

Practice Final, MATH 110, Linear Algebra, Fall 2013

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Scerbo	8am	200 Wheeler	Forman	2pm	3109 Etcheverry
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McIvor	12pm	3107 Etcheverry	Melvin	5pm	24 Wheeler
McIvor	11am	3102 Etcheverry	Melvin	4pm	151 Barrows
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Wayman	2pm	81 Evans			

If none of the above, please explain: _____

This exam consists of 10 problems, each worth 10 points, of which you must complete 8. **Choose two problems not to be graded by crossing them out in the box below.** You must justify every one of your answers unless otherwise directed.

Problem	Maximum Score	Your Score
1	10	
2	10	
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1. Let V be a nonzero finite-dimensional real vector space. Suppose $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation.

Decide if the following assertions are ALWAYS TRUE or SOMETIMES FALSE. You need not justify your answer.

i. There exists an eigenvalue of T .

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ii. There exists a basis of V such that T is upper-triangular.

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iii. $\dim V = \dim \text{null}(T) + \dim \text{range}(T)$

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iv. If v and w are colinear, then Tv and Tw are colinear.

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v. If v and w are linearly independent, then Tv and Tw are linearly independent.

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vi. If T is invertible and λ is an eigenvalue of T , then λ^{-1} is an eigenvalue of T^{-1} .

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vii. If T is invertible and v is an eigenvector of T , then v is an eigenvector of T^{-1} .

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viii. If $T^2 = 1$, then T has an eigenvalue.

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ix. If $T^3 = T^2$, then T has an eigenvalue.

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x. If $T^3 = T^2$, then $\text{null}(T) \neq \{0\}$.

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2. Let V be an inner product space and v_1, \dots, v_n a list of vectors in V .

(a) State what it means for v_1, \dots, v_n to be linearly independent. State what it means for v_1, \dots, v_n to be orthonormal.

v_1, \dots, v_n is linearly independent means whenever $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$ for scalars a_1, \dots, a_n , we have that $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$.

v_1, \dots, v_n orthonormal means $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle$ is equal to 0 if $i \neq j$ and is equal to 1 when $i = j$.

(b) Prove that if v_1, \dots, v_n is orthonormal, then v_1, \dots, v_n is linearly independent.

Suppose $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$. Then for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have $0 = \langle a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n, v_i \rangle = a_1\langle v_1, v_i \rangle + \dots + a_n\langle v_n, v_i \rangle = a_i\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = a_i$. Thus we have that $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$.

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3. Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ be a complex matrix. Consider the subspace $W \subset M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ given by

$$W = \text{span}\{I, A, A^2, A^3, \dots, A^k, \dots\}$$

Prove that

$$\dim W \leq n.$$

By the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem, we have $\chi_A(A) = 0$ where $\chi_A(z)$ is the characteristic polynomial. Recall that $\chi_A(z)$ is monic of degree n , and thus A^n is in the span of I, A, \dots, A^{n-1} . For any $k \geq 1$, we similarly have that A^{n+k} is in the span of $A^k, A^{k+1}, \dots, A^{n+k}$. Thus by induction, we have that A^{n+k} is in the span of I, A, \dots, A^{n-1} .

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4. Consider \mathbb{C}^3 with the standard Euclidean inner product. Determine whether each of the following operators $T : \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ is self-adjoint, normal, or neither. You need not justify your answer.

a. T has eigenvectors $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$ with respective eigenvalues $0, 1 + i, 1 - i$.
Normal but not self-adjoint.

b. T has eigenvectors $(1, i, 0)$, $(1, -i, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$ with respective eigenvalues $1, -1, 0$.
Self-adjoint.

c. T has eigenvectors $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, i, -i)$, $(1, 1, 1)$ with respective eigenvalues $1, -1, 1$.
Self-adjoint.

d. $\dim \text{null}(T^2) = 3$, $\dim \text{range}(T) = 1$.
Neither.

e. $\dim \text{null}(T - i) = 2$, $\dim \text{null}(T) = 1$ with $\text{null}(T - i) \perp \text{null}(T)$.
Normal but not self-adjoint.

