Test 2: Linear Systems

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Directions: Read *all* problems first before answering any of them. There are 6 pages in this test (and this cover page). **There is a theme to this test, i.e. all the questions are related.** This is a one hour, no-notes, closed book, test. No calculators. You must show all relevant work to support your answers. Use complete English sentences and CLEARLY indicate your final answers to be graded 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.

No.	Score	Maximum
1		20
2		20
3		20
4		20
5		20
BONUS		10
Total		**100**

1. (*20 points.*) **Associated Subspaces of a Matrix.**
Write down the dimension and a basis for **EACH** of the four fundamental subspaces of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

2. (*20 points.*) **Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Eigenspaces.**
Write down the dimension and a basis for **EACH** of the eigenspaces of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (*20 points.*) **Definition of a Subspace.**
(a) (*9 points*) Prove that the vector space $\mathcal{V}$ defined below IS a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

$$\mathcal{V} = \left\{ \vec{v} : \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, x_1 + x_3 = 0, : x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(b) (*6 points*). Mathematically describe $\mathcal{V}^\perp$, the orthogonal complement to $\mathcal{V}$.

(c) (*5 points*). Give the dimensions of $\mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{V}^\perp$. What kind of geometric object is each of these subspaces? (Name and describe them.)

4. (*20 points.*) **Orthogonalization, Normalization.**

Consider the set of vectors $\beta = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, which is claimed to be a basis for the previously defined vector space $\mathcal{V}$.

(a) (*10 points*) Is β is a basis for $\mathcal{V}$? **Explain Your Answer.**

(b) (*5 points*) Find an *orthogonal* basis for $\mathcal{V}$.

(c) (*5 points*) Find an *orthonormal* basis for $\mathcal{V}^{\perp}$.

5. (*20 points.*) **Orthogonal Decomposition, Projection.**
Putting it all together: The goal of all of our work on the previous 4 problems has been to try to write a given vector in $\mathbb{R}^3$ as a linear combination of its 3 components in three orthogonal directions, split between vector(s) from $\mathcal{V}$ and vector(s) from $\mathcal{V}^\perp$. In other words, we want to write $\vec{b} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3$ where $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is an orthogonal basis for $\mathcal{V}$.

(a) (*5 points*). Find the projection of $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ onto $\mathcal{V}$.

(b) (*5 points*). Find the projection of $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ onto $\mathcal{V}^\perp$.

(c) (*10 points*). Write down the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ as a linear combination of three vectors, where these three vectors form an orthogonal basis for the union of $\mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{V}^\perp$.

BONUS (*10 points.*) **Essay question.** Discuss how the fundamental subspaces from Question 1 and the eigenspaces of Question 2 are related to the vector spaces $\mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{V}^{\perp}$ in Question 3. How does these relationships (and other information) assist you in the task to orthogonally decompose the given random vector into three orthogonal directions in Question 5?