows of  $A$  linearly independent?

2.(d). What is the column rank of  $A$ ?

2.(e). What is the row rank of  $A$ ?

3. Consider the linear map  $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$L(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1 - x_3, 3x_2 + x_3).$$

Write down the matrix form of the linear map  $L$ .

3
10 points

4. Consider the matrix

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

4
10 points

4.(a). Find the inverse of  $B$ .

4.(b). Does there exist  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$ ?

5. Suppose that

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ -4 & -5 & 3 & -8 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 & 1 & 8 \\ -6 & 0 & 7 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5
10 points

Find a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an echelon form matrix  $U$  such that  $C = LU$ .

6. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: Suppose that  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subset satisfying:

(1) For all  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ , we have  $v_1 + v_2 \in V$ .

(2) For all  $v \in V$ , we have  $-v \in V$ .

Then  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

6
10 points

7. The equation  $\mathbf{x} = C\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}$  (the Leontief Production Equation) arises in the Leontief Input-Output Model. Here  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d} \in M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$  are column vectors and  $C \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is a square matrix. Consider also the equation  $\mathbf{p} = C^T \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}$  (called the price equation), where  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v} \in M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$  are column vectors.

7
10 points

Show that

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}.$$

(This quantity is known as GDP.) [Hint: Compute  $\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x}$  in two ways.]



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

8.(a). Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . There is an  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = 0$ .

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8.(b). Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . If the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there is an  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$ .

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8.(c). The map  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is a linear map.

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8.(d). If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2^{n-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for each natural number  $n$ .

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8.(e). If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices, then  $A + B = B + A$ .

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8.(f). Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . If the rows of  $A$  are linearly independent, then for any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there is at most one  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$ .

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8.(g). Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map. The kernel of  $f$  is a sub-vector space of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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8.(h). If the columns of a square matrix  $A$  are linearly independent, then  $A^T$  is invertible.

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8.(i). If  $A$  is a square matrix such that sums of the absolute values of the entries of each column of  $A$  is less than 1, then  $(\text{Id} - A)$  is invertible.

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8.(j). Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices, and  $AB$  is invertible. Then  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible.

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