

# FINAL EXAM: Linear Systems

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Math 214

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**Directions:** There are three sections to this exam. The first section consists of multiple choice questions, similar to the Clicker Questions we did in class. The second section consists of Definitions and Proofs. The third section is more related to specific concepts and calculations.

This exam is a closed-notes, closed-book, test. No calculators.

In **Part I** You must clearly write the letter of your chosen answer on the line provided.

In **Part II** You must provide a definition which is clear enough so that a student at the beginning of the class would be able to understand what you mean. This may require defining secondary terms that you use in your own definition.

In **Part III** You must include ALL relevant work to support your answers. CLEARLY indicate your final answer from your “scratch work.”

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**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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No.	Score	Maximum
<b>PART I (Multiple Choice)</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>PART II (Proofs and Definitions)</b>		<b>60</b>
II.1		20
II.2		20
II.3		20
<b>PART III (Concepts and Calculations)</b>		<b>100</b>
III.1		20
III.2		20
III.3		20
III.4		20
III.5		20
BONUS		10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>200</b>

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1. How many non-zero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must one have in a set of vectors in order to be confident the given set of vectors is linearly independent?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) As Many As We Want

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What can we say about two non-zero vectors whose dot product is positive?

- (a) The vectors are orthogonal to each other.
- (b) The angle between the two vectors is greater than  $90^\circ$ .
- (c) The angle between the two vectors is less than  $90^\circ$ .
- (d) There's not enough information to say anything about the vectors. ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

3. A linear systems of 5 equations in 3 unknowns can have

- (a) No Solution.
- (b) One Solution.
- (c) An Infinite Number of Solutions.
- (d) Any Of The Above Could Be True.

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

4. In order for the linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  to have a solution, the vector  $\vec{b}$  must be in the

- (a) row space of  $A$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$
- (b) column space of  $A$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$
- (c) null space of  $A$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$
- (d) left null space of  $A$ ,  $\text{null}(A^T)$

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The vector(s)  $\vec{x}$  which satisfy the homogeneous equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  must be in the

- (a) row space of  $A$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$
- (b) column space of  $A$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$
- (c) null space of  $A$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$
- (d) left null space of  $A$ ,  $\text{null}(A^T)$

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

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6. If  $\vec{b} = (3, -1)$  and  $\vec{y} = (2, 1)$ , then the projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\vec{y}$ ,  $\text{proj}_{\vec{y}}(\vec{b})$  is

- (a)  $(2, 1)$
- (b)  $(3/2, -1/2)$
- (c)  $(10, 5)$
- (d)  $(1/10, 3/10)$

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. A general equation of the plane represented by the span $\{(1, 0, 1), (-1, 1, 0)\}$  is

- (a)  $x + y + z = 0$ .
- (b)  $x + y - z = 0$ .
- (c)  $\vec{x} = s(1, 0, 1) + t(-1, 1, 0)$ .
- (d)  $x = s, y = t, z = s + t$ .

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. If one multiplies one row of a square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  by a factor of 2 to produce a matrix  $B$  then  $\det(B)$  will equal

- (a)  $\det(A)$
- (b)  $2\det(A)$
- (c)  $2^n \det(A)$
- (d) Impossible to determine from the information given.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$  are

- (a) -3 and 4.
- (b) 3 and -4.
- (c) -3 and -4.
- (d) 3 and 4.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

10. If  $A^2 = \mathcal{I}$  where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the identity matrix, then  $A$  must equal

- (a)  $\mathcal{I}$
- (b)  $A^{-1}$ .
- (c)  $A^T$ .
- (d) Impossible to determine from the information given.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

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11. Which of the following vector pairs can be the eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a)  $\{(-1, 1), (1, 1)\}$ .
- (b)  $\{(0, 1), (1, 0)\}$ .
- (c)  $\{(2, 3), (-3, 2)\}$ .
- (d)  $\{(2, 1), (-1, 2)\}$ .

