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Math 205 - Exam 2 - March 8, 2006

**Instructions:** Show enough work to justify your final answers. When referring to a theorem, give as much information about the theorem as you can.

1. (20 pts.) Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 7 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 10 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , which is row-equivalent to  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) What is the rank of  $A$ ?
- (b) What is the dimension of the nullspace of  $A$ ?
- (c) Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .
- (d) Find a basis for  $\text{Row } A$ .
- (e) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

2. (15 pts.) Consider the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Calculate  $\det M$ .
- (b) Is  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{Col } M$ ?
- (c) Is  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{Nul } M$ ?
- (d) Is  $\mathbf{v}$  an eigenvector of  $M$ ?
- (e) Show that  $\lambda = 2$  is an eigenvalue of  $M$  and calculate its associated eigenspace.

3. (10 pts.) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 - t - t^2, -1 + t - t^2, 2 + 2t + 4t^2\}$  be a set of polynomials in  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

(a) Show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

(b) For  $\mathbf{p}(t) = 3 + t + t^2$ , find  $[\mathbf{p}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

(c) Is  $\mathcal{B}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_3$ ? Explain.

4. (10 pts.) Prove the statement: If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $\text{Nul } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

5. (15 pts.) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d+2a & e+2b & f+2c \\ g+3a & h+3b & i+3c \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} g & h & i \\ 2d & 2e & 2f \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $\det A = 5$ .

- (a) Find  $\det(B)$ .
- (b) Find  $\det(AC)$ .
- (c) Is  $AB$  invertible? Explain.
- (d) Are the columns of  $A$  linearly independent? Explain.

6. (10 pts.) Suppose  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix with the property that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that each equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has *exactly* one solution.

