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Midterm II  
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Time Limit: 80 Minutes

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Welcome to your Midterm! You have 80 minutes to take this exam, for a total of 100 points. No books, notes, calculators, cellphones or any kind of electronic device are allowed. Remember that you are not only graded on your final answer, but also on your work. Thus, unless stated otherwise, you **MUST** justify your answers.

This exam contains 14 pages (including this cover page) and 7 problems. Check to see if any pages are missing. Enter all requested information on the top of this page, and put your initials on the top of every page, in case the pages become separated.

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| 2       | 15     |       |
| 3       | 10     |       |
| 4       | 20     |       |
| 5       | 11     |       |
| 6       | 10     |       |
| 7       | 22     |       |
| Total:  | 100    |       |

1. (12 points) Given the matrix

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

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine

(a) (3 points) Dimension of  $\boxed{\text{Col}(A) = 3}$

(b) (3 points) Dimension of  $\boxed{\text{Null}(A) = 0}$

(c) (3 points) Dimension of  $\boxed{\text{Row}(A) = 3}$

(d) (3 points) Dimension of  $\boxed{\text{Null}(A^T) = 1}$

Do not forget to show your work!

We must find the rank(A). Since a 3x4 matrix is easier to handle than a 4x3 matrix, let's compute rank( $A^T$ ).

$$A^T \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = U \quad (\text{row echelon form})$$

$U$  has 3 pivots  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A) = 3}$

Thus  $\boxed{\dim(\text{Row}(A)) = \text{rank}(A^T) = 3 = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Col}(A))}$

$\text{Nullity}(A) = \dim(\text{Null}(A))$  and  $\text{Nullity}(A) = 3 - \text{rank}(A) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dim(\text{Null}(A)) = 0}$$

$\text{Nullity}(A^T) = \dim(\text{Null}(A^T))$  and  $\text{Nullity}(A^T) = 4 - \text{rank}(A^T) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dim(\text{Null}(A^T)) = 1}$$

2. (15 points) (a) (3 points) Define a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , by listing the three properties that it must have.  $\checkmark$

A subset  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if the following three properties hold.

- (i)  $\vec{0} \in V$   
 (ii)  ~~$\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V \Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$~~   
 (iii)  $\vec{u} \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow k\vec{u} \in V$ .

- (b) (6 points) By checking each of the three properties that a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must have (hopefully you listed them in part (a)), explain why  $V$  (given below) is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r+s \\ r-s \\ 3r+2s \\ r \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Span notation  $\rightarrow$   $= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

(i)  $\vec{0} \in V$ : Let  $r=s=0$ . Thus,  $\begin{bmatrix} r+s \\ r-s \\ 3r+2s \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii)  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V \Rightarrow$  exist  $r_1, r_2, s_1, s_2$  such that

$$\vec{u} = r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v} = r_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} = (r_1 + r_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (s_1 + s_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Letting  $r = r_1 + r_2$  and  $s = s_1 + s_2$  property (ii) holds.

(iii)  $\vec{u} \in V, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  exist  $r_1, s_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\vec{u} = r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow c\vec{u} = c \left( r_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = (cr_1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (cs_1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Letting  $r = cr_1, s = cs_1$  property (iii) holds.

- (c) (6 points) We saw during class all the needed steps to show that a set  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Find a basis for  $V$ . Do NOT forget to show that the basis you found is indeed a basis!!!

$$\text{Since } V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$$

then  $\mathcal{B} = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$  generates  $V$ . Thus

Being  $\mathcal{B}$  the generating set for  $V$ , then (obviously)  $\mathcal{B}$  is contained in  $V$ ,

It remains to show that the set  $\mathcal{B}$  is linearly independent. By inspection, we notice that

$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is NOT a multiple of  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (because,

in particular, there is not constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the 4th entry of  $\vec{v}_1$  is equals to the fourth entry of  $c\vec{v}_2$ ).

3. (10 points) Find  $\det(A)$ , where

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

Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> row has 3-zeros  
I will use cofactor expansion on second row.

Thus,

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

by  
Cofactor  
expansion  
on row 3

$$= (-1)^4(1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^6(4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4 + 4(1) = 8$$

Method 2:

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} -2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\textcircled{2} -R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = U \quad \textcircled{3} R_3 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = (-1)^0 \det(U) = 8$$

$$\det(A) = 8$$

Using the row  
echelon form  
of A

(b) (10 points) For what values of  $c$  is the following matrix NOT invertible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2-c & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2-c & 2-c & c & c \\ 0 & 0 & 3+c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall that  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

$$\det(A) = (2-c)(1-c)(3+c)(c-1) = (c-1)^2(c-2)(c+3)$$

Thus,  $A$  not invertible if and only if  $\det(A) = 0$

~~Recall that  $c=1, 2, -3$  are the values of  $c$  for which  $A$  is not invertible.~~

Therefore, in order for  $A$  to be not invertible,  $c$  must take the values  $1, 2$  or  $-3$

$$A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2-c & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-c & c-1 & c-1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3+c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$-R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$

$A$  not invertible  
for  
 $c=1, c=2$   
or  $c=-3$ .

