

**Math 3110: Linear Algebra (Spring 2014)**  
**Midterm 2**  
**April 1, 2014**

**NAME:**

**Instructions**

- Exam time is 75 minutes
- You may *not* use notes or books.
- Calculators are *not* allowed.
- **Show your work.** Partial credit will be given.

Question	Points Earned	Maximum Points
1		7
2		8
3		8
4		4
5		5
6		9
7		9
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>

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1. (7 pts) Give an example of each of the following:
  - (a) A non-identity permutation matrix with determinant 1.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (b) A set  $S$  of vectors for which  $(S^\perp)^\perp \neq S$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (c) An *orthonormal basis* for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , including the vector  $\mathbf{q}_1 = (1, 1, 0)/\sqrt{2}$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (d) An orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $\det \mathbf{Q} \neq 1$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (e) A  $3 \times 3$  projection matrix of rank 1.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (f) A  $3 \times 3$  projection matrix of rank 2.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (g) A set of 3 distinct nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for which the Gram-Schmidt process will definitely fail.

2. (8 pts) Fill in the blanks. No explanations needed, but think carefully before answering!

(a) Let  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  be the least-squares solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  lies in the

\_\_\_\_\_ of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(b) When attempting to solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , suppose  $\mathbf{b}$  is in  $N(\mathbf{A}^T)$ . Then the least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

lies in \_\_\_\_\_ (which subspace?).

(c) The matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A}$  always have the same \_\_\_\_\_.

(d) Suppose  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$ , and  $\mathbf{v} \in C(\mathbf{A})$ , and  $\mathbf{w} \in N(\mathbf{A}^T)$ . Then

(i)  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(ii)  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{w} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(e) The determinant of an  $n \times n$  projection matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is non-zero if and only if  $\mathbf{P}$  is the projection

onto \_\_\_\_\_ (what subspace?).

(f) As long as  $\mathbf{A}$  is \_\_\_\_\_, the Gram-Schmidt process allows one to factor the

matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal and  $\mathbf{R}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. (8 pts) Find the determinant of the following matrices:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[*Hint*: Cofactor expansion will work to find  $\det \mathbf{A}$ , but it is certainly not necessary.]

4. (4 pts) Suppose a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $\det \mathbf{A} = -3$ . Find:

(a)  $\det(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A})$

(b)  $\det(-\mathbf{A})$

(c)  $\det(\mathbf{A}^2)$

(d)  $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1})$

5. (5 pts) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to turn  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  into an orthonormal set.

6. (9 pts) Let  $L$  be the line  $x = y = z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) Find a basis for  $L^\perp$ , the *orthogonal complement* of the line  $L$

(b) Project the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the line  $L$ .

(c) Project the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  onto  $L^\perp$ .

(d) Write the vector  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  as a sum:  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{v} \in L$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in L^\perp$ .

7. (9 points) Consider the points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ , and  $(2, 2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (a) Use the least squares method to find the best fit line  $Ct + D$  through these three points. Recall that to do this, you will need to solve an equation of the form

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}.$$

for some matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

- (b) For the  $\mathbf{b}$  you found above, calculate the (Euclidean) distance from it to the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .