

**Exam 4**

105 points possible. 100 points maximum. Throughout this exam,  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers.

1. (15 pts.) Answer each of the following by filling in the blank. No explanation necessary.

(a) Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Then \_\_\_\_\_ is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .

(b) An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(c) If  $S$  is a set of  $n$  nonzero orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(d) If  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the distance between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. (10 pts.) Let  $V = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and define the operations of vector addition  $\oplus$  and scalar multiplication  $\odot$  as follows:

$$(x, y) \oplus (x', y') = (x - y', y - x')$$

and for a real number  $c$ ,

$$c \odot (x, y) = (cx, y).$$

Determine whether scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition, i.e., whether  $c \odot (u \oplus v) = c \odot u \oplus c \odot v$  where  $c$  is a scalar and  $u$  and  $v$  are elements of  $V$ . Do you think  $(V, \oplus, \odot)$  is a vector space? Explain.

3. (20 pts.) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . The eigenvalues of  $A$  are 2 and  $-4$ .

(a) Determine the matrix whose determinant is the characteristic polynomial for  $A$ . (**Note:** You do not have to evaluate the determinant.)

(b) Explain, in a short sentence, how the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  are related to the determinant of the matrix given in part (a).

(c) Explain, in a short sentence, how the nullspace of the matrix  $A + 4I$  consists of the eigenvectors of  $A$  for eigenvalue  $-4$ .

(d) What is the dimension of the nullspace of the matrix  $A + 4I$ ? Find a basis for the null space of  $(A + 4I)$ .

(e) What is the dimension of the nullspace of the matrix  $A - 2I$ ? Find a basis for the null space of  $(A - 2I)$ .

(f) Is  $A$  diagonalizable or not? If so, find matrices  $P$  and  $D$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix and  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . If not, explain why not.

4. (12 pts.) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Find an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

5. (12 pts.)

(a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and let  $x$  be vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $Ax \cdot y = x \cdot A^T y$ .

(b) Use part (a) to prove that if  $A$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are distinct eigenvalues with corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are orthogonal.

6. (10 pts.) Prove that if 2 is an eigenvalue of  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , then  $2I_n - A$  is not invertible.

7. (12 pts.) Determine, with explanation, whether or not the set  $W$  is a subspace of the vector space  $V$ .

(a)  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, V = \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$

(b)  $W = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 \mid a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 = 0\}, V = \mathcal{P}_4$

8. (14 pts.) For the given set  $S$  and vector  $v$ , determine if  $v$  is in the span of  $S$ .

$$(a) S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) S = \{1 + x, x + x^2, x + x^3, 1 + x + x^2 + x^3\}, v = 2 - 3x + 4x^2 + x^3$$