

**MA 351: Introduction to Linear Algebra and Its Applications**  
**Fall 2024, Midterm Two**

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- This test booklet has FIVE QUESTIONS, totaling 120 points for the whole test. You have 75 minutes to do this test. **Plan your time well. Read the questions carefully.**
- This test is **closed book, closed note, with no electronic devices.**
- In order to get full credits, you need to give **correct** and **simplified** answers and explain in a **comprehensible way** how you arrive at them.
- **As a rule of thumb, you should give explicit and useful answers.** No points will be given for just writing down some generically true statements. In other words, your answers should try to make use of all the information given in the question.
- **As a rule of thumb, you should only use those methods that have been covered in class.** If you use some other methods “for the sake of convenience”, at our discretion, we might not give you any credit. You have the right to contest. In that event, **you will be asked to explain your answer using only what has been covered in class up to the point of time of this exam.**

Name: Answer Key (Major: \_\_\_\_\_)

Question	Score
1.(20 pts)	
2.(20 pts)	
3.(20 pts)	
4.(20 pts)	
5.(40 pts)	
Total (120 pts)	

1. You are given the following information:

$$A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_I.$$

Fill in blanks:

$$A \boxed{?} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \boxed{?} A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

both square, 3x3

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} AB = I \\ \Updownarrow \\ BA = I \end{matrix}}$$

~~I~~  $BA \boxed{?} = B \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\boxed{?} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 7 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

~~I~~  $\boxed{?} AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} B$

$$\boxed{?} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}$$

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2. Find the inverse of the following two matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & a & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & a & 0 & 1 & 0 & -b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{A^{-1}}$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

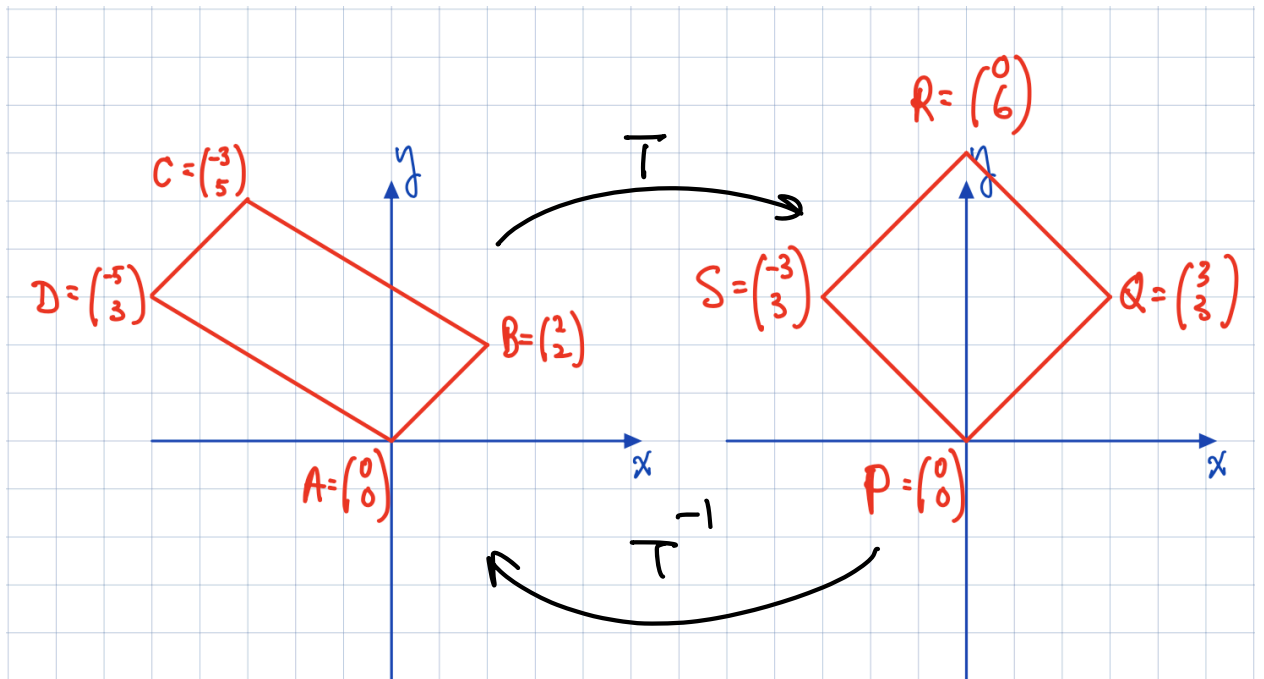
Note :  $B = A^T$

Hence  $B^{-1} = (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ ac-b & -c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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3. Consider the following figure:



- (a) Find the linear transformation that maps the polygon  $ABCD$  to  $PQRS$ .  
 (b) Find also the linear transformation that maps the polygon  $PQRS$  to  $ABCD$ .

