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1. Find the value of  $t$  so that

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3/2 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are orthogonal. Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

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2. Solve the following linear system by row reduction.

$$\begin{aligned}3x - y + 2z &= 12 \\x + 2y + 3z &= 11 \\2x - 2y + z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

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3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 10 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find an elementary matrix  $E$  so that  $EA = B$ . Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

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4. In both these questions, remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

(a) Show that the collection  $V$  of vectors in  $R^2$  of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} t \\ 2t \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $t$  is an arbitrary real number, is a subspace.

(b) Show that the collection  $W$  of vectors of the form  $(a + 1, b, a)$  in  $R^3$  with  $a$  and  $b$  arbitrary real numbers is not a subspace.

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5. Find the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & -4 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & -6 & 1 \\ -12 & 8 & 21 & -8 \\ -6 & 0 & -10 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Remember to show your work.

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6. In both the following questions, remember to show all work.

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

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7. Remember to show all work. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation  $T(x, y, z) = (x - y, z, y - x)$ .

(a) Find a set of vectors that spans the kernel of  $T$ .

(b) Find a set of vectors that spans the range of  $T$ .

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8. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation

$$T(x, y) = (x - y, 2y).$$

Let  $U : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be rotation anti-clockwise by  $45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$  rad. Find the standard matrix of  $U \circ T$ . Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.



- 4 marks*
9. It is known that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is a skew-symmetric matrix with  $\det A = -4$ . Further  $b > 0$ . Find  $a, b, c, d$ . Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

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10.

Find the general equation of the plane in  $R^3$  passing through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  and normal to the vector  $(1, 2 - 2)$ . Remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.

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11. Which of the following statements is true or false? There is no need to justify your answer.

Circle T for true or F for false. If you do not know the answer do not guess; leave the question unanswered.

**You will lose 1.5 marks for each incorrectly answered question.**

- (a) Every spanning set of  $R^3$  has at least 3 vectors. **T**   **F**
- (b) Suppose  $S$  is a collection of vectors in a subspace  $V$ . If  $\text{span } S = V$  then  $S$  contains a basis for  $V$ . **T**   **F**
- (c) Suppose  $T$  is a linear transformation. If  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are in  $\ker(T)$  then so is  $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$ . **T**   **F**
- (d) If  $A$  is a square matrix then  $\det A^3 = 3 \det A$  **T**   **F**
- (e) If  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are 2 vectors in  $R^3$  one can always find a vector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  so that  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is a basis of  $R^3$ . **T**   **F**
- (f) The only eigenvalue of an invertible matrix is 1. **T**   **F**
- (g) The columns of an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix span  $R^n$ . **T**   **F**

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12. In both these questions, remember to justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive credit.
- (a) Show that the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T(x, y) = (x + y, 2y)$  is linear.

- (b) Show that the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T(x, y) = (x + 1, 2y)$  is not linear.

- 7 marks 13. Is the linear transformation  $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  with standard matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

an orthogonal operator? You must justify your answer, answers without justification will not receive marks.

- 7 marks 14. Show that the collection of vectors

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

form a basis of  $R^3$ . You must justify your answer, answers without justification will not receive marks.

3 marks 15. Set

$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= e_1 \\f_2 &= e_1 + 2e_2 \\f_3 &= e_1 + 2e_2 + 3e_3 \\&\vdots \\f_i &= e_1 + 2e_2 + \cdots + ie_i\end{aligned}$$

It is known that  $A$  is a  $7 \times 7$  matrix that has  $f_i$  as an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $2^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 7$ . Find  $A^{-1}$ . You must justify your answer, answers without justification will not receive marks.

- 3 marks* 16. It is known that  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. Some entries of  $A$  and the adjoint of  $A$  are known and are displayed below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 10 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & -2 \\ c & 2 & 1 & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -14 & * & * \\ 3 & 7 & * & * \\ -1 & 0 & * & * \\ b & 0 & * & * \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the values of  $a, b, c, d$  and the determinant of  $A$ . Here the \*'s have some fixed value that is unknown to you. You must justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive marks.



- 3 marks* 17.  $A$  is a matrix with  $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Further  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$ . Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 8 \\ 13 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  a solution of the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ? You must justify your answer. Answers without justification will not receive marks.

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3. SHOW ALL YOUR WORK.
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