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**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

MTH 1230

FINAL EXAM

Spring 2001

Instructions: Put your name in the blanks above. Put your final answers to each question in the designated spaces. Calculators are permitted. A single sheet of formulas is allowed. **Show your work.** If there is not enough room to show your work, use the back page.

1. 12 points Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Are the vectors \vec{v}_1 , \vec{v}_2 , \vec{v}_3 linearly independent or dependent? If they are independent, say why. If they are dependent, exhibit a linear dependence relation among them.

- (b) Write the vector $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ as a linear combination of the vectors \vec{v}_1 , \vec{v}_2 , \vec{v}_3 .

2. 12 points The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$ has the matrix $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

as its row-reduced echelon form.

(a) Find a basis for the image of A .

(b) Find a basis for the kernel of A .

(c) Compute:

- $\text{rank } A =$
- $\dim(\text{im } A) =$
- $\dim(\ker A) =$
- $\dim(\text{im } A)^\perp =$
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3. 12 pts The number of students getting an A on the Spring final exam of a certain Linear Algebra course is as follows:

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000
A's	2	1	4	6

Represent the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 as 0, 1, 2, 3, respectively, and let t denote the year (after 1997). Let y denote the number of A's.

- (a) Find the line $y = mt + b$ that best fits the above data points, using the least squares method.

- (b) Use the equation obtained in part (a) to estimate how many students will get an A in Linear Algebra in Spring 2001.

4. 14 pts Consider the independent vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis, $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3$, for the space spanned by the vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$.

- (b) Use the above computation to find the QR-decomposition of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

5. 14 pts Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Check if A is orthogonal.

(b) Find A^{-1} .

(c) Find $\det(A)$.

(d) Find the projection matrix in \mathbb{R}^3 onto the image of the matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(e) Find the image of the vector $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ under the above projection.

6. 14 points Find the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

7. 10 points Find a 2×2 matrix A such that $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are eigenvectors of A , with eigenvalues -2 and 5 , respectively.

8. 14 pts Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial of A .

(b) Find the eigenvalues of A .

(c) Find a basis for each eigenspace of A .

(d) Find an invertible matrix S and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = S \cdot D \cdot S^{-1}$.
[You do not have to calculate S^{-1} .]

9. *ExtraCredit* : 10 pts Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & -12 \\ 56 & -25 \end{bmatrix}$. Write A^t (the matrix A raised to the power t , a positive integer) in the form of a single 2×2 matrix. (You may use the fact that the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector with associated eigenvalue 3, and the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector with associated eigenvalue -1 .)