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## Mathematics 21b

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Question	Points	Score
1	18	
2	18	
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**No calculators are allowed.**

Justify your answers carefully (except for question 1).

Except for question 1, no credit can be given for unsubstantiated answers.

1. For each of the following, circle T for true or F for false. No explanation is necessary.

(a) T F If  $S, T$  are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $ST = TS$ , and  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $S$ , then  $T\vec{v}$  is also an eigenvector of  $S$ .

(b) T F If  $3 + i$  is an eigenvalue of a real 3 matrix  $A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

(c) T F If  $A$  is a real  $5 \times 4$  matrix, then  $AA^T$  is positive definite.

(d) T F If  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$  are row vectors, then

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{v}_1 \\ -\vec{v}_2 \\ -\vec{v}_3 \\ -\vec{v}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{v}_2 \\ -\vec{v}_4 \\ -\vec{v}_3 \\ -\vec{v}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) T F A  $2 \times 2$  real matrix  $A$  with  $\det(A) < 0$  has 2 distinct real eigenvalues.

(f) T F If  $\text{tr}(A) > 0$  then in the dynamical system  $\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x} = A\vec{x}(t)$ ,  $\vec{0}$  is not asymptotically stable.

2. a) Let

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  (i.e. two of its sides are equal to  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ).

b) Is the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonalizable over  $\mathbf{R}$ ? Briefly explain why or why not.

c) Find a matrix with eigenvalues equal to 2,3,5,7.

d) Which of the following matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$  has characteristic polynomial

i)  $\lambda^4 - 8\lambda^3 - 26\lambda^2 - 88\lambda + 121$ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

ii)  $\lambda^4 - 8\lambda^3 - 19\lambda^2 + 98\lambda - 72$ ?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

For each polynomial there is exactly one correct answer.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 8 & -4 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & -7 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -11 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $A^2 = -I_n$ .

a) Show that  $A$  is invertible.

b) Show that  $n$  must be even.

c) Show that  $A$  has no real eigenvalues.

4. Consider a linear transformation  $T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ . Suppose the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

5. Consider the quadratic form

$$q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1$$

a) Find a symmetric matrix  $A$  such that

$$q(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$$

for all  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

b) Find all the eigenvalues of  $A$  and their algebraic and geometric multiplicities.

c) Is  $A$  positive definite? Briefly justify your answer.

d) Find an orthonormal eigenbasis for  $A$ .

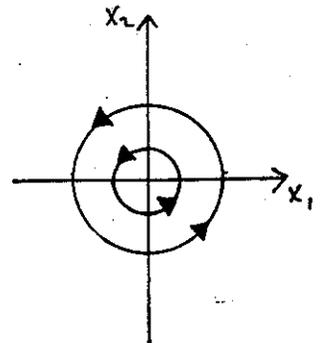
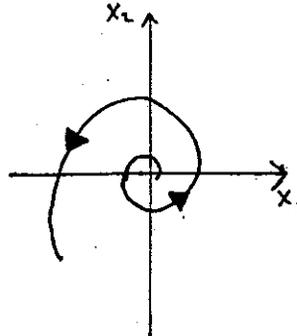
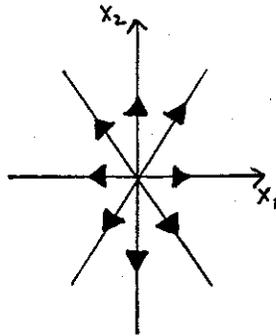
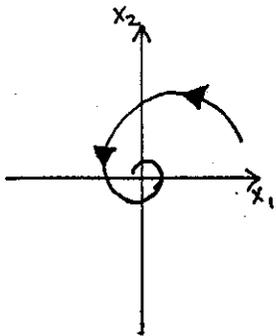
6. Consider the dynamical system

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = ax_1 - bx_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = bx_1 + ax_2$$

a) Sketch a phase portrait in the case  $a = 1, b = -1$ .

b) For each of the four phase portraits below, indicate (by circling the correct answer) whether the constants  $a$  and  $b$  are positive, negative, or zero.



$a > 0$      $b > 0$   
 $= 0$          $= 0$   
 $< 0$          $< 0$

$a > 0$      $b > 0$   
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