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Time Limit: 50 Minutes

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You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- **If you use a “theorem” you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations might still receive partial credit.
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Problem	Points	Score
1	50	
2	50	
3	50	
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1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} e \\ f \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

- (a) (30 points) Suppose that  $a \neq 0$ , compute the solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  using row reduction and provide the conditions on  $a, b, c, d$  such that your computations are valid. Express the result as a simplified expression. (**Hint:** remember that you can not divide by zero.)

- (b) (5 points) If  $a = 0$ , and  $c \neq 0$ , is your above computation still valid? How would you modify it? (explain briefly) (**Hint:** remember that you can swap the equations and the result is the same.)

- (c) (5 points) If  $a = 0$ ,  $c = 0$ , but  $b \neq 0$ ,  $d \neq 0$ , what are the conditions on  $e$  and  $f$  such that the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution? Is the solution unique? (**Hint:** remember that  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  can be written as a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .)

(d) (10 points) Solve the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3\sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

(**Hint:** You may want to use the formula you just deduced.)

2. Consider the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  given by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 - x_1 + \alpha x_2^2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2gx_3 \\ x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ hx_3 + q \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}; \quad (3)$$

in which,  $h, g, q$  and  $\alpha$  are real numbers.

(a) (5 points) What are the condition on  $\alpha$  and  $q$  such that the transformation is linear? Explain briefly.

(b) (10 points) **From now we suppose that  $q = 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ .** Write the standard matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of the transformation  $T$ . (**Hint:** remember that  $\mathbf{A}(:, i) = T(\mathbf{e}_i)$ .)

(c) (5 points) What are the conditions on  $h$  and  $g$  such that the transformation  $T$  is onto  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain briefly.

- (d) (10 points) What are the conditions on  $h$  and  $g$  such that the transformation  $T$  is one-to-one? Explain briefly.

- (e) (10 points) **Suppose that**  $h = 0$ , then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2g \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and let } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

What are the conditions on  $r$  and  $g$  such that the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution? When is the solution unique? (**Hint:** remember to check that the system is consistent, and check the different cases for  $r$  and  $g$ .)

- (f) (10 points) **Suppose that**  $h = 0$ ,  $g = 1$ , **and**  $r = 2$ . Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  and give the answer in parametric form.

3. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\alpha & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 & 2\alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & -1 & 2\alpha + 1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 + \alpha \\ 2\beta + \alpha - 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

What are the conditions on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ :

(a) (10 points) has no solution?



- (b) (20 points) has an unique solution? Find the solution. (**Hint:** you will need to row reduced the augmented system to echelon form, and then use the theorems seen in class to impose the conditions on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .)

- (c) (20 points) has infinite amount of solutions? Find the solution set in parametric form. (**Hint:** You may have one equations for  $\alpha$  and one for  $\beta$  that have to be satisfied simultaneously)