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5. Find a basis for \mathbb{C}^3 that puts the operator given by the matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

into Jordan canonical form. What is the Jordan canonical form?

Take $v_1 = Av_2 = (0, 0, 1)$, $v_2 = Av_3 = (0, 1, 1)$, $v_3 = (1, 0, 0)$.

Jordan form:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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6. Consider \mathbb{R}^2 with the inner product

$$\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle = 2x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + x_2y_2$$

- a. Find an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to the above inner product.
Take $e_1 = (0, 1)$, $e_2 = (1, -1)$.

- b. Find the vector $v = (a, b)$ closest to $(1, 0)$ satisfying $a + b = 0$.
 $v = (1, -1) = \langle (1, 0), e_2 \rangle e_2$.

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7. Find the Jordan form of an operator $T : \mathbb{C}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^5$ given the following information:

$$\dim \text{null}(T^2) = 2 \quad \dim \text{null}(T^3) = 3 \quad \dim \text{null}((T-1)^2) = 2 \quad \dim \text{range}(T-1) = 4$$

Be sure to justify your answer.

Jordan form:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $\dim \text{null}(T^3) = 3$, we have $\dim \tilde{E}_0 \geq 3$. Since $\dim \text{null}((T-1)^2) = 2$, we have $\dim \tilde{E}_1 \geq 2$. Thus since $\dim \mathbb{C}^5 = 5$, we must have $\dim \tilde{E}_0 = 3$ and $\dim \tilde{E}_1 = 2$.

Next, since $\dim \text{null}(T^2) = 2$, we must have the Jordan block

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $\dim \text{range}(T-1) = 4$, we can not have $\dim \text{null}(T-1) = 2$, and so we must have the Jordan block

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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8. Consider the following matrices:

$$T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which of the matrices has minimal polynomial $m(z) = z^3 + z$? Be sure to justify your answer.

T_2, T_3, T_6 . They each satisfy $m(z) = z^3 + z = z(z-i)(z+i) = 0$ and have each eigenvalue so no factor can be removed.

$i, -i$ are not eigenvalues of T_1, T_4 .

T_5 has a Jordan block

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which means its minimal polynomial must contain z^2 as a factor.

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9. Consider the matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate T^{100} applied to the vector $(3, 2)$.

T has eigenvectors $(1, 1)$, $(1, -1)$ with respective eigenvalues $0, 2$.

$$(3, 2) = \frac{5}{2}(1, 1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, -1).$$

$$\text{Thus } T^{100}(3, 2) = T^{100}\left(\frac{5}{2}(1, 1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, -1)\right) = T^{100}\left(\frac{1}{2}(1, -1)\right) = 2^{99}(1, -1).$$

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10. Let V be a complex vector space of dimension n . Suppose $T : V \rightarrow V$ satisfies $T^n = 0$ but $T^{n-1} \neq 0$. Show that there is a vector $v \in V$ such that the list $v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^{n-1}v$ is a basis.

Since $T^{n-1} \neq 0$, there exists a vector $v \in V$ such that $T^{n-1}v \neq 0$.

Suppose $a_1v + a_2Tv + \dots + a_nT^{n-1}v = 0$. Apply T^{n-1} to obtain $a_1T^{n-1}v = 0$. Thus $a_1 = 0$ and so $a_2Tv + \dots + a_nT^{n-1}v = 0$.

Apply T^{n-2} to obtain $a_2T^{n-1}v = 0$. Thus $a_2 = 0$ and so $a_3T^2v + \dots + a_nT^{n-1}v = 0$.

Keep repeating to conclude $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$.

Thus $v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^{n-1}v$ is linearly independent. Since it has size $n = \dim V$, it also must span and hence be a basis.