

**MATH 218D**  
**MIDTERM EXAMINATION 3**

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

- You have 180 minutes to complete this exam and upload your work. The exam itself is meant to take 75 minutes to complete, so hopefully you will have enough time.
- For full credit you must **show your work** so that your reasoning is clear. (You do not need to show your steps in Gauss–Jordan elimination.)
- If you need clarification or think you’ve found a typo, ask a **private question on Piazza**. We’ll be monitoring it.
- If you have time, go back and check your work.
- You may use **your class notes** (not the ones from the website) and the **interactive row reducer** during this exam. You may use a **calculator** for doing arithmetic. All other materials and aids are strictly prohibited.
- You are not allowed to receive **outside help** during this exam. Consulting with someone else is considered cheating; suspected instances will result in immediate referral to the Office of Student Conduct.
- Be sure to **tag your answers** on Gradescope, and **use a scanning app**.
- Good luck!

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## Problem 1.

[20 points]

Consider the quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 8x_1x_3 + 8x_2x_3.$$

- a) Find a symmetric matrix  $S$  such that  $q(x) = x^T S x$ .
- b) Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $S = QDQ^T$ .  
[Hint: One eigenvalue of  $S$  is 9.]

- c) Find coordinates  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  such that

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \lambda_3 y_3^2.$$

(The  $y_i$  should be linear functions of the  $x_i$ .)

- d) What are the minimum and maximum values of  $q(x)$  subject to  $\|x\| = 1$ ? For which values of  $x$  are those values attained?

Your answers should involve square roots and fractions, *not* decimals.

## Problem 2.

[10 points]

Consider the symmetric matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Verify that  $S$  is positive-definite without finding its eigenvalues.
- b) Compute the  $LDL^T$  and Cholesky decompositions of  $S$ :

$$S = LDL^T \quad S = L_1 L_1^T.$$

### Problem 3.

[20 points]

Consider the matrix

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

a) Compute the singular value decomposition of  $A$  in outer-product form:

$$A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T.$$

Clearly label each of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, u_1, u_2, v_1$ , and  $v_2$ .

b) Compute the singular value decomposition of  $A$  in matrix form:

$$A = U \Sigma V^T.$$

Clearly label  $U, \Sigma$ , and  $V$ .

c) Use your answer to **b)** to find orthonormal bases for the four subspaces of  $A$ .

Your answers should involve square roots and fractions, *not* decimals.

## Problem 4.

[20 points]

Consider the difference equation

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= 2x_n - y_n & x_0 &= 1 \\y_{n+1} &= \frac{3}{2}x_n - \frac{1}{2}y_n & y_0 &= 2.\end{aligned}$$

a) Find a matrix  $A$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and find corresponding eigenvectors.

c) Find a formula for  $\begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$  in terms of  $n$ .

d) What is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$ ?

## Problem 5.

[20 points]

Give examples of matrices with each of the following properties. If no such matrix exists, explain why. *All matrices in this problem have real entries.*

a) A symmetric matrix satisfying

$$S \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose 1-eigenspace is the line  $x + 2y = 0$  and whose 2-eigenspace is the line  $x + 3y = 0$ .

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

d) A  $2 \times 2$  non-invertible matrix with eigenvalue  $2 + 3i$ .

e) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  that is diagonalizable over  $\mathbf{R}$ , such that  $A^2$  is not diagonalizable.

## Problem 6.

[5 points]

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with characteristic polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3)^2.$$

Which of the following can you determine from this information? (Select all that apply.)

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (1) The number $n$ .         | (5) Whether $A$ is symmetric.      |
| (2) The trace of $A$ .       | (6) Whether $A$ is diagonalizable. |
| (3) The determinant of $A$ . | (7) The eigenvalues of $A$ .       |
| (4) The rank of $A$ .        | (8) The singular values of $A$ .   |

## Problem 7.

[10 points]

A certain diagonalizable  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  has eigenvalues 1 and 2, with eigenspaces drawn below.

- Draw  $Ax$  and  $Ay$  on the diagram.
- Draw the vector  $w = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n x / \|A^n x\|$ : that is, eventually  $A^n x$  points in the direction of the unit vector  $w$ . (Let's say that 1cm on your paper is one unit.)

