

**Math 520 Final Exam**

Spring 2008

Sections 1–3 (Xiao/Dumas/Liaw)

**Read these instructions carefully.**

- Write your name, section, and “Math 520 Final Exam” on the front of an exam book.

10am / Xiao = Section 1  
Noon / Dumas = Section 2  
1pm / Liaw = Section 3

- Read each problem carefully before you attempt to solve it.
- Write your solutions to the problems in the examination book.
- Clearly indicate where your solution to each problem begins and ends.
- Make sure your solutions are clear, concise, and legible.
- There are **9** problems on the exam, worth a total of 50 points. the number of points assigned to each problem or part thereof is listed in the right margin.
- **Manage your time carefully. If you get stuck on one problem, move on to another.**

**Do not turn the page until you are told to do so!**

1. Let  $P$  denote the projection onto the column space  $C(H)$ , where [3 pts]

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 200820082008 & 520520520520 & 888923164781 \\ 789847589127441 & \sqrt{941} & 389734581 \\ 31897581128 & 17895789243 & 524089484923 \\ 0 & 0 & 555 \\ 222 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 111 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute  $\text{tr}(P)$  and  $\det(P)$ , and explain your reasoning.

2. Let  $F$  denote the projection from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto the subspace of vectors satisfying  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$ .
- (a) Compute the matrix  $F$  explicitly. (That is, write the  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $F$  as your answer, and justify your computation.) [2 pts]
- (b) Compute reduced row echelon form of  $F$ . [2 pts]
- (c) What is the rank of  $F$ ? [1 pt]

- (d) What vector in  $C(F)$  is closest to  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ? [2 pts]

In other words, find  $\mathbf{p} \in C(F)$  for which  $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}\|$  is as small as possible.

3. Let  $P_4$  denote the vector space of polynomials in one variable of degree less than or equal to 4.
- (a) Let  $S$  be the subset of  $P_4$  consisting of all polynomials  $p(x)$  that take on the same values at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ , i.e. [2 pts]

$$S = \{ p(x) \in P_4 \mid p(0) = p(1) \}.$$

Is  $S$  a subspace of  $P_4$ ? Either show that it is, or explain why it is not.

- (b) Do these four vectors (below) span the space  $P_4$ ? *Justify your answer.* [2 pts]

$$p_1(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$p_2(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$p_3(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$p_4(x) = 4x^4 + 6x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x + 3$$

- (c) Are the vectors  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  from part (b) linearly independent? *Justify your answer.* [2 pts]

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4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & 8 \\ -2 & 7 & -10 \\ 8 & -10 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Show that the determinant of  $A$  is equal to zero. [2 pts]

(b) Show that vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . [2 pts]

(c) Use the trace formula to find the third eigenvalue of  $A$ . [1 pt]

(d) Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  that diagonalizes  $A$ . (Write  $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ .) [2 pts]

5. Let  $K = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ t & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  depend on the real parameter  $t$ .

(a) For which values of  $t$  is  $K$  invertible? [2 pts]

(b) Show that 1 is an eigenvalue of  $K$  for all real  $t$ . [2 pts]

(c) Show that  $K$  is not diagonalizable for  $t = 2$ . [2 pts]

6. Determine whether or not each of these matrices is positive definite. Justify your answer in each case.

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  [2 pts]

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  [2 pts]

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 10 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 100 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1000 \end{pmatrix}$  [2 pts]

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7. This question concerns the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find all of the eigenvalues of  $B$ . [2 pts]  
(b) For each eigenvalue, find a maximal set of linearly independent eigenvectors. (Clearly indicate which eigenvectors are associated with each eigenvalue.) [2 pts]  
(c) Is  $B$  diagonalizable? Why or why not? [1 pt]  
(d) Find the solution  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  to the following differential equation and initial condition: [2 pts]

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = B\mathbf{u} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{u}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

8. Suppose  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ , and that its matrix with respect to the input basis  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  of  $V$  and output basis  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2$  of  $W$  is

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Is the vector  $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3$  in the kernel of  $T$ ? [2 pts]  
(b) What is the range of  $T$ ? [2 pts]  
(c) Find the matrix  $J'$  which represents  $T$  with respect to the input basis [2 pts]

$$\mathbf{v}'_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$$

$$\mathbf{v}'_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3$$

$$\mathbf{v}'_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_3$$

and output basis

$$\mathbf{w}'_1 = \mathbf{w}_2$$

$$\mathbf{w}'_2 = \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2$$

9. Give an example of a  $5 \times 5$  matrix that is orthogonal, symmetric, positive definite, invertible, and diagonalizable. (Write *one* matrix that has all of these properties.) [2 pts]

*Hint: Look for an easy example; do not spend a lot of time or effort trying to construct the matrix!*

**\*\*\* This is the end of the exam. \*\*\***