

**PRACTICE EXAMINATION TWO  
FOR SECOND MID-TERM**

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- Start by writing your name in the above box and check your section in the box to the left.
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- You have 90 minutes time to complete your work.

Problem 1) (20 points) True or False? No justifications are needed.

- 1)  T  F If  $A$  is a non-invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(A) \neq \det(\text{rref}(A))$ .
- 2)  T  F If the rows of a square matrix form an orthonormal basis, then the columns must also form an orthonormal basis.
- 3)  T  F A  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  for which the sum of the first two columns is the third column has zero determinant.
- 4)  T  F A  $2 \times 2$  rotation matrix  $A \neq I_2$  does not have any real eigenvalues.
- 5)  T  F If  $A$  and  $B$  both have  $\vec{v}$  as an eigenvector, then  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $AB$ .
- 6)  T  F If  $A$  and  $B$  both have  $\lambda$  as an eigenvalue, then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$ .
- 7)  T  F Similar matrices have the same eigenvectors.
- 8)  T  F If a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has 3 independent eigenvectors, then  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.
- 9)  T  F If a square matrix  $A$  has non-trivial kernel, then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- 10)  T  F If the rank of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is less than  $n$ , then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- 11)  T  F Two diagonalizable matrices whose eigenvalues are equal must be similar.
- 12)  T  F A square matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A^2$  is diagonalizable.
- 13)  T  F If a square matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $(A^T)^2$  is diagonalizable.
- 14)  T  F The matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  are similar.
- 15)  T  F There exist matrices  $A$  with  $k$  distinct eigenvalues whose rank is strictly less than  $k$ .
- 16)  T  F If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix which satisfies  $A^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 0.
- 17)  T  F If a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^2 = I_3$  and  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  must be similar to the identity matrix.
- 18)  T  F  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvectors.
- 19)  T  F The least squares solution of a system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is unique if and only if  $\ker(A) = 0$ .
- 20)  T  F The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1000 & 1 & 1 \\ 1000 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1000 \\ 1 & 1 & 1000 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

Problem 2) (10 points)

Match the following matrices with the correct label. No justifications are needed. Fill in a),b),c),d),e) into the boxes.

A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ -3 & 0 & 7 \\ -4 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

C)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

D)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

E)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) (2 points) skewsymmetric matrix
- b) (2 points) nondiagonalizable matrix
- c) (2 points) orthogonal projection
- d) (2 points) symmetric matrix
- e) (2 points) orthogonal matrix

Problem 3) (10 points)

Find a basis for the subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  given by the equation  $x + 2y + 3z + 4w = 0$ . Find the matrix which gives the orthogonal projection onto this subspace.

**Hint:** The problem can be done in different ways. Choosing an orthonormal basis in  $V$  simplifies some computations.

Problem 4) (10 points)

Assume that  $A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, that is, it is a  $n \times n$  matrix which satisfies  $A^T = -A$ .

- Find  $\det(A)$  if  $n$  is odd.
- What possible values can  $\det(A)$  have if  $n = 2$ ?
- Verify that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $-\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Problem 5) (10 points)

The recursion

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}$$

is equivalent to the discrete dynamical system

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ u_n \\ u_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ u_{n-1} \\ u_{n-2} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ u_{n-1} \\ u_{n-2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the (real or complex) eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Is there a vector  $\vec{v}$  such that  $\|A^n \vec{v}\| \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- Can you find any positive integer  $k$  such that  $A^k = I_3$ ?

Problem 6) (10 points)

Let  $A$  be the matrix

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

- Find  $\det(A)$ .
- Find all eigenvalues whether real or complex of  $A$  and state their algebraic multiplicities.
- For each real eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  find the eigenspace and the geometric multiplicity.

Problem 7) (10 points)

Find  $S$  and a diagonal matrix  $B$  such that  $S^{-1}AS = B$ , where

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

Problem 8) (10 points)

Find the function of the form

$$f(t) = a \sin(t) + b \cos(t) + c$$

which best fits the data points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(\pi, 1)$ ,  $(\pi/2, 2)$ ,  $(-\pi, 3)$ .

Problem 9) (10 points)

Let  $V$  be the image of the matrix

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

- a) Find the matrix  $P$  of the orthogonal projection onto  $V$ .
- b) Find the matrix  $P'$  of the orthogonal projection on to  $V^\perp$ .