

MAT 1341C Test1 Winter 2007

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**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

1. You have 80 minutes to complete this exam.
2. This is a closed book exam, and no notes of any kind are allowed. **The use of calculators, cell phones, pagers or any text storage or communication device is not permitted.**
3. Read each question carefully -you will save yourself time and unnecessary grief later on.
4. Questions 1 to 3 are multiple choice. These questions are worth 1 points each and no part marks will be given. Please record your answers in the space provided above.
5. Questions 4 – 6 require a complete solution, and are worth 6 points each, so spend your time accordingly. Question 7 is a bonus question worth 4 points. **The correct answer requires justification written legibly and logically: you must convince me that you know why your solution is correct. You must answer these questions in the space provided. Use the backs of pages if necessary.**
6. Where it is possible to check your work, do so.
7. Good luck! Bonne chance!

1. Find the rank of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ :

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

E. 4

F. 5

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. The dimension of  $V = \{p(x) \in P_3 : p(-x) = p(x)\}$  is equal to:

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

E. 4

F. 5

$$P_3 = \text{span} \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$$

$$V \subset P_3$$

$$\text{let } p_1(x) = 1, \quad p_1(-x) = 1 = p_1(x) \checkmark$$

$$p_2(x) = x, \quad p_2(-x) = -x \neq p_2(x)$$

$$p_3(x) = x^2, \quad p_3(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 = p_3(x) \checkmark$$

$$p_4(x) = x^3, \quad p_4(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3 \neq p_4(x)$$

$\therefore$  a basis for  $V$  is  $\{1, x^2\} \Rightarrow \dim V = 2$ .

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$p(-x) = a_0 - a_1x + a_2(-x)^2 + a_3(-x)^3 = a_0 - a_1x + a_2x^2 - a_3x^3$$

$$p(-x) = p(x) \Rightarrow -a_1x - a_3x^3 = a_1x + a_3x^3$$

$$2a_1x + 2a_3x^3 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_3 = 0$$

3. For which values of  $\alpha$  does the vector  $(5, 3, \alpha)$  belong to the subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  spanned by  $(3, 2, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 3)$ ?

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B. 1

C. 2

~~D.  $\frac{3}{2}$~~

E.  $\frac{5}{2}$

F. 3

$$(5, 3, \alpha) = a(3, 2, 0) + b(1, 0, 3)$$

$$(5, 3, \alpha) = (3a + b, 2a, 3b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3a + b = 5 & \rightarrow b = 5 - 3a = 5 - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 2a = 3 & \rightarrow a = \frac{3}{2} \\ a = 3b \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}}$$

4. Suppose  $a, c \in \mathbf{R}$  and consider the linear system in  $x, y$  and  $z$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &+ az = 1 \\ 2x + y + 2az &= 3 \\ 3x + y + 4az &= c \end{aligned}$$

- a) If  $[A|b]$  is the augmented matrix of the system above, find  $\text{rank } A$  and  $\text{rank}[A|b]$  for all values of  $a$  and  $c$ .
- b) Using part (a), find all values of  $a$  and  $c$  so that this system has
- a unique solution,
  - infinitely many solutions, or
  - no solutions.
- c) In case b(ii) above, give a geometric description of the set of solutions.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & a & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2a & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4a & c \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a & c-3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a & c-4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{a) rank } A = \begin{cases} 2 & a = 0 \\ 3 & a \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{rank } [A|b] = \begin{cases} 2 & a = 0 \text{ and } c = 4 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- b) i) Unique sol<sup>n</sup> exists  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A = \text{rank } [A|b] = \# \text{ variables} = 3$ ; hence  $a \neq 0$
- ii)  $\infty$  many sol<sup>s</sup>  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } [A|b] = \text{rank } A < \# \text{ variables}$ ; hence  $a = 0$  and  $c = 4$
- iii) no solutions  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank } [A|b] > \text{rank } A$ ; hence  $a = 0, c \neq 4$

$$\text{c) } \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{aligned} x &= 1 \\ y &= 1 \\ z &= \lambda \end{aligned} \quad ; \lambda \in \mathbf{R}. \quad \text{This is the line through } (1, 1, 0) \text{ with direction } (0, 0, 1).$$