4. (20 points) Find  $A^{-1}$  (or say 'A is not invertible') where:

(a) (10 points)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A | I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{1} -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \textcircled{2} -3R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{3} -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \textcircled{4} 7R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{5} R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \textcircled{6} -R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\textcircled{7} -2R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



5. (11 points) For the following problems, you must tell **WHY** (you can tell quickly that) the set  $S$  is not a basis of the given  $\mathbb{R}^n$  space.

(a) (4 points)

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -11 \\ 13 \\ 22 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 31 \\ 13 \\ 12 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^5$$

Every basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  has exactly 5 vectors. Since  $S$  has 4 vectors, ~~that~~ it is impossible for  $S$  to be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

(b) (4 points)

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -11 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -11 \\ 13 \\ 22 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 31 \\ 13 \\ 12 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^5$$

$S$  has 6 vectors, but every basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  must have exactly 5 vectors. Thus, it is impossible for  $S$  to be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

(c) (3 points)

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

A basis is a linear independent set. However,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,  $S$  is a linear dependent set. Thus, it is impossible for  $S$  to be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

6. (10 points) Does the matrix  $A$  have  $LU$  decomposition? If it does, find  $L$  and  $U$ . If  $A$  does not have an  $LU$ -decomposition say so but justify your answer (state what is failing).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\textcircled{2} -2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3]{\textcircled{1} -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} -3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} &\Rightarrow l_{21} = 2 \\ \textcircled{2} &\Rightarrow l_{31} = 2 \\ \textcircled{3} &\Rightarrow l_{32} = 3 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{+2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = L \end{aligned}$$

Equivalent Procedure to find  $L$ .

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. (22 points) (a) (8 points) Write on the space provided **T** if the statement is True or **F** if it is False. No justification needed.

(**F**) If  $Ax = 0$  has a unique solution, then the nullspace of  $A$  is empty.

$$\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ is in } \text{Null}(A), \text{ i.e., } \text{Null}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

(**T**) If  $u$  and  $v$  belong to a subspace  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $5u + 12v$  also belongs to  $W$ .

By property of closure under addition of a subspace

(**T**) If  $A$  is a  $10 \times 13$  matrix, then the nullspace of  $A$  is never  $\{0\}$ .

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  ~~is a overdetermined system~~  
has more unknowns than equations. In other words,  
 $\dim(\text{Null}(A)) = \text{nullity}(A) = 13 - \text{rank}(A) \geq 3$

(**F**) A subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must be closed under vector addition.

a subset is not necessarily a subspace

(**F**) The row space of any matrix equals its column space.

Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix  
 $\text{Row}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{Col}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

(**T**) The dimension of the row space of any matrix is the same as the dimension of its column space.

We know that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$

(**F**) Every matrix has an  $LU$  decomposition.

No, when row interchanges are needed to obtain  $U$

(**F**) A square matrix is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) = 0$ .

A invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$

- (b) (14 points) Write on the space provided **T** if the statement is True or **F** if it is False. You MUST JUSTIFY your answers. If it is false, give a specific counterexample, if it is true, prove it is true.

- (**F**) (5 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices then  $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A+B = I_2, \text{ Thus } \det(A+B) = \det(I_2) = 1$$

$$\text{But, } \det(A) = 0 = \det(B).$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 1 = \det(A+B) \neq 0 = \det(A) + \det(B)$$

- (**F**) (4 points) If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix, then  $\det(-A) = \det(A)$ .

OPTION 1:

$$\det(-A) = (-1)^5 \det(A) = -\det(A)$$

Thus, ~~f~~or  $A$  such that  $\det(A) \neq 0$

$$\det(-A) \neq \det(A).$$

OPTION 2 Let  $A = I_5 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 1$ ,

and  $-A = -I_5 \Rightarrow \det(-A) = \det(-I_5) = -1$ .

Where  $\vec{0}$  is the  $\vec{0}$  matrix, of the same size as  $A$

- (**F**) (5 points) Let  $A$  be a square matrix such that  $A^2 + A + 3I_n = \vec{0}$ . Then  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \frac{A^2 + A}{3}$ .

$$\text{Observe that } A^2 + A + 3I_n = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow A^2 + A = -3I_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A(A + I_n) = -3I_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A\left(\frac{A + I_n}{-3}\right) = I_n.$$

$$\text{Analogously, } A^2 + A = -3I_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (A + I)A = -3I_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{A + I}{-3}\right)A = I_n$$

$$\therefore A\left(\frac{A + I}{-3}\right) = I_n = \left(\frac{A + I}{-3}\right)A \therefore \text{Thus } A^{-1} = \frac{A^2 + A}{-3}$$



