

**MATH 54 MIDTERM 1 (PRACTICE 3)**  
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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) Express the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as a linear combination of the vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution:

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

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 2x_3 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 = -1 \\ x_4 = 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 1 + 2x_3 \\ x_2 = -1 - x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \\ x_4 = 2 \end{array}$$

$$x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) How many possible ways of doing this are there? Justify your answer.

Solution:

There are infinitely many ways to do this as  $x_3$  is a free variable.

2. (25 points) List the possible forms of all  $3 \times 3$  reduced echelon matrices. Label the ones row equivalent to matrices whose column vectors are linearly dependent. Label the ones row equivalent to matrices whose column vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \end{pmatrix}$$

Span =  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

L. D.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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L. D.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

L. D.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

L. D.

3. Calculate the determinant of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Switch 2nd and 3rd}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \longleftarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \overset{\text{one row switch}}{=} (-1) \cdot 1 \cdot -1 \cdot -4 \cdot 3 = -12$$

4. (25 points) (a) Is it possible for a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  to be one-to-one? Justify your answer.

Solution:

It is not possible for  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  linear to be one-to-one.

$T$  linear  $\Rightarrow T = T_A$  for some  $A$ , a  $3 \times 4$  matrix.

$T_A$  one-to-one  $\Leftrightarrow$  Reduced  $A$  has pivot position in every column

However  $A$   $3 \times 4 \Rightarrow$  At most 3 pivot positions.

There are 4 columns so there cannot be a pivot in every column.

- (b) Give an example of a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  which is onto.

Solution:

$$T = T_A \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nearrow$   
In reduced form with pivot position in every row  $\Rightarrow T_A$  onto.

5. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + 3x_3 + x_4 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ x_3 + x_4 \\ x_1 - x_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Give an example of  $\underline{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  not in the range of  $T$ ? Justify your answer.

Solution:

$$T(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \underline{x}$$

$\underline{b}$  not in range of  $T \Leftrightarrow (A|\underline{b})$  inconsistent

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & b_1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & b_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & b_4 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & b_4 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & b_3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & b_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & b_4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & b_2 + b_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1 - 2b_4 - 3b_3 \end{array} \right) \longleftarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & b_4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & b_2 + b_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & b_1 - 2b_4 \end{array} \right)$$

Let  $b_1 = 1, b_2 = 1, b_3 = 0, b_4 = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 - 2b_4 - 3b_3 \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow (A|\underline{b})$  inconsistent  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  not in range of  $T$