

# Math 240, Second Exam REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Find the inverse of the matrix  $A$  below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $X$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, with  $A$ ,  $X$ , and  $A - AX$  invertible, and suppose

$$(A - AX)^{-1} = X^{-1}B$$

First, explain why  $B$  is invertible, then solve the equation for  $X$ . If you need to invert a matrix, explain why it is invertible.

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{-1}$  using the formula, then solve  $A\mathbf{x} = [3, 5]^T$ .
4. Show that, if  $AB$  is invertible, then so is  $A$  (assume  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$ ). Hint: If  $AB$  is invertible, then there is a matrix  $W$  so that  $ABW = I$ .
5. Let  $S$  be the parallelogram whose vertices are  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 4)$ ,  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 5)$ . Use determinants to find the area of  $S$ .

6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a+2g & b+2h & c+2i \\ d+3g & e+3h & f+3i \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} g & h & i \\ 2d & 2e & 2f \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$ .

If  $\det(A) = 5$ , find  $\det(B)$ ,  $\det(C)$ ,  $\det(BC)$ .

7. Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent, where:

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

- (a) State which vector space contains each of the four subspaces, and state the dimension of each of the four subspaces:
- (b) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$ :
- (c) Find a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ :
- (d) Find a basis for  $\text{Null}(A)$ :
8. Determine if the following sets are subspaces of  $V$ . Justify your answers.

$$\bullet H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, a \geq 0, b \geq 0, c \geq 0 \right\}, \quad V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

- $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a + 3b \\ a - b \\ 2a + b \\ 4a \end{bmatrix}, a, b \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \right\}, V = \mathbb{R}^4$
  - $H = \{f : f'(x) = f(x)\}, V = C^1(-\infty, \infty)$   
( $C^1$  is the space of differentiable functions where the derivative is continuous).
  - $H$  is the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose first entry is the sum of the second and third entries,  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ .
9. Prove that, if  $T : V \mapsto W$  is a linear transformation between vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ , then the range of  $T$ , which we denote as  $T(V)$ , is a subspace of  $W$ .
  10. Let  $H, K$  be subspaces of vector space  $V$ . Define  $H + K$  as the set below, and see if  $H + K$  is a subspace (check all parts of the definition).
 
$$H + K = \{\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \text{ for some } \mathbf{u} \in H, \mathbf{v} \in K\}$$
  11. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Write statements from the Invertible Matrix Theorem that are each equivalent to the statement “ $A$  is invertible”. Use the following concepts, one in each statement: (a)  $\text{Null}(A)$  (b) Basis (c) Rank (d)  $\det(A)$
  12. Is it possible that all solutions of a homogeneous system of ten linear equations in twelve variables are multiples of one fixed nonzero solution? Discuss.
  13. Show that  $\{1, 2t, -2 + 4t^2\}$  is a basis for  $P_2$ .
  14. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a  $1 - 1$  and linear transformation on vector space  $V$  to vector space  $W$ . Show that if  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), T(\mathbf{v}_3)\}$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $W$ , then  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $V$ .
  15. Use Cramer’s Rule to solve the system:
 
$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x_1 & +x_2 & = 7 \\ -3x_1 & & +x_3 = -8 \\ & x_2 & +2x_3 = -3 \end{array}$$
  16. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 12 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = [2, 1]^T$ . Is  $\mathbf{w}$  in the column space of  $A$ ? Is it in the null space of  $A$ ?
  17. Prove that the column space is a vector space using a very short proof, then prove it directly by showing the three conditions hold.
  18. If  $A, B$  are  $4 \times 4$  matrices with  $\det(A) = 2$  and  $\det(B) = -3$ , what is the determinant of the following (if you can compute it): (a)  $\det(AB)$ , (b)  $\det(A^{-1})$ , (c)  $\det(5B)$  (d)  $\det(3A - 2B)$ , (e)  $\det(B^T)$

19. True or False, and give a short reason:

- (a) If  $\det(A) = 2$  and  $\det(B) = 3$ , then  $\det(A + B) = 5$ .
- (b) Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ . Then  $\det(A^T A) \geq 0$ .
- (c) If  $A^3$  is the zero matrix, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .
- (d)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a two dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (e) Row operations preserve the linear dependence relations among the rows of  $A$ .
- (f) The sum of the dimensions of the row space and the null space of  $A$  equals the number of rows of  $A$ .

20. Let the matrix  $A$  and its RREF,  $R_A$ , be given as below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 9 & 3 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & -5 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 14 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that the columns of  $A$  are  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_5$ .

Similarly, define  $Z$  and its RREF,  $R_Z$ , as:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 & -3 \\ 10 & -3 & 9 & -106 \\ 4 & 10 & 2 & 44 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Label the columns of  $Z$  as  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_5$ .

- (a) Find the rank of  $A$  and a basis for the column space of  $A$  (use the notation  $\mathbf{a}_1$ , etc.). Similarly, do the same for  $Z$ :
- (b) You'll notice that the rank of  $A$  is the rank of  $Z$ . Here is a row reduction using some columns of  $A$  and  $Z$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 10 & -3 & 9 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 10 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Are the subspaces spanned by the columns of  $A$  and  $Z$  equal?

- (c) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of basis vectors used for the column spaces of  $A$  found in (a). Find the change of coordinates matrix  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  that changes the coordinates from  $\mathcal{B}$  to the standard basis, then find the coordinates of  $\mathbf{z}_1$  with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  (Hint: The second part does not rely on the first).
- (d) Find the coordinates of  $\mathbf{z}_4$  using the basis vectors in  $\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \mathbf{z}_3$ .

21. Short Answer:

- (a) Define the *kernel* of a transformation  $T$ :
- (b) Define the *dimension* of a vector space:
- (c) We said that  $\mathbb{P}_n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . What is the isomorphism?
- (d) If  $C$  is  $4 \times 5$ , what is the largest possible rank of  $C$ ?  
What is the smallest possible dimension of the null space of  $C$ ?
- (e) If  $A$  is a  $4 \times 7$  matrix with rank 3, find the dimensions of the four fundamental subspaces of  $A$ .
- (f) Show that the coordinate mapping (from  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) is onto.

22. Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  and let  $B$  be  $n \times p$ . Show that  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$ . (Hint: Explain why every vector in the column space of  $AB$  is in the column space of  $A$ ).

23. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation.

- (a) If  $T$  is one-to-one, what is the dimension of the range of  $T$ ?
- (b) What is the dimension of the kernel of  $T$  if  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ? Explain.

24. Find the determinant of the matrix  $A$  below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

25. Let  $P$  be the stochastic matrix below. Find an equilibrium solution to the Markov Chain  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = P\mathbf{x}$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 \\ 0.2 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

26. On any given day, a student is either healthy or ill. Of the students that are healthy today, 95% will be healthy tomorrow. Of the students that are ill today, 55% will still be ill tomorrow.

- What is the stochastic matrix for this situation?
- Suppose 20% of the students are ill on Monday. What fraction are likely to be ill on Tuesday? On Wednesday?
- If a student is well today, what is the probability that he or she will be well two days from now?