

Math 115A  
Linear Algebra

Midterm 2

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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.] As a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $M_{n \times n} \mathbb{C}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{4n^2}$ .

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(b) [1pts.] If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map and  $V$  has two finite ordered bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and  $W$  has two finite ordered bases  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ , then  $[T]_{\beta}^{\delta} = [id]_{\delta}^{\gamma} [T]_{\alpha}^{\gamma} [id]_{\beta}^{\alpha}$

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(c) [1pts.] Every diagonalizable linear map is also invertible.

T                      F

(d) [1pts.] If  $\beta$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  a linear map, and  $T(\beta)$  is a basis for  $W$ , then  $T$  is an isomorphism.

T                      F

(e) [1pts.] If  $A, B \in M_{n \times n} F$  and  $\det A = \det B$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.

T                      F

(f) [1pts.] If  $x$  is an eigenvector for the matrix  $A^2$  then it is also an eigenvector for the matrix  $A$ .

T                      F

(g) [1pts.] Suppose that  $U$  and  $T$  are linear operators on a finite dimensional vector space, and that  $U \circ T$  is invertible. Then  $U$  and  $T$  are each invertible.

T                      F

(h) [1pts.] If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with columns  $[x_1 x_2 x_3]$ , and  $B$  has columns  $[x_3 x_1 x_2]$  then  $\det B = \det A$ .

T                      F

(i) [1pts.] Suppose  $T : V \rightarrow W$  and  $U : W \rightarrow Z$  are linear maps and that  $U \circ T : V \rightarrow Z$  is invertible. Then  $U$  and  $T$  are each invertible.

T                      F

(j) [1pts.] The map  $\det : M_{n \times n} F \rightarrow F$  is linear.

T                       F

Problem 2.

Consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -13x + 10y \\ -21x + 16y \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) [6pts.] Compute the matrix representation of  $T$  in the ordered basis  $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ .

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 10 \\ -21 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) [4pts.] Is there a basis  $\beta$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $[T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Be sure to justify your answer.

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ -21 \end{pmatrix} = 2\beta_1 + 3\beta_2$$

Problem 3.

For  $A \in M_{n \times n} F$ , recall that the trace of  $A$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,i}$ .

- (a) [5pts.] Show that for  $A, B \in M_{n \times n} F$  the trace of  $AB$  is equal to the trace of  $BA$ . Feel free to use anything we've talked about so far, unless it is essentially exactly this statement.

$$AB_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$\text{Then } \text{tr}(AB) = \sum_{k=1}^n AB_{kk} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n A_{lk} B_{kl}$$

$$BA_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n B_{ik} A_{kj} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$\text{Then } \text{tr}(BA) = \sum_{k=1}^n BA_{kk} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n B_{lk} A_{kl}$$

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$\text{tr}(AB)$  and  $\text{tr}(BA)$  are summations of the same form

So,  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .

- (b) [5pts.] Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, then the trace of  $A$  is equal to the trace of  $B$ . Feel free to use anything we've talked about so far, unless it is essentially exactly this statement.

Let  $A, B$  be similar,  $A, B \in M_{n \times n} F$

Then  $\exists Q$  invertible st  $B = Q^{-1} A Q$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(Q^{-1} A Q)$$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(Q^T A Q)$$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A Q Q^{-1}) \quad \text{by above}$$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A Q Q^{-1})$$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A I)$$

$$\text{tr}(B) = \text{tr}(A) \quad \square$$

Problem 4.

- (a) [6pts.] If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional  $F$ -vector space and  $T$  is diagonalizable, show that  $\chi_T(t) = (c_1 - t)(c_2 - t) \dots (c_n - t)$ , where the  $c_i$  are scalars in  $F$ . Feel free to use anything we've talked about so far, unless it is essentially exactly this statement.

Suppose  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are eigenvalues of  $T$ .

Then  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in F$  st  $\chi_T(c_i) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

( $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are roots of  $\chi_T(t)$ )

If  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are roots of  $\chi_T(t)$

Then  $(c_i - t)$  must be a factor of  $\chi_T(t)$

So,  $\chi_T(t)$  must be a product of  $(c_i - t)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$

Thus,  $\chi_T(t) = (c_1 - t)(c_2 - t) \dots (c_n - t)$  where

$c_1, \dots, c_n \in F$ .

- (b) [4pts.] Use the previous question to show that the linear map  $T : P_2\mathbb{R} \rightarrow P_2\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $T(a + bx + cx^2) = (3b - c) + (2bx) + (a + 7b)x^2$  is not diagonalizable.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\chi_T(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -t & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2-t & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & -t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_T(t) = -t(2-t)(-t) - 3(0) - 1(t-2)$$

$$= 2t^2 - t^3 - t + 2$$

$$= -t^3 + 2t^2 - t + 2$$

$$= 2(-t+1)(t^2+1)$$

$$= 2(1-t)(i-t)(-i-t)$$

$i \notin \mathbb{R}$  so  $T$  is not diagonalizable