

**MATH 54 MIDTERM 1 (PRACTICE 1)**  
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**DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL  
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

**CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN BLANK  
PAPER FOR ROUGH WORK**

**SO AS NOT TO DISTURB OTHER  
STUDENTS, EVERYONE MUST STAY  
UNTIL THE EXAM IS COMPLETE**

**REMEMBER THIS EXAM IS GRADED BY  
A HUMAN BEING. WRITE YOUR  
SOLUTIONS NEATLY AND  
COHERENTLY, OR THEY RISK NOT  
RECEIVING FULL CREDIT**

**THIS EXAM WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY  
SCANNED. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ALL  
SOLUTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.  
YOU MAY WRITE SOLUTIONS ON THE  
BLANK PAGE AT THE BACK BUT BE  
SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL THEM**

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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. (25 points) (a) Calculate the general solution to the linear system with the following augmented matrix:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 12 & 3 & 15 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 12 & 3 & 15 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 = 3$$

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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Hence general solution is  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 - 4x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $x_2$  is free.

- (b) Write down a general solution to the associated homogeneous linear system.

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 - 4x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 4x_2 \\ 0 + x_2 \\ 2 + 0 \cdot x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a general solution to homogeneous problem.

2. (25 points) Determine all values of  $h$  such that the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ h+1 \\ 0 \\ h+1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 10 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ h \\ h+3 \end{pmatrix}$

are linearly dependent.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & h+1 & 10 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 2 & h+1 & 10 & h+3 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & h+1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & h+1 & 4 & h+1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & h+1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h \end{pmatrix}$$

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Form

Vectors independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  Every column contains a pivot position

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$$h+1 \neq 0 \text{ and } h \neq 0$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$h \neq -1 \text{ and } h \neq 0$$

Hence vectors are linearly dependent  $\nexists$   $h = -1$  or  $h = 0$

3. Give an example of two linear transformations  $S$  and  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $S \circ T \neq T \circ S$ . Hint: Consider  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

Solution:

Recall that given  $A, B$ ,  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$T_A \circ T_B = T_{AB} \quad \text{and} \quad T_B \circ T_A = T_{BA} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{AB} = T_{BA}$$

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 Both linear

$\Downarrow$   
 $AB = BA$

Thus we seek  $A, B$  such that  $AB \neq BA$ .

Almost any random choice will do.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } T = T_A, S = T_B \Rightarrow T \circ S \neq S \circ T$$

4. If it exists, calculate the inverse matrix of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solution:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -7 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -13 & -2 & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right)^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -13 & -2 & 3 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation. Is the set

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

linearly independent? Justify your answer. Hint:  $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  There is not a pivot position in every column

$\Rightarrow$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly dependent.

$\Rightarrow$  There exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  not all zero such that

$$\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}) = T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + \lambda_2 T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) + \lambda_3 T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \mathbf{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right), T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right), T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$  are linearly dependent.