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- Do not detach pages from this exam packet or unstaple the packet.
- Please write neatly and except for problems 1-3, give details. Answers which are illegible for the grader can not be given credit.
- No notes, books, calculators, computers, or other electronic aids can be allowed.
- You have 90 minutes time to complete your work.

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Problem 1) (20 points) True or False? No justifications are needed.

- 1) ☐ T ☐ F The geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 1 of the shear $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is equal to 2.
- 2) ☐ T ☐ F Two symmetric 4×4 matrices are similar if their trace, determinant and eigenvalues are the same.
- 3) ☐ T ☐ F Every orthogonal 3×3 matrix satisfies $A = A^{-1}$.
- 4) ☐ T ☐ F If A is a 5×5 matrix and $A^2 = I_5$ and $A = A^T$, then A is similar to an orthogonal matrix.
- 5) ☐ T ☐ F The trace of a 4×4 matrix A does not change under row reduction.
- 6) ☐ T ☐ F Every 3×3 matrix A for which $T(x) = Ax$ is a reflection about a plane can be diagonalized.
- 7) ☐ T ☐ F The recursion $x_{t+1} = x_t + 3x_{t-1} + 1$ can be written as a vector equation $\vec{v}_{t+1} = A\vec{v}_t$ for a 2×2 matrix A and vector $\vec{v}_t = [x_t, x_{t-1}]^T$.
- 8) ☐ T ☐ F The determinant of a reflection matrix is either 1 or -1 .
- 9) ☐ T ☐ F The nullity of a $n \times n$ matrix A is the same as the rank of A^T .
- 10) ☐ T ☐ F For any 3×3 matrix, we have $\det(A^5) = \det(A)^5$.
- 11) ☐ T ☐ F A discrete dynamical system $\vec{v}_{t+1} = A\vec{v}_t$ defined by a 2×2 matrix A is asymptotically stable if $A^8 = 0$.
- 12) ☐ T ☐ F A 2×2 matrix for a reflection about a line always has trace 0.
- 13) ☐ T ☐ F The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is similar to $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.
- 14) ☐ T ☐ F If A is a 5×3 matrix of rank 3, then the least square solution of $Ax = b$ is unique.
- 15) ☐ T ☐ F If A is asymptotically stable, then A^T is asymptotically stable.
- 16) ☐ T ☐ F If A is similar to C and B is similar to D , then $A + B$ is similar to $C + D$.
- 17) ☐ T ☐ F If A is similar to A^{-1} then A is the identity.
- 18) ☐ T ☐ F The sum of the geometric multiplicities of a $n \times n$ matrix is always n .
- 19) ☐ T ☐ F If A has the same determinant as B^2 , then B has the same determinant as A^2 .
- 20) ☐ T ☐ F If A is a non-invertible 3×3 matrix with trace 6 and such that 5 is an eigenvalue, then 1 is another eigenvalue of A .

Total

Problem 2) (10 points) No justifications are needed.

a) (2 points) Which matrices have the property that the system $x(t+1) = Ax(t)$ is asymptotically stable (for which we just write "stable")?

Matrix	stable	not stable
$\begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$		
$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$		
$\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$		
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		

b) (2 points) Which identities hold for a 2×2 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalues α, β .

Identity	always true	not always true
$\text{tr}(A) = \alpha + \beta$		
$\det(A) = \alpha\beta$		
$\det(A) = \text{tr}(A)$		
$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = (\alpha - \lambda)(\beta - \lambda)$		

c) (2 points) Which of the following complex numbers are real? Remember that we defined $w^z = e^{z \log(w)}$ and $\log(z) = \ln|z| + i \arg(z)$ with $0 \leq \arg(z) < 2\pi$ for any complex numbers $w \neq 0, z \neq 0$ and where $\arg(z)$ is the angle so that $z = |z|e^{i \arg(z)}$.

Number	is real	is not real
1^i		
2^i		
i^2		
i^i		

d) (2 points) Which types of matrices are always diagonalizable over the real numbers?

