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**MATH 225**  
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**Final Exam**

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**IMPORTANT:**

- This exam consists of 5 questions of equal weight.
  - Please read the questions carefully and write your answers under the corresponding question. Be neat.
  - **Show all your work. Correct answers without sufficient explanation might not get full grades.**
  - Calculators and dictionaries are **not** allowed.
  - Close your cellular phones.
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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100</b>

- 1) Let  $P_3 = \{ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to 3 and  $U = \{q(x) \in P_3 \mid q(1) = 0 \text{ and } q(2) = 0\}$  be a subspace of  $P_3$ . Find a basis for  $U$ . What is the dimension of  $U$ ? **Explain your answer.**

Let  $q(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  be in  $P_3$ . It is in  $U$  if  $q(1) = 0$  &  $q(2) = 0$  i.e.

$$\begin{cases} a + b + c + d = 0 \\ 8a + 4b + 2c + d = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{It's a homog. system of eqns.}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-8R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -6 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{+\frac{1}{4}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{7}{4} & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{+R_2 + R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & -3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3/2 & -7/4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & -3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 7/4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} a = t/2 + 3s/4 \\ b = -3t/2 - 7s/4 \\ c = t \\ d = s \end{array} ; t, s \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } U &= \{ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \frac{t}{2} + \frac{3s}{4} \right) x^3 + \left( -\frac{3t}{2} - \frac{7s}{4} \right) x^2 + tx + s \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + x \right) t + \left( \frac{3}{4}x^3 - \frac{7}{4}x^2 + 1 \right) s \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x}_{P_1}, \underbrace{3x^3 - 7x^2 + 4}_{P_2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  are lin. independent because

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} P_1 & P_2 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & -7 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{array} \right] & \longrightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \\ \text{lin. ind.} & & \text{leading 1's.} \end{array}$$

$\therefore B = \{P_1, P_2\}$  is a basis for  $U$  &  $\dim U = 2$ .

2) Solve the given linear system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = 3x_1 - x_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{dt} = -x_2 + 3x_3$$

Show your work in full details.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)-1] + (\lambda-3)$$

$$= (3-\lambda) \frac{[(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)-1-1]}{\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4}$$

$= -(3-\lambda)(\lambda-1)(\lambda-4) = 0$   
 $\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1 \text{ \& } \lambda_3 = 4$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

For  $\lambda_1 = 3$ : Solve  $(A - 3I)v = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -t \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$S_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{(-1, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 1$ : Solve  $(A - I)v = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = s \\ x_2 = 2s \\ x_3 = s \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} x_1 = s \\ x_2 = 2s \\ x_3 = s \end{array}} \right\} S_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{(1, 2, 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

$s \in \mathbb{R}$

For  $\lambda_3 = 4$ : Solve  $(A - 4I)v = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = t \\ x_2 = -t \\ x_3 = t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} x_1 = t \\ x_2 = -t \\ x_3 = t \end{array}} \right\} S_3 = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{(1, -1, 1)}{\sqrt{3}} \right\}$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore A$  is diagonalizable with  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $D = \text{diag}(3, 1, 4)$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_1 e^{3t} \\ K_2 e^t \\ K_3 e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -K_1 e^{3t} + K_2 e^t + K_3 e^{4t} \\ 2K_1 e^t - K_3 e^{4t} \\ K_1 e^{3t} + 2K_2 e^t + K_3 e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x_1(t) = -K_1 e^{3t} + K_2 e^t + K_3 e^{4t}, \quad x_2(t) = 2K_1 e^t - K_3 e^{4t}, \quad x_3(t) = K_1 e^{3t} + 2K_2 e^t + K_3 e^{4t}$$

3) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 9 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a) (10 pts.) Find the reduced echelon form (not an echelon form!)  $R$  of  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 9 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-3R_1+R_2 \\ R_1+R_2 \\ -2R_1+R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & -14 & -14 & -14 & -28 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -5 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-\frac{1}{14}R_2 \\ -\frac{1}{4}R_3 \\ -\frac{1}{5}R_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

lin. ind.

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ -4R_2+R_1 & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ -R_2+R_3 & & \\ -R_2+R_4 & & \end{matrix}$$

leading 1's

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -t_1 - 2t_2 - t_3 \\ x_2 &= -t_1 - t_2 - 2t_3 \\ x_3 &= t_1 \\ x_4 &= t_2 \\ x_5 &= t_3 \end{aligned} \quad ; \quad t_1, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

b) (2 pts.) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{B}_R = \left\{ (1, 0, 1, 2, 1), (0, 1, 1, 1, 2) \right\}$$

c) (2 pts.) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{B}_C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

d) (4 pts.) Find a basis for the null space of  $A$ .

