

Math 115A  
Linear Algebra

Midterm 1

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**Instructions:** You have 50 minutes to complete this exam. There are four questions, worth a total of 40 points. This test is closed book and closed notes. No calculator or any electronic device is allowed.

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**Problem 1.**

Indicate whether the following statements are either true or false. Circle your answer.

(a) [1pts.] The map  $d : C^\infty\mathbb{R} \rightarrow C^\infty\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $d(f) = f'$  is linear.

T                       F

(b) [1pts.] The set  $\{(1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}$  is a basis for  $F^n$ .

T                       F

(c) [1pts.] There is a linear map  $T : M_{2 \times 3}\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

T                       F

(d) [1pts.] There is a set of  $n + 1$  linearly dependent vectors in  $P_n F$ .

T                       F

(e) [1pts.] There is a subspace  $W$  of  $M_{3 \times 3}F$  so that  $W$  contains 10 linearly independent vectors.

T                       F

(f) [1pts.] If  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a generating set for  $V$ , and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map, then  $\{T(x_1), \dots, T(x_n)\}$  is a generating set for  $W$ .

T                       F

(g) [1pts.] The map  $T : P_n F \rightarrow P_n F$  defined by  $T(f) = f + 1$  is linear.

T                       F

(h) [1pts.] There is a vector space  $V$  that contains a generating subset with 10 vectors and a linearly independent subset with 15 vectors.

T                       F

(i) [1pts.] If  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$  are subsets of a vector space  $V$  and  $S_2$  is linearly independent, then so is  $S_1$ .

T                       F

(j) [1pts.] A vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with positive dimension has infinitely many distinct subspaces.

T                       F

**Problem 2.**

Consider the linear transformation  $T : P_2\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $T(f) = f(0) - f(1)$ .

(a) [6pts.] Find a basis for  $N(T)$ .

$$0 = a(0)^2 + b(0) + c - a(1)^2 - b(1) - c$$

$$0 = -a - b$$

$$a = -b$$

$$\text{basis for } N(T) = \{x^2 - x, 1\}$$

- (b) [2pts.] Extend your basis for  $N(T)$  from the previous part of this question to a basis for all of  $P_2\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{basis for } P_2\mathbb{R} = \{(x^2 - x), (1), (x)\}$$

- (c) [2pts.] Is there some linear map  $S : P_2\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that is onto and that has the property that  $N(S) = N(T)$ ? Be sure to justify your answer.

$$S : P_2\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad S(f(x)) = (f(0) - f(1), f(0) - f(1))$$

$$N(S) = N(T)$$

No. For  $N(S) = N(T)$ , in the pair  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  either  $a=0$ ,  $b=0$ , or  $a=b$  and these options make it impossible for  $S$  to span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . So  $S$  can't be onto under the imposed condition.

**Problem 3.** 10pts.

Suppose that  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, and that  $\{T(x_1), \dots, T(x_n)\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $W$ . Show that  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$ . Feel free to use anything we have done in class or from the text, unless it is essentially just the statement of this problem.

$$\forall T(x) \in \text{span} \{T(x_1) \dots T(x_n)\}$$

$$\forall a_1 \dots a_n \in F$$

$$T(x) = a_1 T(x_1) + \dots + a_n T(x_n)$$

If  $T(x) = 0$ ,  $a_1 \dots a_n = 0$  due to linear indep.

$$0 = 0 \cdot T(x_1) + \dots + 0 \cdot T(x_n)$$

$$0 = T(0 \cdot x_1) + \dots + T(0 \cdot x_n)$$

$$0 = T(0 \cdot x_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot x_n)$$

Problem 4.

Determine whether the the following subsets of vector spaces are or are not subspaces. Be sure to justify your answer.

- (a) [5pts.]  $\{f \in C^\infty\mathbb{R} : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) \geq 0\}$  as a subset of  $C^\infty\mathbb{R}$  (the vector space of infinitely differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) with the standard  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space structure.

No, not closed under scalar mult

closed addition  
 $f, g \in \text{subspace}$   
 $f+g = f(x)+g(x) = (f+g)(x) \geq 0$  since  $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$   
 $f+g \in \text{subspace}$

scalar mult  
 if  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   $c < 0$   
 $cf = cf(x) < 0$  since  $f(x) \geq 0$   $c < 0$   
 $cf \notin \text{subspace}$

- (b) [5pts.]  $\{A \in M_{n \times n}F : A + A^T = 0\}$  as subspace of  $M_{n \times n}F$  with the standard  $F$ -vector space structure.

Yes.

closed under addition  
 for  $A, B$  elements of subspace  
 let  $C = A+B$ ,  $C^T = A^T+B^T$   
 $C+C^T = (A+B)+(A^T+B^T) = (A+A^T)+(B+B^T) = 0$   
 so,  $C \in \text{subspace}$  so closed add.

closed under scalar mult  
 $A \in \text{subspace}$   $c \in F$   
 let  $B = cA$ , then  $B^T = cA^T$   
 $B+B^T = cA+cA^T = c(A+A^T) = 0$   
 $B \in \text{subspace}$  so closed scalar mult.