

**MATH 54 LECTURE 3. MIDTERM EXAM**  
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*No calculators, no references except for one  $8.5 \times 11$  sheet of notes.  
Answers without justification will receive no credit.*

1. (15 points) For each of the following matrices  $A$ , compute bases for  $\text{Col } A$ ,  $\text{Nul } A$ , and  $\text{Row } A$ .

$$\text{(a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(c) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. (15 points)  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the vector space of  $m \times n$  matrices with the usual addition and scalar multiplication.
- (a) Let  $W$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  where  $A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  has at least one solution. Determine whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , and if it is, give its dimension.
- (b) Let  $U$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  satisfying  $A^T = -A$ . Determine whether or not  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , and if it is, give its dimension.

3. (15 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Its characteristic polynomial is  $p_A(\lambda) = (1 + \lambda)(1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)$ , which you may use if you demonstrate how to compute it.

(a) Find all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  so that the matrix  $A - c^2 I_3$  is **not** invertible.

(b) Compute  $A^{22} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  by first diagonalizing  $A$ .

4. (15 points) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- (a) Compute  $\text{proj}_W \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - (b) Compute the matrix of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(\vec{x}) = \text{proj}_W \vec{x}$ .
  - (c) Compute the dimension of  $W^\perp$ .

5. (15 points)  $\mathbb{P}_2$  is the vector space of polynomials whose degree is at most 2. Let  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  be defined by  $T(p(x)) = p(x) - p(-x)$  for  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}_2$ . For instance,  $T(x + 1) = (x + 1) - (-x + 1) = 2x$ .

- (a) Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
- (b) Compute bases for the kernel of  $T$  and for the image of  $T$ . (*Range* is a synonym for *image*.)
- (c) Show that  $T$  is neither one-to-one nor onto.