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**Math 223 - Midterm 2 - Friday November 7, 2008 - six pages**

Please show your work. I expect some arguments for full credit.

1. [20 marks] Consider a  $4 \times 6$  matrix  $A$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

There is an invertible matrix  $E$  so that

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) [3 marks] What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?  
b) [8 marks] Give a basis for the row space of  $A$  and a basis for the column space of  $A$ .  
c) [4 marks] Give a basis for the null space of  $A$ .  
d) [5 marks] Consider a vector  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbf{R}^4$  so that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  is consistent (i.e. the system of equations has a solution). Let  $A' = [\mathbf{c}|A]$ , i.e.  $A'$  is the  $4 \times 7$  matrix with  $\mathbf{c}$  being the first column and the remainder being the columns of  $A$ . What is  $\text{rank}(A')$ ?  
2. [15 marks] For the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

determine explicit matrices  $M, D, M^{-1}$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix, so that  $A = MDM^{-1}$ .

3. [20 marks]

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{NOTE: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  be the linear transformation satisfying

$$T(\mathbf{u}_1) = \mathbf{u}_2, \quad T(\mathbf{u}_2) = 2\mathbf{u}_3, \quad T(\mathbf{u}_3) = 3\mathbf{u}_1.$$

- a) [5 marks] Give the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ .  
b) [10 marks] Give the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  (the standard basis). Give the explicit matrix with integer entries.  
c) [5 marks] Give the matrix representing  $T^3$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ . What is the matrix representing  $T^3$  with respect to the standard basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ ? Again, you should be able to give explicit matrices.  
4 [10 marks]  
a) [5 marks] Explain why  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ .  
b) [5 marks] Assume  $A$  is diagonalizable. Show that  $A$  is similar to  $A^T$ .  
5 [5 marks] Show that the functions  $e^x, e^{2x}$  and  $x(x-1)$  are linearly independent.  
6. [10 marks] Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  diagonalizable matrix with  $\det(A - \lambda I) = -(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 4)$ . What are the eigenvalues of  $A - 4I$ ?

7 [10 marks] Let  $A$  be a nonzero  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying  $A^k = 0$ . Show that  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

8 [10 marks] Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Let  $V$  be the set of all matrices which are polynomials in  $A$  (of degree at most 3):

$$V = \{a_3A^3 + a_2A^2 + a_1A + a_0I : a_3, a_2, a_1, a_0 \in \mathbf{R}\}$$

a) [4 marks] Show that  $V$  is a subspace of the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices.

b) [6 marks] Assume that  $A^2 = A + 2I$ . Show that  $\dim(V) \leq 2$ . Can  $\dim(V) = 0$ ?