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PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS
CAREFULLY.

0. *This is a closed book exam.*

1. You have three hours to complete this exam.
2. Questions 1–6 are multiple choice. These questions are worth 2 points each and no part marks will be given. Please record your answers in the space provided opposite.
3. Questions 7–12 require a complete solution, and are worth 6 points each, so spend your time accordingly. **The correct answer requires justification** written legibly and logically – you must convince me that your solution is correct. **You must answer these questions in the space provided.** Use the backs of pages if necessary.
4. Where it is possible to check your work, do so.
5. Good luck! Bonne chance!

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1. Find the value of the constant a for which the following system is inconsistent

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$2x + ay + 4z = 1$$

$$y - z = 1$$

A. $a = -4$

B. $a = -1$

C. $a = 2$

D. $a = -2$

E. $a = 1$

F. $a = 0$

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

$$(2-a)(-1) + 2 = a - 2 + 2 = a$$

$$(2-a)(1) + (1) = 2 - a - 1 = 1 - a$$

2. Which of $U = \{ (x, y, x-y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \}$, $V = \{ (x, y, x+y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \}$ and $W = \{ (x, y, xy) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \}$ are subspaces of $\mathbf{R}^3$?

- A. U and V only
- B. V only
- C. U and W only
- D. W only
- E. U only
- F. V and W only

$$U = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, -1)\} \quad \checkmark$$

$$V = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(1, 0, 0) + (0, 1, 0) = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$\in W \quad \in W \quad \notin W$$

3. Which of the following is (are) a basis (bases) of $\mathbb{R}^3$?

- $\checkmark$ (1) $\{ (1, 0, 1) \quad (1, 4, 0) \quad (-4, -4, 7) \}$
 $\times$ (2) $\{ (3, -1, 2) \quad (5, 1, 1) \}$
 $\times$ (3) $\{ (2, 1, 3) \quad (3, 1, -3) \quad (1, 1, 9) \}$

A. None is a basis.

B. 2 and 3.

☒ C. Only 1.

D. 1 and 3.

E. Only 3.

F. 1 and 2.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -4 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -4 & -4 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -4 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = 40 \neq 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ -5 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \times$$

4. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, what is the second row of A^{-1} ?

- (A) $[-15/8, 1/2, 3/8]$
 B. $[-15/4, 1, 3/4]$
 C. $[13/8, -1/2, -1/8]$
 D. $[-1/2, 1/2, 0]$
 E. $[-15/8, 1/8, 3/8]$
 F. $[-15, 4, 3]$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5/4 & 0 & -1/4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -15/8 & 1/2 & 3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & * \end{array} \right]$$

$$-3/2 \cdot 5/4$$

$$-3/2 \cdot -1/4$$

5. For which value(s) of x is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix}$ invertible?

- A. $x \neq 0$
- B. $x = -1$
- C. $x = 1$
- D. $x \neq 1$
- E. $x \neq \pm 1$
- ☒ F. $x \neq -1$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} = x + 1 \neq 0$$

($\Rightarrow$) $x \neq -1$

6. A is an 8 by 6 matrix such that $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution, $x = 0$. Answer the following questions:

- What is the rank of A?
- Is $Ax = b$ consistent for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^8$?

$$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \boxed{A} \\ 8 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} b \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

- A. 0, Yes
- B. 8, No
- C. 2, Yes
- ☒ D. 6, No
- E. 6, Yes
- F. 8, Yes

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \{x \mid Ax = 0\} + \text{rank } A &= \# \text{cols of } A \\ \therefore 0 + \text{rank } A &= 6 \\ \therefore \text{rank } A &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$[A \mid b]$ consistent for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^8$

$(\Rightarrow)$ cols of A span $\mathbb{R}^8$. But

$$\dim \text{span}\{\text{cols of } A\} \leq \# \text{cols of } A = 6$$

$\therefore$ NO.

7. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + z &= 0 \\ x + 3y + 2kz &= 0 \\ 2x + 4y + kz &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2 a) If A is the coefficient matrix of the system above, find $\text{rank } A$ for all values of k .

b) Find all k so that this system has

- 1.5 i) a unique solution,
ii) infinitely many solutions, and
iii) no solutions.

2.5 c) In case (ii) above, give a geometric description of the set of solutions in each instance.

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2k & | & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & k & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k-1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k-2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k-1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k-2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore \text{rank } A = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } k=2 \\ 3 & \text{if } k \neq 2 \end{cases}$

- b) i) unique soln $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A = \# \text{ vars} \Leftrightarrow k \neq 2$. $\frac{1}{2}$
ii) ∞ many solns $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A < 3 \Leftrightarrow k=2$. $\frac{1}{2}$
iii) a homog. system is always consistent. $\frac{1}{2}$

~~same~~
~~just find~~

c) $k=2$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{cases} x = 5s \\ y = -3s \\ z = s \end{cases}, s \in \mathbb{R}$

This is the line through 0 in $\mathbb{R}^3$ with direction $(5, -3, 1)$. $\frac{1}{2}$

Plane - 0/1/2

(line with "normal" 1/1/2)

8. a) A pet fanatic, Pat, wishes to keep combination of dogs, cats and weasels. They are to be fed 3 food types, A, B and C, and their weekly requirements (in kgs per animal per week) are given in the table below:

	cats	dogs	weasels
A	2	0	2
B	2	1	1
C	3	1	2

Pat can only afford 12 kgs of A, 10 kgs of B and 16 kgs of C each week. Assuming that all the available food is eaten by Pat's furry friends, write down a linear system, together with all constraints, describing the possible combinations of cats, dogs and weasels that this lunatic can keep. Don't forget to define your variables and **DO NOT SOLVE THIS SYSTEM.**

b) Find all solutions of the following constrained linear system:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + z &= 14 \\ 3x + 3y &= 15 \\ 5x + 4y + z &= 29 \end{aligned}$$

where x, y and z are integers, and $x \geq 3, y \geq 0$ and $z \geq 2$.

3) a) Let $\begin{cases} x = \# \text{ cats} \\ y = \# \text{ dogs} \\ z = \# \text{ weasels} \end{cases}$ Pat can keep $\begin{cases} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$ if all food is eaten

Type A : $2x + 2z = 12$
 B : $2x + y + z = 10$
 C : $3x + y + 2z = 16$

Constraints :
 Moreover, 1) $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 2) $x, y, z \geq 0$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 2 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 16 \end{array} \right]$$

$$6) \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 14 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 15 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 29 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 9 - \delta \\ y &= -4 + \delta \\ z &= \delta \end{aligned}$$

Need $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} x \geq 3 &\Leftrightarrow 9 - \delta \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \delta \leq 6 \\ y \geq 0 &\Leftrightarrow -4 + \delta \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \geq 4 \\ z \geq 2 &\Leftrightarrow \delta \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \delta = 4, 5, 6$

Soln $(x, y, z) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & (5, 0, 4), (4, 1, 5), (3, 2, 6) \\ & \quad \quad \quad \delta = 4 \quad \quad \quad 5 \quad \quad \quad 6 \end{aligned}$$

(-unique soln $(\mathbb{Z}^+)^3$)

9. Let $W = \{(a, a-b, a+b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

- 1 a) By any method, show that W is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$.
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ b) Find a basis of W and give the dimension of W . (You must explain why your choice is a basis.)
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c) Give a geometric description of W .
 1 d) Give an equation for W .

a) $W = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 1), (0, -1, 1)\}$ and so is a s.s. of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

b) $\{v_1, v_2\}$ spans W (from (a)) and v_1, v_2 are not parallel, so $\frac{1}{2}$ $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is l.i. and hence a Correct Basis of W . Hence, $\dim W = 2$.
 I justify.

c) W is the plane through the origin in $\mathbb{R}^3$ with $\frac{1}{2}$ normal $= v_1 \times v_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (2, -1, -1)$.

d) From (c), $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (2, -1, -1) \cdot (x, y, z) = 0\}$
 $= \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 2x - y - z = 0\}$

$\therefore \underline{2x - y - z = 0}$ is an eqn for W .

b) - (1) if no mention of l.i.

