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*Calculators and communication devices are not allowed*  
*Answer the following questions*

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1. (5 pts.) Find parametric equations of the line through the points  $A(1, 2, 3)$  and  $B(2, 1, 4)$ .
2. (5 pts.) Show that the characteristic polynomials of a square matrix  $A$  and its transpose,  $A^T$ , are the same.
3. (5 pts.) Assuming that the stated inverses exist for a nonsingular matrix  $A$ , show that  $(I + AB)^{-1}A = A(I + BA)^{-1}$ .

4. (10 pts.) Show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} c_1 + 2a_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_3 + 2a_3 & b_3 & a_3 \\ c_2 + 2a_2 & b_2 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

5. Let  $W = \text{span}\{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (2, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$ .
  - (a) (7 pts.) Is  $(9, 0, 9)$  in  $W$ ? Justify your answer.
  - (b) (3 pts.) Is  $W = \mathbb{R}^3$ ? Justify your answer.
6. (5 pts.) Show that if  $S = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  is a linearly dependent set of vectors in a vector space  $V$ , then one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the other vectors.
7.
  - (a) (5 pts.) Determine whether  $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = z^2\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (b) (5 pts.) Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Show that if  $A$  is similar to  $B$ , and  $B$  is similar to  $C$ , then  $A$  is similar to  $C$ .
  - (c) (5 pts.) Show that similar matrices have equal determinants.

8. Let  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(2, 1, 4)$ , and  $C(3, 1, 1)$  be points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (a) (10 pts.) Find an equation of the plane through  $A, B$  and  $C$ .
- (b) (5 pts.) Find the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .

9. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) (5 pts.) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (b) (5 pts.) Find a basis for every eigenspace of  $A$ .
- (c) (5 pts.) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

10. In each of the following questions, select the correct answer.

(3 pts. each)

(I) Let  $A$  be a  $6 \times 4$  matrix, then the

- (A) rows of  $A$  are linearly independent
- (B) rows of  $A$  are linearly dependent
- (C) columns of  $A$  are linearly independent
- (D) columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent

(II) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be similar matrices, then

- (A)  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$
- (B)  $\text{nullity}(A) = \text{nullity}(B)$
- (C) the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same
- (D) all of the above

(III) If  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent matrices, then

- (A)  $\det(A) = \det(B)$
- (B) the column spaces of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same
- (C) the row spaces of  $A$  and  $B$  are the same
- (D) all of the above

(IV) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det(A) = 2$  and  $\det(B) = 3$ . Then the  $\det(2AB^{-1})$  is equal to

- (A)  $4/3$
- (B)  $8/3$
- (C)  $16/3$
- (D)  $3/16$

(V) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  invertible matrices. If  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ , then

- (A)  $A = B$ .
- (B)  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues.
- (C)  $A$  and  $B$  are similar matrices.
- (D) none of the above.

1.  $U = \overrightarrow{AB} = (2 - 1, 1 - 2, 4 - 3) = (1, -1, 1) \implies$

Parametric equations are:  $x = 1 + t, y = 2 - t, z = 3 + t$ .

2. The Characteristic Polynomial  $A$  is  $|\lambda I_n - A| = |(\lambda I_n - A)^T| = |(\lambda I_n)^T - A^T| = |\lambda I_n - A^T|$ , which is the Characteristic Polynomial of  $A^T$ .

3. Solution (1):  $(I+AB)^{-1}A = A(I+BA)^{-1} \iff [(I+AB)^{-1}A]^{-1} = [A(I+BA)^{-1}]^{-1} \iff A^{-1}(I+AB) = (I+BA)A^{-1} \iff A^{-1} + A^{-1}(AB) = A^{-1} + (BA)A^{-1} \iff A^{-1} + IB = A^{-1} + BI$ .

Solution (2): {Actually, this is true for any matrix  $A$ , even when  $A$  is singular}.

$(I+AB)^{-1}A = A(I+BA)^{-1} \iff A = \underline{(I+AB)A(I+BA)^{-1}} \iff$

$A = \underline{(A+ABA)(I+BA)^{-1}} \iff A = \underline{A(I+BA)(I+BA)^{-1}} \iff A = AI = A$ .

4. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} c_1 + 2a_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_3 + 2a_3 & b_3 & a_3 \\ c_2 + 2a_2 & b_2 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_3 & b_3 & a_3 \\ c_2 & b_2 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 & a_2 \\ c_3 & b_3 & a_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

5. (a)  $c_1(1, 1, 0) + c_2(1, 0, 1) + c_3(2, 1, 1) + c_4(0, 1, -1) = (9, 0, 9) \implies \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \equiv$

$\dots \equiv \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \implies c_1 = -r - s, c_2 = -r + s + 9, c_3 = r, c_4 = s.$

Yes,  $(9, 0, 9) \in W$ .  $\{(-r - s)(1, 1, 0) + (-r + s + 9)(1, 0, 1) + r(2, 1, 1) + s(0, 1, -1) = (9, 0, 9)\}$ .

(b) No,  $W \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ . A basis for  $W$  is  $\{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\} \implies \dim(W) = 2$ .

6.  $S = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  is linearly dependent  $\implies \exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$  not all are zeros such that  $O = c_1V_1 + c_2V_2 + \dots + c_kV_k$ . Let  $c_j \neq 0$ , then  $-c_jV_j = c_1V_1 + c_2V_2 + \dots + c_{j-1}V_{j-1} + c_{j+1}V_{j+1} + \dots + c_kV_k \implies V_j = \left(\frac{c_1}{-c_j}\right)V_1 + \left(\frac{c_2}{-c_j}\right)V_2 + \dots + \left(\frac{c_{j-1}}{-c_j}\right)V_{j-1} + \left(\frac{c_{j+1}}{-c_j}\right)V_{j+1} + \dots + \left(\frac{c_k}{-c_j}\right)V_k$ .

7. (a)  $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = z^2\}$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since,  $(1, 2, 5), (1, 0, 1) \in W$ , but  $(1, 2, 5) + (1, 0, 1) = (2, 2, 6) \notin W$ .

(b)  $A$  is similar to  $B$ , and  $B$  is similar to  $C \implies \exists$  non singular matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  such that  $A = X^{-1}BX$  and  $B = Y^{-1}CY \implies A = X^{-1}(Y^{-1}CY)X = (X^{-1}Y^{-1})C(YX) = Z^{-1}CZ$ , where  $Z = YX$ .

(c) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be similar matrices  $\implies \exists$  non singular matrix  $X$  such that  $A = X^{-1}BX \implies |A| = |X^{-1}BX| = |X^{-1}||B||X| = \frac{1}{|X|}|B||X| = |B|$ .

8. (5 pts.)  $\overrightarrow{AB} = (1, -1, 1), \overrightarrow{BC} = (1, 0, -3)$ . Let  $N = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (3, 4, 1)$ .

(a) (5 pts.) Equation of the plane:  $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0 \implies 3(x - 1) + 4(y - 2) + (z - 3) = 0 \implies \boxed{3x + 4y + z - 14 = 0}$ .

9. (a)  $|\lambda I_3 - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)[(\lambda - 1)^2 - 1] = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 2)^2$ . Let  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 0$ .

(b) Solve:  $((2)I_3 - A)X = O$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2-2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 2-1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2-1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \dots \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

The eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue 2, are  $X = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq O$ ,  
i.e.,  $(r^2 + s^2 \neq 0)$

Solve:  $((0)I_3 - A)X = O$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \dots \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

The eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue 0, are  $X = r \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq O$ , i.e.,  
 $r \neq 0$ .

(c) Take  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

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