5. Consider the following functions in the vector space  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) = \{f \mid f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}$ , which are defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \sin^2 x, \quad g(x) = \cos^2(x) \text{ and } h(x) = 2 - 3 \cos^2(x).$$

Define a subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  by

$$U = \text{span}\{f, g\}.$$

- Show that  $\{f, g\}$  is linearly independent.
- Find  $\dim U$ .
- Show that  $h \in U$
- What is the dimension of  $\text{span}\{f, g, h\}$ ?

(a) Suppose that there exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a f(x) + b g(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 i.e.,  $a \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{at } x=0, \quad a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow b=0 \\ x=\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow a=0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a=b=0 \Rightarrow \{f, g\} \text{ is l.i.}$$

(b) Since  $\{f, g, h\}$  is l.i. and  $\{f, g\}$  spans  $U$ , we have that  $\dim U = 2$

(c)  $h(x) = 2 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot \cos^2 x$

$$= 2 \left( \underbrace{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}_{=1} \right) - 3 \cdot \cos^2 x$$

$$= 2 \sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = 2 \cdot f(x) + (-1) g(x)$$

(d) Since  $h \in \text{span}\{f, g\}$ , we have that  $\text{span}\{f, g, h\} = \text{span}\{f, g\}$ .  
 Therefore  $\dim(\{f, g, h\}) = \underline{2}$

→ 1/2 each ...

6. State whether the following are true or false, in the box after the statement. You must justify your answer: if true, explain why, if not, give an example to show it is false.

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$  good justification  
correct partial justification

a) If  $V$  is a vector space with  $u, v, w$  in  $V$ , and  $\{u, v, w\}$  spans  $V$ , then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is also linearly independent. False

r.g.

$$V = \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$u = (1, 0)$$
$$v = (0, 1)$$
$$w = (0, 0)$$

b) If  $U$  is a vector space with  $u, v, w$  in  $U$ , and  $\{u, v, w\}$  is linearly dependent, then  $w \in \text{span}\{u, v\}$ . False

$$U = \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$u = (0, 0) = v$$
$$w = (1, 0)$$

(or any correct justification)

c) Every linear system of 3 equations in 4 unknowns has infinitely many solutions. FALSE

$$\begin{aligned}x+y+z+w &= 0 \\x+y+z+w &= 1 \\z+w &= -2\end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned}x+y+z+w &= 0 \\x+y+z+w &= 1 \\z+w &= -2\end{aligned}} \right\} \text{No SOLUTION!}$$

d) Every homogeneous linear system of 333 equations in 332 unknowns is consistent. TRUE

$\vec{0}$  is always a solution of a homogeneous system.

7. [Bonus] Let  $S_3$  be the vector space of all  $3 \times 3$  anti-symmetric matrices, that is,

$$S_3 = \{A \in M_{3 \times 3} : A = -A^T\}.$$

a) Find a basis of  $S_3$  and hence give its dimension.

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $-A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -d & -g \\ -b & -e & -h \\ -c & -f & -i \end{bmatrix}$ . From  $A = -A^T$  we have

$$a = -a, e = -e, i = -i \Rightarrow a = e = i = 0$$

$$b = -d, c = -g, f = -h,$$

Hence,  $A$  is anti-symmetric if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ -b & 0 & f \\ -c & -f & 0 \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + f \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is l.i. and spans } S_3.$$

$$\dim S_3 = 3$$

b) Is it possible to find a basis for the subspace of  $S_3$  given by  $U = \{A \in S_3 \mid A = A^T\}$ ?

No!  $U = \{A \in S_3 \mid A = A^T\} = \{A \in M_{3 \times 3} : A = -A^T \text{ and } A = A^T\} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is l.d.}$$