

Linear Algebra  
Exam 2 - Fall 2011

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**Name:**

**Honor Code Statement:**

**Directions:** Complete all problems. Justify all answers/solutions. Calculators/texts/notes are not permitted.

1. [6 points] We saw that an invertible square block partitioned matrix of the following form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

has an inverse of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the advantage of knowing this? (Be as specific as possible.)

2. [8 points] Find an LU factorization of the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 4 \\ 10 & 2 & -5 \\ 10 & 10 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. [8 points] Compute the determinant of the following matrix. Justify your steps.

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

[2points] Is  $G$  invertible? Why?

4. [6 points] The set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3, \mathbf{b}_4\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that is contained in this set. Justify your answer.

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. [5 points] Define **column space** of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

6. [5 points] Prove that the column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

7. [6 points] Given a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and a different basis  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

we may write the vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

in two different ways:  $\mathbf{x} = -2\mathbf{b}_1 + 6\mathbf{b}_2$  and  $\mathbf{x} = 1\mathbf{c}_1 + 1\mathbf{c}_2$ . Why doesn't this violate the Unique Representation Theorem?

8. [5 points] With regard to the bases of the previous problem, find the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

9. [5 points for each part] Find bases for the row space, the column space and the null space of the matrix  $A$ . Note that  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 9 & 3 & 6 & -3 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. [4 points] With regard to the previous problem: what is  $\text{rank } A$ ? what is  $\dim \text{Nul } A$ ?