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Which of the following is **NOT** a basis for the row space of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- (a)  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$
- (b)  $\{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}$
- (c)  $\{(1, 2), (2, 4)\}$
- (d)  $\{1, 2), (1, 4)\}$

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The difference between a span and a basis for the same subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

- (a) a basis will always contain more vectors than the span
- (b) a basis will always contain linearly independent vectors
- (c) a basis will contain the zero vector, a span will not
- (d) There is no difference between a span and a basis.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_

14. If a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable, then

- (a)  $A$  is invertible.
- (b)  $A$  is NOT invertible.
- (c)  $A$  must possess  $n$  different eigenvalues.
- (d) None of the above statements is true.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_

15. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix and  $AB = \mathcal{O}$  where  $\mathcal{O}$  is the zero matrix, then

- (a)  $A$  must equal the zero matrix.
- (b)  $B$  must equal the zero matrix.
- (c) Either  $A$  or  $B$  must equal the zero matrix.
- (d) None of the above statements is true.

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. The linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  to rotate a vector  $\vec{x} = (x, y)$   $90^\circ$  clock-wise about the origin is represented by the standard matrix

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

17. The least squares solution to the linear system  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) does not exist

(b) is  $x = 0, \quad y = -1/5$

(c) is  $x = -1/5, \quad y = 0$

(d) is  $x = -1/5, \quad y = -1/5$ .

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

18. If the rank of a 4x4 matrix is equal to 3, then

(a) the matrix is invertible.

(b) the dimension of the null space is 4.

(c) the dimension of the null space is 3.

(d) the dimension of the row space is 3.

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

19. Every real symmetric matrix is

(a) an invertible matrix.

(b) a diagonalizable matrix.

(c) an orthogonal matrix.

(d) an elementary matrix.

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

20. The solution  $\vec{x}$  of the linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is able to be written as the sum of two vectors, one each from the

(a) column space and row space.

(b) column space and null space.

(c) row space and null space.

(d) column space and left null space.

ANS:\_\_\_\_\_.

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**II.1** [20 points total.]

**a.** (12 points). Give the definitions of the column space, row space, and null space of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

**b.** (8 points). Given a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and a vector  $\vec{b}$ , if the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution, then is  $\vec{b}$  necessarily in  $\text{col}(A)$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{null}(A)$ , or none of the above? Explain your reasoning.

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**II.2** [20 points total.]

**a.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “An eigenvector  $\vec{v}$  of a matrix  $A$ .”

**b.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “The inverse of the matrix  $A$ .”

**c.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “An eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ .”

**d.** (8 points). Prove that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of matrix  $A$  and  $A$  is invertible, then  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of the inverse of  $A$ .

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**II.3** [20 points total.]

**a.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .”

**b.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “span.”

**c.** (4 points). Give the definition of the term “basis.”

**d.** (8 points). Prove that the span of a collection of  $k$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



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**III.1** [20 points total.]

Consider the  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b & d \\ -a & a & c & e \\ -b & -c & 0 & 0 \\ -d & -e & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) (8 points.) Think of  $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$  as a block matrix consisting of four  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ . Find the determinant of each of the matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ .

(b) (8 points.) Show that the determinant of  $M = (be - dc)^2$  using the Laplace Expansion Formula (pick the row or column you expand about carefully!)

(c) (4 points.) Write down a relationship between the determinant of the block matrix  $M$ , i.e.  $\det(M)$  and the determinants of the blocks, i.e.  $\det(A)$ ,  $\det(B)$ ,  $\det(C)$ , and  $\det(D)$ . [HINT: this may not be a relationship that you expect!]

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**III.2** [20 points] Multiple Matching. Write the letter (or letters) of ALL statements which are always true when the numbered statement given is true. (Note: Anywhere from none to all of the statements may match for each one. I've also given you lots of space to work, but you do not necessarily need to show any work on this problem – I will just be checking your answers in the blanks provided.)

Assume  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)  $m = n = r$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)  $m = n > r$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  $m > n = r$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (4)  $n > m = r$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (5)  $n > m > r$ .

(A) For every  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  there exists at least one solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

(B) Assuming  $\vec{b}$  is in  $\text{col}(A)$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution.

