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Assessment 2 (10 or 11 am)

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Math 220

$$\bar{x} = 72.9\%$$

No work = no credit

No calculator

$$\text{med} = 73.1\%$$

Name (first & last):

Key

Unfortunately what is little recognized is that the most worthwhile scientific books are those in which the author clearly indicates what he does not know; for an author most hurts his readers by concealing difficulties.

Évariste Galois

1811 – 1832 (French mathematician)

Warm-ups (1 pt each):

$$\bar{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{4}{0} = \text{undefined} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.) (1 pt) According to Galois (above), what most hurts scientific books? Answer using complete English sentences.

Authors should not hide or obscure what they do not know.

2.) (8 pts) Let  $\bar{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\bar{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\bar{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear

transformation that maps  $\bar{e}_1$  into  $\bar{y}_1$  and  $\bar{e}_2$  into  $\bar{y}_2$ . Find the image of  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

$$\text{w/ } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{And } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3.) (8 pts) Determine whether the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly independent. If not, find a linear dependence relation among its columns  $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\}$

$$\text{rref}([A | \vec{0}]) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 = -2x_3$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}_1 - 2\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3 = \vec{0}$$

2 pts.

- 4.) (6 pts) True or False (circle one). Justify your answer.

- a.) (T or F) If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the range of the transformation  $\vec{x} \rightarrow A\vec{x}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

False. The codomain is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

- b.) (T or F) If a set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent, then the set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector.

False. The set could, for example, just include the zero vector.

- c.) (T or F) The homogeneous equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has the trivial solution if and only if the equation has at least one free variable.

False.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  always has the trivial soln.

5.) (5 pts) Complete the proof by filling in the missing pieces.

**claim:** An indexed set  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  of two or more vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others. In fact, if  $S$  is linearly dependent and  $v_1 \neq \vec{0}$ , then some  $v_j$  (with  $j > 1$ ) is a linear combination of the preceding vectors,  $v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}$ .

**proof:**

**( $\Rightarrow$ )** Assume  $S$  is linearly dependent.

If  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$  then it is a linear combination of the other vectors:  $0\vec{v}_2 + \dots + 0\vec{v}_p = \vec{v}_1$ .

If  $\vec{v}_1 \neq \vec{0}$  then  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_{j-1}\vec{v}_{j-1} + c_j\vec{v}_j + c_{j+1}\vec{v}_{j+1} + \dots + c_p\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$  where not all of  $c_1, \dots, c_p$  are zero. Suppose  $c_j \neq 0$  and  $c_{j+1} = \dots = c_p = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_j\vec{v}_j + 0\vec{v}_{j+1} + \dots + 0\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_j = -\frac{c_1}{c_j}\vec{v}_1 - \dots - \frac{c_{j-1}}{c_j}\vec{v}_{j-1}$$

thus at least one vector in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others.

**( $\Leftarrow$ )** Assume at least one vector in  $S$  is a linear comb of the others. (Note: we can always reorder if need be to make this true)

$$\Rightarrow \exists c_1, \dots, c_{j-1} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \vec{v}_j = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_{j-1}\vec{v}_{j-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_{j-1}\vec{v}_{j-1} - \vec{v}_j + 0\vec{v}_{j+1} + \dots + 0\vec{v}_p = \vec{0}$$

↑  
not zero

$\Rightarrow S$  is linearly dependent since there is a non-trivial soln. to the homogeneous eqn.

**ii.**  $S$  is linearly dependent iff at least one of its vecs is a lin. comb. of the others.

6.) (8 pts) Consider the homogeneous "system"  $3x_1 - 4x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$ . Describe all solutions algebraically (in vector form) and geometrically (use words to describe the graph).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 5 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 2x_2 - 3x_3$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 pt.

2 pts. } which is a plane thru the origin and parallel to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .