

## FIRST MIDTERM EXAM

**General Instructions:** Read the statement of each problem carefully. If you want full credit on a problem then you must show your work. If you only write the answer then you will *not* receive full credit.

Be sure to ask questions if anything is unclear. This exam has 8 questions and is worth 100 points. You will have 50 minutes to take this exam.

- (12 points) 1. Use an augmented matrix to solve this system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 &= -4 \\3x_1 - 7x_2 + 7x_3 &= -8 \\-4x_1 + 6x_2 + 2x_3 &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & -7 & 7 & -8 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & -6 & 18 & -12 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } 3x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_2 = 5x_3 + 4 = 4 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2$$

$$1x_1 = 3x_2 - 4x_3 - 4 = 6 + 0 - 4 = 2$$

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \{2, 2, 0\}.$$

- (12 points) 2. Find the general solution of the system whose augmented matrix is give here.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -7 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 7 & -4 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -7 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 7 & -4 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -7 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ -1 & 7 & -4 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -7 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 8 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -7 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 8 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_4$  is free so  $x_4 = \lambda$ ,  $x_2$  is free so  $x_2 = u$ .

$$-4x_3 = -8x_4 + 12 = -8\lambda + 12 \Rightarrow x_3 = 2\lambda - 3$$
$$x_1 = 7x_2 - 6x_4 + 5 = 7u - 6\lambda + 5$$

So solution set is

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\} = \{7u - 6\lambda + 5, u, 2\lambda - 3, \lambda\}.$$

(12 points) 3. Determine whether  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_3 \text{ is free so } x_3 = \lambda$$

$$x_2 = -4x_3 + 3 = -4\lambda + 3$$

$$x_1 = -5x_3 + 2 = -5\lambda + 2$$

$$\text{Take } \lambda = 1 \text{ so}$$

$$x_1 = -3, x_2 = -1, x_3 = 1.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{b} = -3\mathbf{v}_1 - 1\mathbf{v}_2 + 1\mathbf{v}_3$$

- (12 points) 4. Given  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then solve the system and write the solution as a vector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } x_3 &= 1 \\ 5x_2 - 5x_3 + 1 &= -4 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{-4}{5} \\ 1x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 &= \frac{8}{5} - 1 = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solution is } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{4}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (14 points) 5. Write the solution of the given homogeneous system in parametric vector form (using  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ , etc.).

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$$

$$-3x_1 - 7x_2 + 9x_3 = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -8 & 0 \\ -3 & -7 & 9 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_3$  is free so  $x_3 = \lambda$

$$x_2 = 3x_3 = 3\lambda$$

$$x_1 = -3x_2 + 5x_3 = -9\lambda + 5\lambda = -4\lambda$$

So solution is  $\{-4\lambda, 3\lambda, \lambda\}$ .

- (14 points) 6. Determine whether the columns of this matrix form a linearly independent set.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \\ -4 & -3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 12 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -9 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 12 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 0 \\ -3x_2 &= -12x_3 = 0 \quad \text{so } x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 &= -3x_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So there are only trivial solutions to this system.  
Hence the columns are linearly independent.

(12 points) 7. Given the matrix  $A$ , define the linear mapping  $T$  by  $T\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}$ . Find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b}$ . Say whether or not  $\mathbf{x}$  is unique.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -7 \\ 3 & -5 & -9 & -9 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & -15 & -27 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 4x_3 - 7 = -3$$

$$x_1 = 3x_2 - 2x_3 + 6 = -9 - 2 + 6 = -5$$

Solution is  $\{-5, -3, 1\}$ . It is unique.

- (12 points) 8. The map  $T$  from  $\mathbf{R}^3$  to  $\mathbf{R}^2$  satisfies  $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (1, 3)$ ,  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = (4, 2)$ ,  $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = (-5, 4)$ . [Here  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$  are the columns of the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.] Find the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$