(C) Assuming  $\vec{b}$  is in  $\text{col}(A)$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has an infinite number of solutions.

(D) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

(E)  $\text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ .

(F)  $\text{null}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

(G)  $\text{row}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(H) There exists at least one solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

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**III.3** [20 points total.]

The problems on this page and the next all refer to the following matrix and its row reduced echelon form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) 2 points. Find a basis for the row space of this matrix,  $\text{row}(A)$ .

(b) 3 points. The row space is a \_\_\_\_-dimensional vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\text{---}}$ . We will call the row space  $W$ .

$W$  can be represented geometrically as a \_\_\_\_\_. (Make sure you filled in all three blanks; I'm looking for a number in the first two and the name of a geometric object in the last.)

(c) 2 points. Write an equation for the geometric figure in (b).

(d) 3 points. The orthogonal complement of  $W$ , denoted  $W^\perp$ , is a \_\_\_\_-dimensional vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\text{---}}$ .

It can be represented geometrically as a \_\_\_\_\_.

(e) 2 points. Write an equation for the geometric figure in (d).

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(f) *2 points.* What is a basis for  $W^\perp$ ?

(g) *4 points.* How could you have answered part (f) directly from examining the matrices  $A$  or  $\text{rref}(A)$  rather than working through the above steps? Explain fully.

(h) *2 points.* Write the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  as the sum of two vectors, one in  $W$  and one in  $W^\perp$ .

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**III.4** [20 points] Mark each of the following “TRUE” or “FALSE”. If I can’t tell whether you wrote “T” or “F”, you will not get credit for your answer.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ There exists an orthogonal matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$  and  $\lambda_3 = 3$ .

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  $\det(A + I) = \det(A) + 1$

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ If you have  $n$  orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the vectors must form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ If  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix, then  $\text{nullity}(Q) = 0$ .

(e) \_\_\_\_\_ If  $A\vec{x} = 3\vec{x}$  for some non-zero vector  $\vec{x}$ , then  $\lambda = 3$  must be an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ .

(f) \_\_\_\_\_  $3x - y + 2z = 4$  is the equation of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(g) \_\_\_\_\_ In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the span of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ ,  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ , is always a plane through the origin.

(h) \_\_\_\_\_ Every linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  can be represented by a matrix transformation using an  $m \times n$  matrix.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ If a matrix has more rows than columns, then its **rows** must be **linearly dependent**.

(j) \_\_\_\_\_ If a matrix has more rows than columns, then its **columns** must be **linearly independent**.

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**III.5** [20 points] Below are four distinct factorizations of the matrix  $A$ . In answering the following questions (on this page and the next), you may only refer to information that is provided below in these factorizations and reason from this information. You may not multiply the matrices below and actually calculate  $A$  or do any explicit calculations from  $A$  itself. Answers that rely on such new calculations will not be accepted.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -2/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 2/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(a) 4 points. What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ ? For each eigenvalue, what is a basis for its associated eigenspace?

(b) 4 points. Is  $A$  symmetric? Why or why not?

(c) *4 points.* Is  $A$  invertible? Why or why not?

(d) *4 points.* Which of the four factorizations given would be the most efficient to use to solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ? Explain fully why this factorization is the most efficient by actually describing the solution process – you don't actually have to do the calculations though (since you don't have  $\vec{b}$ ).

(e) *4 points.* Which of the four factorizations given would be the most efficient to use to find  $A^{10}$ ? Explain fully why this factorization is the most efficient by actually describing the solution process – you don't actually have to do the calculations though.

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**BONUS** [10 points total.]

Prove that IF  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are eigenvectors of a square, real symmetric matrix  $A$  corresponding to two different eigenvalues  $\lambda_x$  and  $\lambda_y$  respectively, THEN  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0$ .

OR

Write down a matrix  $A$  whose complete solution to  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  has the form

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Explain your reasoning and show all your work.}$$

The complete solution to a linear system consists of the sum of the solutions to the homogeneous and non-homogeneous linear systems.