

# Linear Algebra

Write your **name**: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points).

In **problems 1–5**, circle the correct answer. (5 points each)

1. On the vector space of polynomials, differentiation is a linear operator.  

True    False
2. If the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  must be in the space  $N(A)^\perp$ .  

True    False
3. The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the matrix representation (with respect to the standard basis) of the linear operator that reflects each vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about the  $x_2$  axis and then rotates it  $90^\circ$  in the counterclockwise direction.  

True    False
4. The two functions  $\sqrt{3}x$  and  $\sqrt{5}(4x^2 - 3x)$  are an orthonormal set in the space  $C[0, 1]$  with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx$ .  

True    False
5. Every invertible matrix is diagonalizable.                      True    False

In **problems 6–9**, fill in the blanks. (7 points per problem)

6. The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} \square & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \square & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

7. The angle between the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \square \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $45^\circ$ .

8. The eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & \square \end{pmatrix}$  are 0 and  $\square$ .

9. If a  $7 \times 11$  matrix  $A$  has a nullspace of dimension 5, then the nullspace of the transpose matrix  $A^T$  has dimension  $\square$ .

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In **problems 10–12**, show your work and explain your method. Continue on the back if you need more space. (15 points each)

10. Suppose  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = 4\mathbf{u}_1 + 3\mathbf{u}_2$ , find numbers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$ .

11. Find a least-squares solution of the system  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

12. The matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & a & -9 \\ -4 & 2 & -6 \\ -2 & -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  are similar. Find the value of the number  $a$ .