

**MATH 1553, SPRING 2020**  
**SAMPLE MIDTERM 2A: COVERS SECTIONS 2.6 THROUGH 3.6**

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Please **read all instructions** carefully before beginning.

- Write your name on the front of each page (not just the cover page!).
- The maximum score on this exam is 50 points, and you have 50 minutes to complete this exam.
- There are no calculators or aids of any kind (notes, text, etc.) allowed.
- As always, RREF means “reduced row echelon form.”
- Show your work, unless instructed otherwise. A correct answer without appropriate work will receive little or no credit! If you cannot fit your work on the front side of the page, use the back side of the page and indicate that you are using the back side.
- We will hand out loose scrap paper, but it **will not be graded** under any circumstances. All work must be written on the exam itself.
- You may cite any theorem proved in class or in the sections we covered in the text.
- Good luck!

This is a practice exam. It is meant to be similar in format, length, and difficulty to the real exam. It is **not** meant as a comprehensive list of study problems. I recommend completing the practice exam in 50 minutes, without notes or distractions.

The exam is not designed to test material from the previous midterm on its own. However, knowledge of the material prior to section §2.6 is necessary for everything we do for the rest of the semester, so it is fair game for the exam as it applies to §§2.6 through 3.6.

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## Problem 1.

True or false. Circle **T** if the statement is *always* true.

Otherwise, circle **F**. You do not need to show work or justify your answer.

- a) **T** **F** If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 3$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $4 \times 5$  matrix, then the transformation  $T(x) = BAx$  has domain  $\mathbf{R}^3$  and codomain  $\mathbf{R}^4$ .
- b) **T** **F** There is a  $4 \times 7$  matrix  $A$  that satisfies  $\dim(\text{Nul}A) = 1$ .
- c) **T** **F** Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and the matrix transformation  $T$  given by  $T(x) = Ax$  is onto. Then  $T$  must also be one-to-one.
- d) **T** **F** Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution. Then each  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  can be written as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- e) **T** **F** Suppose  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^5$ , so that  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$  has dimension 2 and  $\text{Span}\{v_3, v_4\}$  has dimension 2. Then  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  has dimension 4.

**Extra space for scratch work on problem 1**

## Problem 2.

You do not need to show your work in parts (a)-(c), but show your work in (d).

a) Suppose  $T : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  is an *onto* linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ , so  $T(x) = Ax$ . Which of the following statements *must* be true? Clearly circle all that apply.

- (i) The matrix  $A$  has exactly three pivot columns.
- (ii) For each vector  $v$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , there is at least one vector  $x$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  so that  $T(x) = v$ .
- (iii) For each vector  $x$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ , there is a vector  $v$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  so that  $T(x) = v$ .
- (iv)  $\text{Span}\{T(e_1), T(e_2), T(e_3), T(e_4)\} = \mathbf{R}^3$ .

b) Suppose  $A$  is an  $8 \times 5$  matrix and the range of the transformation  $T(x) = Ax$  is a line. Fill in the blank:

$\text{Nul}(A)$  is a \_\_\_\_\_-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^{\square}$ .

c) Suppose that  $T : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  is a linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ . Which of the following conditions *guarantee* that  $T$  is one-to-one? Circle all that apply.

- (i) For each  $x$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , there is a unique  $y$  in  $\mathbf{R}^m$  so that  $T(x) = y$ .
- (ii) For each  $y$  in  $\mathbf{R}^m$ , the matrix equation  $Ax = y$  is consistent.
- (iii) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

d) Suppose  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $A$ .

**Extra space for work on problem 2**

### Problem 3.

Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  be the transformation  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y - z \\ x + 2y \end{pmatrix}$ , and let  $U : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  be the transformation of rotation counterclockwise by  $90^\circ$ .

a) Write the standard matrix  $A$  for  $T$ .

b) Write the standard matrix  $B$  for  $U$ .

c) Is  $T$  onto?      YES      NO

d) Is  $U$  invertible?      YES      NO

e) Circle the composition that makes sense:     $T \circ U$        $U \circ T$

f) Write the standard matrix for the composition you chose in part (e).

**Extra space for work on problem 3**

## Problem 4.

Parts (a) and (b) are unrelated.

a) Suppose  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  is a linear transformation satisfying

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Find } T \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

b) Rollo Tomasi has put the matrix  $A$  below in its reduced row echelon form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & -14 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & -21 & 10 \\ 4 & 12 & -28 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{RREF} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Write a basis for  $\text{Col } A$  (you don't need to justify your answer).

(ii) Write a new basis for  $\text{Col } A$ , so that no vector in your new basis is a scalar multiple of any of the vectors in the basis you wrote in part (i). Clearly show how you obtain this new basis.

(iii) Find one nonzero vector  $x$  that satisfies  $Ax = 0$ .

**Extra space for work on problem 4**

## Problem 5.

Parts (a) and (b) are unrelated. You don't need to justify your answers in part (a).

a) Consider the set  $V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^2 \mid xy \geq 0 \right\}$ .

(i) Does  $V$  contain the zero vector?            YES        NO

(ii) Is  $V$  closed under addition?            YES        NO

(iii) Is  $V$  closed under scalar multiplication?            YES        NO

b) Consider the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  given by

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^3 \mid x - 5y + 6z = 0 \right\}.$$

(i) Find a basis for  $W$ .

(ii) Is there a matrix  $A$  so that  $\text{Col}(A) = W$ ? If your answer is yes, write such a matrix  $A$ . If your answer is no, justify why there is no such matrix  $A$ .

**Extra space for work on problem 5**