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Instructions:

- Read each problem carefully.
- Write legibly.
- Show all your work on these sheets.
- This exam has 15 pages, and 8 questions. Please make sure that all pages are included.
- You may not use books, notes or calculators.
- You have two hours to complete this exam.

Good luck!

1. Determine whether each of the following statements is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. Justify your answer. (This problem has six parts.)

- (a) Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 consisting of all vectors $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$ simultaneously satisfying the following equations:

$$x - y + 3z = 0, \quad 2x + y + 3z = 0, \quad 7x - 3y + 5z + 2w = 0, \quad 3x + 2y + 4z = 0.$$

Then $V = \{\vec{0}\}$.

Answer: False

This system can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & -3 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \text{or } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ for } A = \text{to this matrix.}$$

Note $V = \ker(A)$ and

$$\det A = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & -3 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = (-2)(1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

which means that $V = \ker(A) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$ by AAT .

- (b) For all 2×2 matrices A and B , $\text{rref}(AB) = \text{rref}(A) \text{rref}(B)$.

Answer: False

One counterexample is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}(AB) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}(A)\text{rref}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{rref}(AB),$$

- (c) If a subspace V of \mathbb{R}^3 does not contain any of the standard basis vectors $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$, then V is the zero subspace.

Answer: **False**

The counterexample is $V = \text{span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$.

Note that $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$ are not elements of V ~~but~~ and V is not the zero subspace.

- (d) The set of real eigenvectors of an $n \times n$ matrix must span \mathbb{R}^n .

Answer: **FALSE**

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

Only eigenvalue is 0
which has eigenspace
equal to $\text{Span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$

and these do not span \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (e) The vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & -21 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Answer: **TRUE**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & -21 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 24 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} = 12 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector
with eigenvalue 12

- (f) Suppose that A_1 and A_2 are both diagonalizable and that they are both similar to the same diagonal matrix D . Then A_1 and A_2 must have the same eigenvectors.

Answer: **FALSE**

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

these are both similar to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

but A_2 has $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as an

eigenvector which is not an

eigenvector of A_1 ,

2. Determine whether each of the following statements is **ALWAYS** true, **SOMETIMES** true, or **NEVER** true. Justify your answer. (This problem has six parts.)

- (a) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the orthogonal projection onto a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 through the origin. Then $\dim \ker T = 1$.

Answer: Always

$\text{im}(T)$ is a plane, so $\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{im}(T)) = 2$.

By Rank-Nullity Theorem, $\dim(\ker(T)) = 3 - \dim(\text{im}(T)) = 1$.

- (b) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that the linear transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ has expansion factor 5. Then the columns of A are linearly independent.

Answer: Always

Expansion factor of $A = 5 \Rightarrow |\det(A)| = 5$

$\Rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$

By $AAT \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow A \text{ is invertible} \\ \Rightarrow \text{cols. of } A \text{ are linearly independent.} \end{array} \right.$

- (c) If $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 , and if $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ is given by

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 & \vec{v}_1 \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \vec{x},$$

then T is invertible.

Answer: **Never**

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in $\ker(T)$, so $\ker(T) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$, so T is not invertible.

Or

cols. of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 & \vec{v}_1 \end{bmatrix}$ are linearly dependent,
so T is not invertible.

- (d) If the standard basis vectors \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2 , and \vec{e}_3 of \mathbb{R}^3 are eigenvectors of a 3×3 matrix A , then A is a diagonal matrix.

Answer: **Always**

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ A\vec{e}_1 & A\vec{e}_2 & A\vec{e}_3 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \lambda_1\vec{e}_1 & \lambda_2\vec{e}_2 & \lambda_3\vec{e}_3 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (e) If A is a diagonalizable matrix, then A is invertible.

Answer: Sometimes

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$ diagonalizable and invertible.

Counterexample: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$ diagonalizable and noninvertible.

$\overset{\text{A}}{\wedge}$

- (f) A diagonalizable 5×5 matrix with rank 2 has an eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 3.

Answer: Always

The matrix is similar to the diagonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq 0) \quad \text{since } \text{nullity}(A) = 5 - 2 = 3.$$

Because similar matrices have the same eigenvalues (with the same algebraic multiplicities), $\text{almu}(0) = 3$ for A .

3. (This problem has **two** parts.)

(a) Find the inverse of the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 5 & -4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2(I)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \times (-1)$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2(II)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] +3(III)$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 0 & 14 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\times(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 30 & -12 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -12 & 7 \\ 8 & -3 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) Solve the following system of equations.

$$-x + 2y - 3z = 1$$

$$-2x + 5y - 4z = 1$$

$$x + 6z = 1$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & -12 & 7 \\ 8 & -3 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 7 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Find a 2×2 matrix A such that the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ geometrically scales by a factor of 2 in the direction of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and scales by a factor of -3 in the direction of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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

$$\tilde{S}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = SBS^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 & 5/3 \\ 10/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. Determine the value(s) of k for which the following matrix is invertible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & k^2 & k & 1 \\ 1 & k & 2k+1 & -1 \\ 1 & k^2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \det A \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & k^2-1 & k & 1 \\ 0 & k-1 & 2k+1 & -1 \\ 0 & k^2-1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -2k(k^2-1) = 0 \iff k=0, 1, -1 \\ & \text{A invertible} \iff k \neq 0, 1, -1 \end{aligned}$$

6. Determine if the following matrix is diagonalizable.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) \det \begin{bmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) ((\lambda+1)^2 - 4) \\ &= (\lambda-1)^2(\lambda-2)(\lambda+3) \quad \therefore \lambda = 1, 2 \text{ or } -3. \end{aligned}$$

$$E_1 = \ker(A - I) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{ref} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{genu}(1) < \alpha_{\text{mu}}(1)$$

$\therefore A$ is not diagonalizable.

7. Suppose that a 3×3 matrix A has eigenvalues $-1, 0$ and 2 , with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

respectively. Compute $A \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Suppose } \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore a_1 = a_2 = a_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= A \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

8. (This problem has **two** parts.) Throughout this problem let A be the following matrix, which has eigenvalues 2 and 3:

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

- (a) Find a basis for each eigenspace of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(A - 2I) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ \ker(A - 3I) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find a diagonal matrix which is similar to A^{100} . Justify your answer.

$$A = P \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 3 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

$$A^{100} = P \begin{bmatrix} 2^{100} & & \\ & 2^{100} & \\ & & 3^{100} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

So $\begin{bmatrix} 2^{100} & & \\ & 2^{100} & \\ & & 3^{100} \end{bmatrix}$ is similar to A^{100} .