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*Please show your work. No credit is given for solutions without work or justification.*

1. [6 points]

(a) Compute the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 21 & 7 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Let  $A_0$  be an invertible  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $\det A_0 = 1$ , and suppose:

- $A_1$  is obtained from  $A_0$  by interchanging 2 rows,
- $A_2$  is obtained from  $A_1$  (note: not  $A_0$ ) by scaling a row of  $A_1$  by 3,
- $A_3$  is obtained from  $A_2$  (note: not  $A_0$ ) by row-replacement.

Find the determinants of these matrices and fill them in below:

$$\det A_1 =$$

$$\det A_2 =$$

$$\det A_3 =$$

2. [8 points] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -6 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 & 6 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  which is row-equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .

(b) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

(c) Prove that the null space of any  $3 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

3. [6 points]

(a) Let  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \right\}$ .

Is the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  a basis for  $H$ ? Explain.

(b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be matrices such that  $AB$  exists. Prove that  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank} A$ . [Hint: each column of  $AB$  is in  $\text{Col } A$ .]

4. [9 points] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . [Hint: numbers will come out very simply, so stop and check your work if they are not!]

(a) Use the characteristic polynomial to find  $A$ 's eigenvalues and their algebraic multiplicities:

(b) For each distinct eigenvalue of  $A$ , find a basis for its eigenspace:

(c) Evaluate  $A^{2017} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

5. [8 points]

(a) A linear system has a system matrix  $A$  of size  $7 \times 9$  (ie 7 equations in 9 unknowns). Say you know that there is some right-hand side vector for which there is no solution. What is the smallest  $\dim \text{Nul } A$  may be, and why?

(b) Now let  $A$  be any matrix. If the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all right-hand sides  $\mathbf{b}$ , explain why the system  $A^T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.

(c) Let  $A$  be any matrix. Is some subset of the rows of a  $A$  a basis for  $\text{Row } A$ ? Prove your answer. [As always, indicate what if any theorem(s) you use.]

6. [6 points]

(a) Is the set  $\{1 + t, 1 - t, t + 2t^2\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ? Prove your answer. [State any theorems or results that you use.]

(b) Find the coefficients of  $4(1 + t)^2$  relative to the set from part (a).

7. [7 points] In this question only, no working is needed; just circle T or F.

- (a) T / F: The eigenvalues of a lower-triangular matrix (ie, all zeros above the diagonal) are the diagonal entries.
- (b) T / F: The dimension of an eigenspace can never exceed the algebraic multiplicity of the corresponding eigenvalue.
- (c) T / F: An eigenvector with eigenvalue 2 could be a linear combination of an eigenvector with eigenvalue 3 and an eigenvector with eigenvalue 4.
- (d) T / F: Row reduction of a matrix always preserves its row space.
- (e) T / F: Row reduction of a square matrix always preserves its eigenvalues.
- (f) T / F: If  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  is a linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$  and the rank of  $A$  is 2, then it is possible to have  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  for every  $\mathbf{x}$  in the domain.
- (g) T / F: Suppose  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , with  $n, m > 0$ , with standard matrix  $A$ . Then it is impossible for  $\text{Nul } A$  and  $\text{Col } A$  to have the same dimension.