Type of matrix	diagonalizable	not diagonalizable
orthogonal		
projection		
symmetric matrix		
all geometric multiplicities are 1		

e) (2 points) If S is a 3×3 matrix whose columns are given by an eigenbasis of a matrix A which has eigenvalues 1, 2, 3, then

Statement	is always true	is not always true
S is invertible		
S is a projection		
S is orthogonal		
S is symmetric		

Problem 3) (10 points) No justifications are needed

a) (2 points) One of the following formulas gives the projection onto the image of A . Which one?

$A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$	
$A^T(A^T A)^{-1} A$	
$A(AA^T)^{-1} A^T$	
$A^T(AA^T)^{-1} A^T$	
$(AA^T)^{-1} A^T$	
$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$	

b) (2 points) Which of the following matrices have real eigenvalues?

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	

c) (2 points) For which of the following matrices does the identity matrix appear either for Q or for R in the QR factorization?

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	

d) (2 points) Which of the following matrices is useful to find the closed form solution for the recursion $x_{t+1} = 5x_t - 4x_{t-1}$?

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	

e) (2 points) Two of the following statements are part of the spectral theorem. Which ones?

A symmetric matrix has an orthonormal eigenbasis	
An orthogonal matrix is diagonalizable over the reals	
A real matrix has real eigenvalues	
A symmetric matrix has real eigenvalues	
A matrix with distinct eigenvalues has an orthonormal eigenbasis	

Problem 4) (10 points)

Find the function $y = ax + bx^3$ which provides the best fit for the data

x	y
1	2
-2	1
-1	2
0	2

Problem 5) (10 points)

The recursion $x_{t+1} = 3x_t - 2x_{t-1}$ with $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1$ is an example of a **Lucas sequence**. It starts with 0, 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, Recall that we can write the problem as a discrete dynamical system

$$\vec{v}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v}_t.$$

Find a closed form solution for $\vec{v}_t$ if the initial condition is

$$\vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$



Isabel Vogt and Jesse Silliman recently showed that the given Lucas sequence contains no perfect powers like for example 7^3 . Isabel has been a Harvard math concentrator here. The preprint is here <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1307.5078v2.pdf>

Problem 6) (10 points)

a) (5 points) We look at the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find all the eigenvectors and the characteristic polynomial f_A of A .

b) (3 points) You know that A is similar to a diagonal matrix B . Write down this matrix B .

c) (2 points) Also write down the matrix S which satisfies $B = S^{-1}AS$.

Problem 7) (10 points)

a) (5 points) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that it is of the form $Q + 3Q^{-1} + 2I_7$, where Q is a matrix of a type you have seen a lot.

b) (5 points) Determine all the eigenvectors of that matrix using $A = Q + 3Q^{-1} + 2I_7$.

Remark: You do not have to simplify the expressions you get for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Problem 8) (10 points)

a) (2 points) What is the determinant of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$?

b) (2 points) Find the determinant of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$

c) (3 points) To commemorate the "Go" match between computer and human from March 2016, we pose a determinant problem for a 19×19 matrix: evaluate

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

d) (3 points) find the determinant of $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 7 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 7 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 7 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 9) (10 points)

a) (4 points) Use Gram-Schmidt to find an orthonormal basis of the image of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b) (3 points) Let Q be the matrix which contains this orthonormal basis. What is the 2×2 matrix $Q^T Q$?

c) (3 points) What is the projection $QQ^T \vec{v}$ on the image of A if $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has the property that

$$L = D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) (4 points) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of L .
- b) (2 points) Now find the eigenvalues of D .
- c) (2 points) The **Pseudo determinant** of a matrix is the product of the nonzero eigenvalues of A . Find the pseudo determinant of the matrix L .

Pseudo determinants are important in network theory: they count the number of rooted trees in a network. In the example just given, the network has four nodes and all are connected. P.S. You have here computed the Dirac operator D and the Laplacian of a network with two nodes connected by an edge.