(1) if mentioned, but not just given

10. Consider the vector space

$$\mathbf{F}[-1, 1] = \{f \mid f \text{ is a real-valued function with domain } [-1, 1]\},$$

together with the usual operations on functions. Recall that the zero of $\mathbf{F}[-1, 1]$ is the function that has the value 0 for every $x \in [-1, 1]$.

2 a) Prove that $\{1, x, x^2\}$ is linearly independent in $\mathbf{F}[-1, 1]$.

(Hint: Consider $x = -1, 0$, and 1 .)

1 b) If $f(x) = (2x + 1)^2$, is $f \in \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$?

$\frac{1}{2}$ c) Show that if $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$, then $g \notin \text{span}\{1, x\}$

$\frac{1}{2}$ d) What is the dimension of the subspace $U = \text{span}\{1, x, \frac{1}{x+2}\}$?

a) Suppose $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot x + c \cdot x^2 = 0$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{At } x = -1 & \rightarrow & a - b + c = 0 \\ 0 & & a = 0 \\ 1 & & a + b + c = 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{rcl} \text{At } x = -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \\ c = 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore \{1, x, x^2\}$ are l.i. in $\mathbf{F}[-1, 1]$

b) Since $f(x) = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 = 1 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot x + 4 \cdot x^2$,
 $f \in \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$.

c) Suppose $g = a \cdot 1 + b \cdot x$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$. Then at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ + 1 correct arg.

d) $\frac{1}{2}$ - correct dim.

11. a) Let A be a real $n \times n$ matrix. Give 3 different statements which are equivalent to:

$$3 \times 1 \quad \det A \neq 0. \quad (\text{see notes})$$

b) Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. No justification is necessary!

- i) If A is a real $n \times n$ matrix, then A is invertible iff 0 is not an eigenvalue of A . TRUE
 3x1 ii) A 3×4 matrix can have linearly independent columns. FALSE
 iii) The solution space of a homogeneous system of 2 equations in 6 unknowns can have dimension exactly 3. FALSE

i) A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A - 0I) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow 0$ is not an eval. of A .

ii) If A is 3×4 , then $\text{rank } A \leq 3$, so the cols of A are l.d.

iii) If A is 2×6 , then $\dim \{x \mid Ax = 0\} = 6 - \text{rank } A$.

But $\text{rank } A \leq 2$, so $\dim \{x \mid Ax = 0\} \geq 4$.

12. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. The eigenvalues of A are 0 and 6.

- a) Find a basis of $E_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Ax = 0\}$. /
 b) Find a basis of $E_6 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (A - 6I)x = 0\}$. $1\frac{1}{2}$
 c) Show that the set consisting of all vectors in the bases for E_0 and E_6 is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$. /
 d) If possible, find an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP = \underset{\uparrow}{D}$ is diagonal and give this diagonal matrix D . $\frac{1}{2}$ /

$$a) \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = -t/2 \\ y = -t/2 \\ z = t \end{array} \quad (1)$$

So $E_0 = \text{span} \{(-1/2, -1/2, 1)\}$; basis = $\{(-1/2, -1/2, 1)\}$

$$b) [A - 6I \mid 0] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} x = -\delta + 2t \\ y = \delta \\ z = t \end{array}$$

$\therefore E_6 = \text{span} \{(-1, 1, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. These 2 vectors are l.i. (not $\parallel$)

so $\{(-1, 1, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$ is a basis for E_6 .

$$c) \begin{vmatrix} -1/2 & -1/2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2.5 & -0.5 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$ they are a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

$$\therefore P = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is invertible}$$

$$d) \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 6 & \\ & & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$