

**LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**EXAM 3**  
**FALL 2017**

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**Directions:** Complete all problems. Justify all answers/solutions. Calculators, cell-phones, texts, and notes are not permitted – the only permitted items to use are pens, pencils, rulers and erasers. Please turn off all electronic devices – in fact, you shouldn't have any with you. Additional blank white paper is available at the front of the room – you are not permitted to use any other paper. Good luck!

- (1) [5 points] Let  $\mathbf{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2\}$  be bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Find the change-of-coordinates matrix from  $\mathbf{B}$  to  $\mathbf{C}$ .

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) [20 points] Given the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -8 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Determine the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

(b) Determine the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

- (c) For each of the eigenvalues determine a basis for the corresponding eigenspace.

- (d) Explain why, or why not, the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable (you need not give the diagonalization if one exists).

- (3) [10 points] A matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable, i.e.  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $P$  and  $D$  are given below. Use this diagonalization to compute  $A^{10}$ . (You may leave the entries in the product in factored form.)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (4) [10 points] *Without* doing Gaussian elimination, write  $y$  as a linear combination of the orthogonal basis  $S$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ .

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (5) [10 points] With respect to the vectors of the previous problem, find the projection of  $\mathbf{y}$  onto  $W = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  and the orthogonal component of  $\mathbf{y}$ .

(6) [10 points] Determine an orthogonal basis for the column space of  $B$ , where:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now produce an orthonormal basis for  $\text{Col}B$ .

- (7) [10 points] Find least-squares solutions of the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  by constructing the normal equations for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  and solving for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the least-squares error associated with this solution.



- (8) [2 points per blank] **Theorem:** The eigenvalues of an upper triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal.

PROOF: Let  $A$  be an upper triangular matrix. As  $A$  is upper triangular, then  $A - \lambda I$  has zeros below the main diagonal, has the \_\_\_\_\_ entries as  $A$  above the diagonal and the entries along the main diagonal are of the form \_\_\_\_\_. The scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if the equation  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a \_\_\_\_\_, that is, if and only if the equation has a free variable. Because of the zero entries in  $A - \lambda I$ , it is easy to see that  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a free variable if and only if at least one of the entries on the diagonal of  $A - \lambda I$  is \_\_\_\_\_. This happens if and only if  $\lambda$  equals one of the diagonal entries in  $A$ .

- (9) [2 points per blank] Last week you were very kind when you offered to help find my lost \_\_\_\_\_.