

There are 7 problems with 100 points. Show all your work for partial credits.

1. (10 pts.) Apply Gaussian elimination and back-substitution to solve the following linear system, and give the geometric description of the solution.

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 2 \\ x + 2y + z = 3 \\ 2x + 3y + 2z = 5. \end{cases}$$

2. (10 pts.) Prove that  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$  and  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B)$ .
3. (10 pts.) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $V$  be the nullspace of  $A$ .
- (1) Find orthonormal bases for  $V$  and  $V^\perp$  respectively.
  - (2) Find the projection matrix  $P_1$  that projects vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto  $V^\perp$ . And, find the projection matrix  $P_2$  that projects vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  onto  $V$ .
4. (10 pts.) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all continuous real-valued functions defined on the closed interval  $[0,1]$ .
- (1) Verify that  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$  for  $f, g \in V$  defines an inner product on  $V$ .
  - (2) Prove that  $T : V \rightarrow V$  defined by  $T(f(x)) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  is a linear transformation. Is  $T$  one-to-one? Why?
5. (25 pts.)

(1) Find the eigenvalues of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (2) Find all the eigenvectors of  $A$ . Are there 4 independent eigenvectors? Are there 4 orthonormal eigenvectors?
- (3) Find the rank and determinant of  $A + 2I$ ?
- (4) Create a nonsymmetric matrix (if possible) with eigenvalues 1, 2 and 4. Can you create a rank one matrix with those eigenvalues? Explain your answer.
- (5) Create a symmetric matrix (not diagonal) with eigenvalues 1, 2 and 4.

6. (15 pts.) Let  $A_n = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & a_2 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & a_n \end{bmatrix}$

(1) Show that  $\det A_n = a_n \det A_{n-1} + \det A_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

(2) Evaluate  $\det A_6$  for the case  $a_j = j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .

(3) Evaluate  $\det A_6$  for the case  $a_j = 6 - j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ .

7. (20 pts.) State TRUE or FALSE for each of the following statements. Give a reason (if true) or a counterexample (if false).

- (1) A symmetric matrix with a positive determinant is positive definite.
- (2) If  $A$  is a symmetric invertible matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.
- (3) For any  $A, b, x$ , and  $y$ , if  $Ax = 0$  and  $A^T y = b$ , then  $x^T b = 0$ .
- (4)  $A$  can not be similar to  $-A$  unless  $A = 0$ .