

MATH 23a, FALL 2003
THEORETICAL LINEAR ALGEBRA
AND MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS
Final Exam: True/False Solutions
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1. True or False (44 points, 2 each)

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| True | There exist non-trivial vector spaces with only finitely many vectors. |
| True | If $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear transformation and $n > m$, then $\text{Ker}(L)$ is non-trivial. |
| True | If $A : U \rightarrow V$ and $B : V \rightarrow W$ are both injective linear maps, then $B \circ A : U \rightarrow W$ is also injective. |
| True | If U and V are subspaces of a vector space, then $(U + V)/V \cong U/(U \cap V)$. |
| False | Every skew-symmetric multilinear form $f : V^n \rightarrow F$ is alternating. |
| True | If $\dim(V) = m$ and $f : V^n \rightarrow F$ is an alternating form with $n > m$, then $f = 0$. |
| True | If $A \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$, then $\det(A) = \pm 1$. |
| True | Every Cauchy sequence of integers converges to an integer. |
| True | Every bounded set of integers has a least element. |
| False | Every bounded set of rational numbers has a least element. |
| False | Every bounded set of real numbers has a least element. |
| True | If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, then $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$. |
| True | If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ are similar, then $\det(A) = \det(B)$. |
| True | If $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ are similar, then $\text{Spec}(A) = \text{Spec}(B)$. |
| True | If $\sigma = (123)(456) \in S_7$, then $\text{sgn}(\sigma) = +1$. |
| True | If $\sigma = (123)(456) \in S_7$, then σ is bijective as a function from the set $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ to itself. |
| False | If $\sigma = (123)(456) \in S_7$, then $\sigma = \sigma^{-1}$. |

- True** Given a linear transformation $A : V \rightarrow V$, any set of non-zero eigenvectors for A with distinct eigenvalues is linearly independent.
- True** Given an inner-product space V , any set of mutually orthogonal non-zero vectors is linearly independent.
- True** If V is a subspace of an inner product space U , then $V \cap V^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.
- False** If V is an inner product space and $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$, then $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$.
- False** If V is an inner product space and $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ satisfy $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$, then either $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.