

# Sample Midterm Exam

Math 20F  
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**Read all of the following information before starting the exam:**

- READ EACH OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE EXAM CAREFULLY!
- Show all work, clearly and in order, if you want to get full credit. I reserve the right to take off points if I cannot see how you arrived at your answer (even if your final answer is correct).
- A single  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  sheet of notes (double sided) is allowed. No calculators are permitted.
- Circle or otherwise indicate your final answers.
- Please keep your written answers clear, concise and to the point.
- This test has xxx problems and is worth xxx points. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have all of the pages!
- Turn off cellphones, etc.
- Good luck!

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**1.** (*0 points*)      (a)      Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Solve  $A\mathbf{x} = b$ .

(b)      Suppose  $T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the matrix for the linear transformation  $T$ .

(c)      Define linear independence.

(d)      Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$ . Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent?

**2.** (0 points)

(a) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^T$ ,  $AB$  and  $B^T - 3A$ .

(b) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -7 & 3 \\ -2 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^{-1}$ .

(c) Suppose  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $A \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{-1}$ .

**3.** (0 points)      (a)      Suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $\det(A)$ .

(b)      Suppose  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Use Cramer's rule to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

(c)      Find the area of the *triangle* with vertices  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(4, 7)$  and  $(8, 4)$  using the methods of this course.

**4.** (*0 points*) For each statement, mark it true or false. If it is false give a (counter)example or brief proof. If it is true give a reason - if the reason is a theorem, state the theorem, otherwise give a brief proof. No credit for answers without a correct reason or example. Unless explicitly noted, there are no condition on the dimensions of matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

(a) If  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  are linearly dependent, then one of the vectors is a multiple of another.

(b) If  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for all  $\mathbf{b}$ , the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbf{R}^m$ .

(c) If  $AB = AC$ , then  $B = C$ .

(d) If the transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$  is onto, then the transformation  $T'(x) = A\mathbf{x}$  is onto

(e) If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$ , and invertible, then  $A + B$  is invertible.

(f) If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ , then  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ .

(g) If the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent, then  $\text{Col}(A)$  is not a vector space.

**5.** (0 points)

(a) If  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation verify that the range of  $T = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{v} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ , is a vector space. (Note the range is not necessarily all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is the co-domain, not the range.).

(b) Verify that the derivative operator  $\frac{d}{dx}$  is a linear transformation from the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3 to the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2. Is this linear transformation 1 – 1? Onto?

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