

**MATH 218 SECTION 3  
PRACTICE FINAL EXAMINATION**

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Please **read all instructions** carefully before beginning.

- Do not open this test booklet until you are directed to do so.
- You have 180 minutes to complete this exam.
- If you finish early, go back and check your work.
- This exam is closed book.
- You may use a calculator to do arithmetic, but you should not need one. No other technology is allowed.
- For full credit you must show your work so that your reasoning is clear.
- Do not spend too much time on any one problem. Read them all through first and attack them in an order that allows you to make the most progress.
- Good luck!

This is a practice exam. It is meant to be similar in format, length, and difficulty to the real exam. It is **not** meant as a comprehensive list of study problems. I recommend completing the practice exam in 180 minutes, without notes or distractions.

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## Problem 1.

Acme Widgets, Gizmos, and Doodads has two factories. Factory A makes 10 widgets, 3 gizmos, and 2 doodads every hour, and factory B makes 4 widgets, 1 gizmo, and 1 doodad every hour.

- a) If factory A runs for  $a$  hours and factory B runs for  $b$  hours, how many widgets, gizmos, and doodads are produced? Express your answer as a vector equation.
- b) A customer places an order for 16 widgets, 5 gizmos, and 3 doodads. Can Acme fill the order with no widgets, gizmos, or doodads left over? If so, how many hours do the factories run? If not, why not?

[Scratch work for problem 1]

## Problem 2.

Consider the vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Find the value of  $h$  for which  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is linearly *dependent*.

b) For this value of  $h$ , produce a linear dependence relation among  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ .

[Scratch work for problem 2]

### Problem 3.

Consider the matrix

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

- a) Find the QR decomposition of  $A$ .
- b) Find the least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, 3, 5)$ , using your QR decomposition above.
- c) Find the distance of  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  from  $C(A)$ .

[Scratch work for problem 3]



## Problem 4.

Given that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 5,$$

compute the determinants of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 5 \\ a & c & b \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2a & 2b & 2c \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Problem 5.

For which value(s) of  $a$  is  $\lambda = 1$  an eigenvector of this matrix?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & a \\ a & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 13 & a & -2 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

[Scratch work for problem 5]

## Problem 6.

Consider the sequence of numbers  $0, 1, 5, 31, 185, \dots$  given by the recursive formula

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} \quad (n \geq 2).$$

a) Find a matrix  $A$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for all  $n \geq 2$ .

b) Find a basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

c) Give a non-recursive formula for  $a_n$ .

[Scratch work for problem 6]

## Problem 7.

Consider the quadratic form

$$q(x, y, z) = 9x^2 + 10y^2 + 8z^2 + 4xy - 4xz.$$

- a) Construct a symmetric matrix  $S$  such that  $q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T S \mathbf{x}$ .
- b) Find  $\mathbf{x}$  maximizing  $\|\mathbf{x}\|$  subject to the constraint  $q(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ .  
[Hint: one of the eigenvalues of  $S$  is 12.]

[Scratch work for problem 7]

## Problem 8.

A certain matrix  $A$  has singular value decomposition  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ , where

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3 & \mathbf{u}_4 \\ | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 & \mathbf{v}_4 & \mathbf{v}_5 \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) The rank of  $A$  is .
- b) The maximum value of  $\|Ax\|$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$  is .
- c) Find orthonormal bases of the four fundamental subspaces of  $A$ .

d) What is the singular value decomposition of  $A^T$ ?

[Scratch work for problem 8]



## Problem 9.

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Which of the following are equivalent to the statement “the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent?” Circle all that apply.

- (1)  $A$  has full column rank
- (2)  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution for every  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^m$
- (3)  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique least-squares solution for every  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^m$
- (4)  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution
- (5)  $A$  has  $n$  pivots
- (6)  $N(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- (7)  $m \geq n$
- (8)  $A^T A$  is invertible
- (9)  $AA^T$  is invertible
- (10)  $A^+ A$  is the identity matrix
- (11) The row space of  $A$  is  $\mathbf{R}^n$

## Problem 10.

Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ ? Circle all that apply

a)  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ 9 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 144 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

b)  $N \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & -4 & 2 \\ -9 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

c)  $C \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & -4 & 2 \\ -9 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

d)  $V = \left\{ \text{all vectors } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^4 \text{ such that } xy = zw \right\}$

[Scratch work for problem 10]

## Problem 11.

In the following, if the statement is true, prove it; if not, give a counterexample.

a) If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix of rank 2, then  $A^2 \neq 0$ .

b) For any matrix  $A$ , we have  $N(A) = N(A^T A)$ .

c) If  $Q$  is an orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  are vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , then  $(Q\mathbf{x}) \cdot (Q\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  and  $\|Q\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$ .

d) If  $A$  is a square matrix and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .

[Scratch work for problem 11]

## Problem 12.

Give examples of matrices with the following properties. If no such matrix exists, explain why. All matrices must have real entries.

a) A matrix having eigenvalue 0 with algebraic multiplicity 2 and geometric multiplicity 1.

b) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix that is neither diagonalizable nor invertible.

c) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $C(A) = N(A)$ .

d) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix with no real eigenvalues.

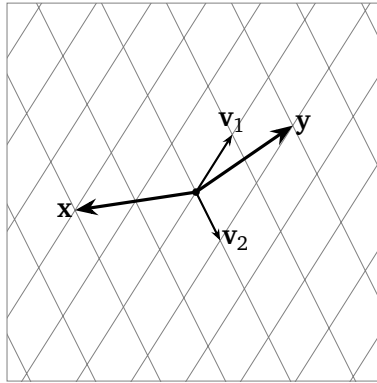
[Scratch work for problem 12]

### Problem 13.

Suppose that

$$A = X \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X^{-1},$$

where  $X$  has columns  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . Given  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in the picture below, draw the vectors  $A\mathbf{x}$  and  $A\mathbf{y}$ .



[Scratch work for problem 13]