Note:  $ABCD$  and  $PQRS$  are parallelograms.

$$C = B + D \text{ and } R = Q + S$$

(a) Find  $T$ , linear, such that

$$T(A) = P, \quad T(B) = Q, \quad T(D) = S$$

automatic:  $T(0) = 0$

$\nearrow$  (automatically  $T(C) = T(B+D) = T(B) + T(D) = Q + S = R$ )

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2(3) - (2)(-5)}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ 3 & 21 \end{bmatrix}}{16}$$

$$1b) T^{-1} = \left( \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ 3 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= 16 \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 21 & -9 \\ -3 & 15 \end{bmatrix}}{15(21) - 27}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 21 \\ \hline 30 \\ 15 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 315 \\ 27 \\ \hline 288 \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{16}{288} \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -9 \\ -3 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{16}{96} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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4. Let  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  be three linearly independent vectors in some vector space. Consider the following three vectors:

$$Y_1 = X_1 + X_3;$$

$$Y_2 = 2X_1 - X_2;$$

$$Y_3 = X_2 + 3X_3.$$

Is  $\{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3\}$  a basis for  $\text{Span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ ? If so, write a general vector from  $\text{Span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$  as a linear combination of  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$ .

$$\dim(\text{Span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}) = 3$$

Check for span of  $\{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3\}$

For any  $aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3$ , try to write it as  
 $c_1Y_1 + c_2Y_2 + c_3Y_3$

$$\text{i.e. } c_1(X_1 + X_3) + c_2(2X_1 - X_2) + c_3(X_2 + 3X_3) = aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3$$

$$\text{Coeff. of } X_1 : \quad c_1 + 2c_2 = a$$

$$\text{Coeff. of } X_2 : \quad -c_2 + c_3 = b$$

$$\text{Coeff. of } X_3 : \quad c_1 + 3c_3 = c$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & a \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & b \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & c \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -b \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & c-a \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2b+c-a \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -a-3b+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a-2b+c \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3a+6b-2c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -a-3b+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a-2b+c \end{array} \right]$$

Hence

$$(3a+6b-2c)Y_1 + (-a-3b+c)Y_2 + (-a-2b+c)Y_3 \\ = aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3$$

(Just to check:

$$(3a+6b-2c)(X_1+X_3) + (-a-3b+c)(2X_1-X_2) \\ + (-a-2b+c)(X_2+3X_3) = aX_1 + bX_2 + cX_3)$$

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Hence  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$  spans the whole of  $\text{Span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{3 \text{ vectors}} \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\dim 3}$

By Thm 2.8,  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$  is automatically lin ind.

Hence  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$

5. Consider the following matrix:

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

- Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$ ,  $\text{Row}(A)$  and  $\text{Null}(A)$ .
- Write each column of  $A$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors you have found for  $\text{Col}(A)$ .
- Write each row of  $A$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors you have found for  $\text{Row}(A)$ .
- Consider the combined collection of the basis vectors from  $\text{Null}(A)$  and  $\text{Row}(A)$ .  
(Just for consistency, write all the vectors as column vectors.)

Does it form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

$$(a) \quad A = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Row}(A) = \left\{ (1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2), (0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) \right\}$$

$$\text{Solve for } AX=0: \quad x_3 = \alpha, \quad x_4 = \beta, \text{ free}$$

$$x_1 = -\alpha - 2\beta, \quad x_2 = -\alpha - \beta$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha-2\beta \\ -\alpha-\beta \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Basis for Null}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(b)  $AX=0$  gives

$$x_1 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{u_1} + x_2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{u_2} + x_3 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{u_3} + x_4 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{u_4} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(-\alpha-2\beta)u_1 + (-\alpha-\beta)u_2 + \alpha u_3 + \beta u_4 = 0$$

$$\alpha=1, \beta=0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\alpha=0, \beta=1 \Rightarrow$$

$$u_3 = u_1 + u_2$$

$$u_4 = 2u_1 + u_2$$

$$u_1 = 1u_1 + 0u_2$$

$$u_2 = 0u_1 + 1u_2$$

Basis vector for Row(A)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad (\underline{1} \quad \underline{-1} \quad 0 \quad 1) &= \underline{1} (\underline{1} \quad \underline{0} \quad 1 \quad 2) + (-1) (\underline{0} \quad \underline{1} \quad 1 \quad 1) \\
 (1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2) &= 1 (1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2) + 0 (0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1) \\
 (\underline{1} \quad \underline{-2} \quad -1 \quad 0) &= \underline{1} (1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2) + \underline{-2} (0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|c} -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Null  $v_1, v_2$        $v_3, v_4$  Row

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

no free var.  $\Rightarrow v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  lin ind.

As  $\mathbb{R}^4$  has  $\dim = 4$ .

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(Thm 2.8)

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