

## Examination III

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Instructions: Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning.

**I.** Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$(8) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .
- (b) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .

**II.** A certain  $14 \times 10$  matrix  $A$  has rank 8.

- (6)
- (a) What is the dimension of the solution space of the homogeneous system  $AX = 0$ ?
- (b) Can one solve the linear system  $AX = B$  for all choices of  $B$ ? Why or why not?

**III.** Let  $V$  be a vector space with an inner product  $(\_, \_)$ .

- (7)
- (a) Let  $w_0$  be a fixed vector in  $V$ . Show that the set of vectors orthogonal to  $w_0$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- (b) Define what it means to say that a set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is *orthogonal*.
- (c) Define what it means to say that a set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is *orthonormal*.

**IV.** By counting the number of inversions in the permutation 48253176 of eight elements, determine whether this permutation is even or odd.

**V.** Use the *row operation* method to calculate the determinant

$$(3) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

**VI.** Let  $A =$

$$(6) \quad \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 & 2 \\ -t & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Calculate that  $\det(A) = 2t(t - 3)$  by using *cofactor expansion* of the determinant *down the first column*.
- (b) Use the expression for  $\det(A)$  in part (a) (even if you did not carry out the calculation) to determine the values of  $t$  for which  $A$  is singular.

**VII.** As usual, let  $P_3$  be the 4-dimensional vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3. Let  $D: P_3 \rightarrow P_3$  be differentiation, a linear transformation. What is the kernel of  $D$ ? What is the range of  $D$ ? (Remark: there is no need to use a matrix representation. Just think about what polynomials are in the kernel and range.)

**VIII.** Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by  
(15)

$$L \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - z \\ 2x - y \\ x + 2y - z \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find the *standard* matrix representation for  $L$ , that is, find the matrix  $A$  so that  $AX = L(X)$  for every  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Consider the ordered basis  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . By solving the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2,$  and  $\lambda_3,$  obtain a formula of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}_S = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$  to convert a vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into its corresponding vector  $v_S$ .

(c) Check that the formula that you found in part (b) really does convert the three vectors in the basis  $S$  to the

standard basis vectors, that is, it should tell you that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and similarly for the second and third vectors in  $S$ . If it does not, go back and do part (b) correctly.

(d) Find the matrix representation of  $L$  with respect to the basis  $S$  given in part (b). That is, find the matrix  $A$  so that  $Av_S = (L(v))_S$ .