

## Math 311-102

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## About the exam

The second examination is tomorrow, Thursday, June 23.

Please bring paper (or a bluebook) to the exam.

The exam covers everything on the syllabus to date since the first exam.

There are 10 questions on the exam.

What are the main topics?

## Image and null space; basis and dimension

Sample problems: (a) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ , find a basis for the image and a basis for the null space.

(b) If  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & t \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$ , for which value(s) of  $t$  does the null space of  $B$  have dimension 0? 1? 2? 3?

(c) Give an example of a linear transformation  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that the null space has dimension 1 and the vector  $(1, 0, 1)$  is in the image.

## Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Sample problems: (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) For which value(s) of  $t$ , if any, does the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & t \end{pmatrix}$  have three linearly independent eigenvectors?

(c) Express the vector  $(1, 0, 0)$  as a linear combination of the eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 30 & -60 \\ 2 & -20 & 40 \\ -1 & -14 & 22 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## Orthonormal bases

Sample problems: (a) Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in which one of the basis vectors is  $(\frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{6}{7})$ .

(b) Starting from the functions  $1$ ,  $x$ , and  $x^2$ , use the Gram-Schmidt procedure to construct an orthonormal set with respect to the inner product  $\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$ .

(c) Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in which two of the basis vectors span the same plane as do the vectors  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 1)$ .

## Space curves

Sample problems: (a) If  $f(t) = (te^t, t^2 \cos(t), e^t \sin^2(t))$ , find an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point where  $t = 0$ .

(b) If  $f(t) = (t, t^2, t^3)$ , is there a point on the curve such that the tangent line at that point passes through the origin?

(c) If  $f(t) = (2t, t^2 + 1, t^3)$ , either find two points on the curve whose tangent vectors are orthogonal or show that no such points exist.

## Surfaces

Sample problems: (a) If  $g(u, v) = (u^2 \cos(v), uv^2, ue^v)$ , find an equation for the tangent plane to the surface at the point where  $u = 1$  and  $v = 0$ .

(b) If  $g(u, v) = (u, v, uv^2)$ , find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that two of the basis vectors are tangent to the surface at the point where  $u = 1$  and  $v = 2$ .

(c) Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that two of its eigenvectors are tangent to the surface defined by  $g(u, v) = (v \sin(u), 2u + e^v, u + 3v)$  at the point on the surface where  $u = 0$  and  $v = 0$ .

## Directional derivative

Sample problems: (a) If  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + xy + yz^3$ , find the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction of the unit vector  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$  at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

(b) Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y, z) = xe^{yz} + y^2$  in the direction of an eigenvector of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(c) If  $f(x, y, z) = x \cos(y) + y \cos(x) + xyz$ , in what direction is the directional derivative maximal at the point  $(0, 0, 0)$ ?

## The derivative matrix

Sample problems: (a) If  $f(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} ue^v \\ u + v \\ \cos(v) \end{pmatrix}$ , find the

derivative matrix of  $f$ .

(b) If  $f(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + xy + z \\ xy \\ 3x + 4y + 5z \end{pmatrix}$ , find the eigenvalues of the derivative matrix at  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

(c) Give an example of a transformation  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that the transformation is locally invertible near the point  $(0, 0, 0)$  but is not locally invertible near the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

## Chain rule

Sample problems: (a) If  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , and  $(r, \theta, z)$  represent cylindrical coordinates, find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$ .

(b) If  $f\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} u^2v^2 \\ 2u + 3v \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = g\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} xe^y \\ ye^x \end{pmatrix}$ , find the derivative matrix of the composite function  $f \circ g$ .

(c) Suppose  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right)$  is an invertible coordinate

transformation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . True or false:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 1$ .

## Change of variables in integrals

Sample problems: (a) Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dy dx$ .

(b) Evaluate  $\int_B z^2 dx dy dz$ , where  $B$  is the ball defined by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4$ .

(c) Use the coordinate transformation  $u = e^x \cos(y)$ ,  $v = e^x \sin(y)$  to evaluate the integral  $\int_R \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} du dv$ , where  $R$  is the region in the  $uv$ -plane corresponding to the region in the  $xy$ -plane defined by  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq \pi/2$ .