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**SM261 – Test #2 Group Test – Fall 2009**

**Open Book. Due: Wednesday 28 October 2009**

- Each Group will turn in one Test.
- No one person in the group shall write up more than one proof.
- If your group has only three members, then no one person in the group shall write up more than two proofs.
- The name of the individual writing the proof shall appear on the top of each page.
- Each proof shall be written up in the following format:

**Given:** (1) Everything you know from the problem statement.

(2) .....

(3) .....

**Proof:** (1) Every statement should be supported by a theorem, definition, or justification for an operation.

(2) .....

(3) .....

**Q.E.D:** quod erat demonstrandum which translates into “which was to be demonstrated.

- **Write Neatly!!!!!! No points will be granted if I can't read the proof.**
- **This exercise will make up 20% of the test grade.**
- **One of these proofs will appear on Friday's test.**

<b>No marks on this table</b>	
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1. If  $\det(A)=0$  then the inverse of A does not exist.

Given:  $\det(A)=0$ .

Prove:  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

1. A can be converted to echelon form by applying row swaps or adding a multiple of one row to another, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{|cccc|} \hline \mathbf{a} & * & * & * \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{b} & * & * \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & * \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{n} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2. Thus  $\det(A)$  is  $\pm$  the product of the diagonal elements i.e.  $\pm(a)(b)\dots(n)$  (**Theorem 3.2**)

3. If  $\det(A)=0$  then one of the diagonal elements must be equal to 0.

4. Therefore A has less than n-pivots.

5. Therefore A is not invertible. (**Theorem 2.8**).

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2. Prove algebraically (vice geometrically) that the line  $ax+by=0$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Given: The line  $ax+by=0$ .

Prove:  $ax+by=0$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

1. The zero vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the space  $ax+by=0$ .
2. Solve for  $y$ , i.e  $y=-(a/b)x$ . Therefore a basis vector for the line is  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$ , i.e. dimension of space is 1.
3. Let  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $k\vec{v} = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$ , is on the line (i.e. the space is closed under scalar multiplication).
4. Let  $\vec{u}_1 = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{u}_2 = h \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$ , i.e. both vectors in the space.
5. Then  $\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 = (k + h) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a/b \end{bmatrix}$  is on the line (i.e the space is closed under vector addition).
6. Therefore  $ax+by=0$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (**Definition of subspace, p. 220**)

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3. If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, prove that  $\dim(\text{Col } A) + \dim(\text{Nul } A) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Given:  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Prove:  $\dim(\text{Col } A) + \dim(\text{Nul } A) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

1.  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$ .
2. If we convert  $A$  to the reduced row echelon form, the resulting matrix will have  $n-k$  pivots where  $n - k \geq 0$ .
3. Therefore matrix  $A$  has  $n-k$  independent columns which form the basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .
4. Thus  $\dim(\text{Col } A) = n-k$ .
5. When solving for the basis of the null space, the pivot positions mark the dependent variables.
6. Therefore there are  $n-k$  dependent variables, or  $k$  independent variables.
7. Each independent variable results in a basis vector for the null space. This  $\dim(\text{Nul } A) = k$ .
8. Therefore  $\dim(\text{Col } A) + \dim(\text{Nul } A) = n = \dim(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

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4. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ h & i & j \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that adding any multiple of row one to row two does not affect the value  $\det(A)$ .

a. Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ ka + d & kb + e & kc + f \\ h & i & j \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $\det(B) = a \begin{vmatrix} kb + e & kc + f \\ i & j \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} ka + d & kc + f \\ h & j \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} ka + d & kb + e \\ h & i \end{vmatrix}$

c.  $\rightarrow \det(B) = a(kbj + ej - kci - fi) - b(kaj + dj - kch - fh) + c(kai + di - kbh - eh)$

d.  $\rightarrow \det(B) = akbj + aej - akci - afi - bkaj - bdj + bkch + bfh + ckai + cdi - ckbh - ceh$

e. After cancelations:  $\det(B) = aej - afi - bdj + bfh + cdi - ceh$

f. But this is just  $\det(A)$

g. Therefore  $\det(B) = \det(A)$

h. Hence the row operation did not change the value of the determinant.

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Suppose vectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4\}$  span  $\mathfrak{R}^4$  and that  $T(\vec{v}_1) = T(\vec{v}_2) = T(\vec{v}_3) = T(\vec{v}_4) = \mathbf{0}$  .

***Prove that  $T$  is the zero transformation, that is  $T(\vec{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{R}^4$ .***