Linear Systems: FINAL EXAM

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Directions: Read all problems first before answering any of them. There are EIGHT (8) problems. They are NOT related.

This exam is a limited-notes, closed-book, test. You may use a calculator and bring in one 8.5 inch x 11 inch sheet of paper.

You must include ALL relevant work to support your answers. Use complete English sentences where possible and CLEARLY indicate your final answer from your “scratch work.”

Pledge: I, ______________________________, pledge my honor as a human being and Occidental student, that I have followed all the rules above to the letter and in spirit.

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1. [25 points total.] **TRUE or FALSE.** TRUE or FALSE – put your answer in the box. To receive ANY credit, you must also give a brief, and correct, explanation in support of your answer! Remember if you think a statement is TRUE you must prove it is ALWAYS true. If you think a statement is FALSE then all you have to do is show there exists a counterexample which proves the statement is FALSE.

(a) If $\vec{x}$ and $\vec{y}$ are orthogonal, then they are linearly independent.

(b) The row space of an $m \times n$ matrix $A$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^m$. 


(c) \(A^T A\) is always a square matrix.

(d) The determinant of \((A + I)\) is the determinant of \(A\) plus the determinant of \(I\), i.e.
\[
|A + I| = |A| + 1.
\]

(e) If \(P\) is a symmetric orthogonal matrix, then \(P^3 = P\).
2. [25 points total.] **Matrix Multiplication.**

In each case write down an example of the required $3 \times 3$ matrix being asked for, and show the matrix multiplication which produces the desired result for all values of $x$, $y$ and $z$. If the required matrix doesn’t exist say why.

(a) *(5 points.)* Find the matrix $A$ such that $A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ y \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) *(5 points.)* Find the matrix $B$ such that $B \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z + x \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) *(5 points.)* Find the matrix $C$ such that $C \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
(d) (5 points.) Find the matrix $D$ such that $D \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$.

(e) (5 points.) Find the matrix $E$ such that $E \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. 
3. [25 points total.] **Elimination and Inverses.**

In order to solve a linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ we end up with the following augmented matrix $[ A \mid \vec{b} ]$:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 1 & | & 5 \\
0 & 2 & 1 & | & 5 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & | & 6 
\end{bmatrix}
$$

(a) (5 points.) Find the solution of the linear system, $\vec{x}$.

(b) (10 points.) Find the inverse of the coefficient matrix, $A^{-1}$ by Gauss-Jordan Elimination.

(c) (10 pts.) Confirm your answers in parts (a) and (b) by computing $A^{-1}A$ and $A^{-1}\vec{b}$.  

4. [25 points total.] Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Diagonalization. 

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$ where $k$ is an unknown parameter.

(a) (5 points.) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix $A$.

(b) (10 points.) Find the eigenvectors of the matrix $A$.

(c) (10 points.) For what values of $k$ can the matrix $A$ be diagonalized, i.e. written as $A = SAS^{-1}$? If possible, diagonalize the matrix.
5. [25 points total.] Orthogonalization
The linearly independent vectors \( \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \) are the columns of the matrix \( A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \).

(a) (15 points.) Use Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization to convert \( A \) into an orthogonal matrix \( Q \) whose columns are orthonormal vectors \( \vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \vec{q}_3 \). [HINT: this will involve computing and not simplifying a number of square roots!]

(b) (10 points.) Compute \( Q^T Q \).
6. [25 points total.] Linear Independence.

a. (10 points). If a matrix has more rows than columns, then its columns must be linearly dependent. Prove this statement is either TRUE or FALSE.

b. (10 points). If a matrix has more columns than rows, then its columns must be linearly dependent. Prove this statement is either TRUE or FALSE.

c. (5 points). Prove that the vectors \[
\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\] are linearly independent.
7. [25 points total.] Projections, Orthogonal Complements.

Consider \( A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \)

a. (6 points). Find a basis for the left nullspace of \( A \), i.e. define \( N(A^T) \).

b. (6 points). Find a basis for the column space of \( A \), i.e. define \( C(A) \).

c. (13 points). Show that the vector \( \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \) can be written as a sum \( \vec{x}_l + \vec{x}_c \) where \( \vec{x}_l \) is in the left nullspace of \( A \) and \( \vec{x}_c \) is in the column space of \( A \). Find \( \vec{x}_l \) and \( \vec{x}_c \).
8. [25 points total.] **Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra.**

Again consider \( A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \)

a. (6 points). Find a basis for the nullspace of \( A \).

b. (6 points). Find a basis for the rowspace of \( A \).
c. (8 points). Write down the dimensions of each of the four fundamental subspaces of $A$.

d. (5 points). Confirm the fundamental theorem of algebra showing the appropriate subspaces have the correct relationships between their dimensions and bases.