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- Do not open this exam until you are told to begin. You will have 50 minutes for the exam.
- Check that you have a complete exam. There are 5 questions for a total of 54 points.
- You are allowed to have one handwritten note sheet. Only basic non-graphing scientific calculators are allowed, though you should not need one.
- Cheating will result in a zero and be reported to the Dean's Academic Conduct Committee.
- **Show all your work.** Unless explicitly stated otherwise in a particular question, if there is no work supporting your answer, you will not receive credit for the problem. If you need more space to answer a question, continue on the back of the page, and indicate that you have done so.

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2	11	
3	8	
4	9	
5	8	
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1. Multiple choice and short answer. For these questions, you are **not required to show any work**.
- (a) (2 points) Every subspace is the row space of some matrix.  
 True    False
- (b) (2 points) If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $(A + B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$ .  
 True    False
- (c) (2 points) If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ , then  $\text{nullity}(A) - \text{nullity}(A^T) = n - m$ .  
 True    False
- (d) (4 points) Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices, let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $s, t$  be scalars. Which of the following are *always true*? (Check all that apply.)  
  $A(s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}) = sA\mathbf{u} + tA\mathbf{v}$ .     $(AB)^2 = A^2B^2$ .  
  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .     $A\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
  $A^2 = A$  implies  $A(A - I) = \mathbf{0}$ , so either  $A = I$  or  $A = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (e) (4 points) Give an example of two subspaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  each of dimension 2 but where the only vector belonging to both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ .
- (f) (4 points) Give an example of two linear functions  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $U: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\ell$  such that  $T$  is one-to-one,  $\text{range } T = \ker U$ , and  $U$  is onto. *Hint:* In your example, you'll find  $m = n + \ell$ .

2. Let  $A$  be the following  $3 \times 5$  matrix. Its reduced echelon form  $B$  is provided.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 15 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

(a) (3 points) Compute  $\text{rank}(A)$ ,  $\dim \text{row}(A)$ ,  $\dim \text{col}(A)$ , and  $\text{nullity}(A)$ .

(b) (8 points) Find bases for  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$ , and  $\text{null}(A)$ .

3. Let  $A$  be the following  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

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

(a) (5 points) Compute  $A^{-1}$ .

(b) (3 points) Show that  $A^T$  is invertible, with  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .

4. Fix a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ . Let  $Q: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function given by

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}.$$

(a) (3 points) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ , show directly that

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2.$$

(b) (3 points) Show that  $Q(s\mathbf{x}) = s^2Q(\mathbf{x})$  for all scalars  $s$ .

(c) (3 points) Find a matrix  $A$  and vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $Q(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) \neq Q(\mathbf{x}_1) + Q(\mathbf{x}_2)$ .

5. In this question, you are given a proof and are asked to provide justification for individual steps. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation throughout.

**Proposition.** *If  $T$  is onto, then there is a linear transformation  $U: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that*

$$T(U(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

*Proof.* Pick  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m$  as in (a), so  $T(\mathbf{y}_i) = \mathbf{e}_i$ . Pick  $U$  as in (b), so  $U(\mathbf{e}_i) = \mathbf{y}_i$ . Then

$$T(U(\mathbf{e}_i)) = T(\mathbf{y}_i) = \mathbf{e}_i.$$

By (c),  $T(U(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . □

*Hint:* Parts (a)-(c) are independent of each other.

- (a) (1 point) Show that if  $T$  is onto, then there are  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $T(\mathbf{y}_i) = \mathbf{e}_i$ .

- (b) (3 points) Show that, given  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there is some linear transformation  $U: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with

$$U(\mathbf{e}_i) = \mathbf{y}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

- (c) (4 points) Show that if  $U: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is linear and  $T(U(\mathbf{e}_i)) = \mathbf{e}_i$  for all  $\mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $T(U(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .