

# EXAM I

Math 51, Spring 2002.

You have 2 hours.

No notes, no books, no calculators.

YOU MUST SHOW ALL WORK AND EXPLAIN ALL REASONING  
TO RECEIVE CREDIT

Good luck!

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ (/20 points)

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Bonus \_\_\_\_\_ (/10 points)

Total \_\_\_\_\_ (/100 points)

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Circle your section meeting time:

11:00am    1:15pm    7pm

1. Let

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Compute the length of each of the given vectors, and the dot product for each pair.

(b) Let  $\theta_{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}$  be the angle formed at the origin between the vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . Evaluate

$$\cos(\theta_{\vec{u}, \vec{v}})$$

- (c) Find a linear dependence of the three vectors given, or prove that they are independent.

2. (a) Use pivots to prove that a collection of  $(n + 1)$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must have a linear dependence. (Make sure to explain ALL of your reasoning as carefully and clearly as possible.)

(b) Prove that if the system of equations represented by

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad \text{where } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

has a solution, then we can conclude that  $\vec{b}$  is in the column space of  $A$ .

3. (a) Find the null space for the matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Use your result from part (a) to find a parametric representation of the solution set to the system of equations below WITHOUT row reducing; explain how you know your answer is complete.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 1 \\ y + z &= 0 \\ x - z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

4. Use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}| \leq \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|$$

to prove the Triangle Inequality:

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$

(Hint: Begin by computing  $\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\|^2$  with dot products, and then plug in the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality when the opportunity arises.)

5. The matrix  $A$  below has the given reduced row echelon form (You do not need to verify this).

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using this information, write down bases for the null space, column space, and row space of  $A$ .

**Bonus Question:** Let the function  $f$  project vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to the  $xy$ -plane; in other words,

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also suppose that the three vectors

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

are all perpendicular to each other.

Show that it is NOT possible for all three of the angles created at the origin by the vectors  $f(\vec{u})$ ,  $f(\vec{v})$ ,  $f(\vec{w})$  to be acute.

(Hint: Try phrasing the given conditions on the three vectors  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and the three desired conditions on the vectors  $f(\vec{u})$ ,  $f(\vec{v})$ ,  $f(\vec{w})$  in terms of dot products, and then expand those expressions in terms of components.)