Solution. set of  $AX=0$  is

$$S = \left\{ (-t_1 - 2t_2 - t_3, -t_1 - t_2 - 2t_3, t_1, t_2, t_3) \mid t_1, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{(-1, -1, 1, 0, 0)}_{v_1}, \underbrace{(-2, -1, 0, 1, 0)}_{v_2}, \underbrace{(-1, -2, 0, 0, 1)}_{v_3} \right\} \text{ \& } \mathcal{B}_N = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$$

e) (2 pts.) Write the rank and nullity of  $A$ .

$$\text{Rank of } A = 2$$

$$\text{Nullity of } A = 3.$$

4) a) (12 pts.) A certain  $4 \times 4$  real matrix  $A$  is known to have these properties:

1. Two of the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .
2. The number 4 is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $(A+3I)$ .
3.  $\det A = -8$ .

Use this information to answer the following questions about the matrix  $A$ .

- i) What are the other two eigenvalues of  $A$ ?
- ii) What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ ?
- iii) What is the characteristic polynomial of  $A^{-1}$ ?
- iv) Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Why?

i)  $4$  is an eig-value of  $(A+3I) \Rightarrow (A+3I)v = 4v$   
 $\Rightarrow Av = v \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_3 = 1}$  is an eig-value of  $A$ .

$\det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 = (-1)(2)(1) \cdot \lambda_4 = -8 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_4 = -4}$

ii)  $p(\lambda) = (\lambda+1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-1)(\lambda+4)$

iii)  $\lambda$  is an eig-value of  $A \Leftrightarrow \lambda^{-1}$  is an eig-value of  $A^{-1}$   
 Thus,  $-1, \frac{1}{2}, 1$  &  $-\frac{1}{4}$  are the eig-values of  $A^{-1}$ .

$p(\lambda) = (\lambda+1)(\lambda-\frac{1}{2})(\lambda-1)(\lambda+\frac{1}{4})$  is the char. polyn. of  $A^{-1}$ .

iv) Yes. Because  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix having 4 distinct eigenvalues.

b) (8 pts.) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$  and  $\text{rank}(A+I) = 2$ . Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Explain your answer.

$\text{rank}(A) = 1 \Rightarrow$  nullity  $A = 2$  i.e. the hom. system  $AX = 0$  has non-trivial solutions but it means that  $A$  is not invertible. Hence 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  having 2 eigenvectors

$\text{rank}(A+I) = 2 \Rightarrow$  nullity  $A+I = 1$  i.e. the hom. system  $(A+I)X = 0$  has non-trivial solutions &  $AX = -X \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  having one eigenvector.

Thus,  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix having 3 eigenvectors & it's diagonalizable.

5)a) (6 pts.) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 5$  matrix whose columns span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . What is the nullity of  $A$ ? Explain your answer. (There will be no points if there is no explanation).

As the columns span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , the dimension of its column space is 4.  
i.e.  $\text{rank}(A) = 4$ . Thus nullity of  $A = 5 - 4 = 1$ .

b) (7 pts.) Let  $V$  be a vector space. Suppose that  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent vectors of  $V$ . If there is a vector  $v_4$  such that the vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  span  $V$ , then what can you say about the dimension of  $V$ ? Explain your answer. (There will be no points if there is no explanation).

Let  $V$  be a v.s. with  $\dim V = r$ . If there are  $n$  lin. indep. vectors, then  $n \leq r$ . Moreover, if there are  $m$ -vectors whose span is  $V$ , then  $m \geq r$ .

Consequently, the dimension of  $V$  is 3 or 4.

c) (7 pts.) Let  $V$  be a vector space which can be spanned by 7 linearly dependent vectors. If  $V$  contains some 4 linearly independent vectors whose span is not equal to  $V$ , what are the possibilities for the dimension of  $V$ ? Explain your answer. (There will be no points if there is no explanation).

Let  $\dim V = n$ . Since 7 lin. dependent vectors span  $V$ ,

i.e.  $\dim V < 7$ .

In addition to this, 4 lin. ind. vectors doesn't span  $V$

i.e.  $\dim V \geq 5$ .

Thus  $\dim V$  can be 5, 6.