

Math 200 - Linear Algebra
Exam 2: Practice Exam

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Please be sure to neatly **show and explain all of your work** and clearly label your answers. This exam is a closed-book, closed-notebook exam. Calculators are not allowed.

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1. Suppose that $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is the linear transformation given by $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let S be a subset of \mathbb{R}^3 of volume 6. What is the volume of $T(S)$?

2. Consider the basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

for \mathbb{R}^2 .

- (a) Compute the change of basis matrix that transforms vectors written in the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathcal{B} -coordinate vectors.

- (b) Suppose that $\bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$. What is $[\bar{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

3. Suppose that D is a fixed 4×4 matrix. Let H be the set of all 4×4 matrices that commute with D . In other words,

$$H = \{A \in M_{4 \times 4} \mid AD = DA\}.$$

Prove that H is a subspace of $M_{4 \times 4}$.

(Note: the matrix D here is unchanging. We use it to define the set H , but the elements you want to consider for this problem are the matrices A such that $AD = DA$.)

4. Are the following elements of \mathbb{P}_2 linearly independent?

$$\{1 + t, 3 + 2t + 3t^2, 1 + 3t^2\}$$

Please show all work and fully explain your reasoning.

5. Please mark the following statements true or false. If a statement is always true, give a brief justification why it is true. If it is false, give an example that shows that it is false.
- (a) If V contains a collection $\{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k\}$ that are linearly independent, then $\dim V = k$.

- (b) The map $T : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$T(A) = \det A$$

is a linear transformation.

- (c) For the linear transformation $T : \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by

$$T(f) = \begin{bmatrix} f(1) \\ f(0) \\ f(1) \end{bmatrix},$$

the kernel of T is the set of all functions f such that $f(0) = f(1) = 0$.

6. Consider the map $T : \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$ given by

$$T(\bar{p}) = \bar{p}'$$

where \bar{p}' is the first derivative of the polynomial \bar{p} .

(For example, if $\bar{p}(t) = 1 + 3t + 5t^2 + t^3$, then $\bar{p}'(t) = 3 + 10t + 3t^2$.)

Note that T is a linear transformation (you do not need to prove this).

Please find a basis for the kernel of T .

Hint: begin by finding a description of the elements of the kernel of T .

7. Suppose A is a 5×3 matrix. Suppose that for each \bar{b} for which $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ has a solution, the solution set to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ is infinite.

(a) What are the possible values for the rank of A ? Please justify your response.

(b) What are the possible dimensions for $\text{Nul } A$. Please justify your response.