

MATH 54 MIDTERM 2 (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) Find a basis for the subspace of all vectors $\begin{pmatrix} a - 2b + 5c \\ 2a + 5b - 8c \\ -a - 4b + 7c \\ 3a + b + c \end{pmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Solution:

- (b) What dimension is this subspace?

Solution:

2. (a) Let $A = (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3)$ be a 4×3 matrix with $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$. Calculate $\|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_3\|$ and

Solution:

- (b) Does there exist a 4×3 matrix B such that $B^T B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$. Justify your answer.

3. (25 points) Let V be a vector space with basis $B = \{\underline{\mathbf{b}}_1, \underline{\mathbf{b}}_2, \underline{\mathbf{b}}_3\}$. Let T be the linear transformation from V to V such that

$$T(\underline{\mathbf{b}}_1) = 4\underline{\mathbf{b}}_1 + \underline{\mathbf{b}}_3, \quad T(\underline{\mathbf{b}}_2) = 4\underline{\mathbf{b}}_2 + \underline{\mathbf{b}}_3, \quad T(\underline{\mathbf{b}}_3) = -2\underline{\mathbf{b}}_3.$$

Find all possible λ such that there exists non-zero $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$ in V such that $T(\underline{\mathbf{v}}) = \lambda\underline{\mathbf{v}}$.

Solution:

4. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Given an explicit description of A^k for any positive integer k .

Solution:

5. (25 points) (a) Let $\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2 with real coefficients. Let $B = \{1 + x, 1, x^2 - 1\}$ and $C = \{1 + x + x^2, 2x, 1\}$. Calculate the matrix $P_{C \leftarrow B}$.

Solution:

- (b) Does there exist a non-zero polynomial $p(x)$ such that $(p(x))_B = (p(x))_C$?

Solution: