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Math 130 Linear Algebra  
Final Exam  
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You may use a calculator and a sheet of notes. Leave your answers as expressions such as  $e^2 \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2(\pi/6)}{1 + \ln 10}}$  if you like. Show all your work for credit. Points for each problem are in square brackets.

1. [12] Consider the three vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 3, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (4, 2, -1)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (-3, 1, 2)$ .
  - a. [8] Either prove that the  $\mathbf{u}$  is in the span of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ , or prove that it is not. (There are several ways you can approach this question. Any one will do.)

- b. [4] Are the three vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  linearly dependent, or linearly independent?

2. [16] Let  $A$  be the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a. [4] Write down the characteristic polynomial  $f(\lambda)$  for  $A$ .

b. [4] Determine the eigenvalues for  $A$ .

c. [8] For each of the eigenvalues of  $A$ , find the eigenspace of eigenvectors for that eigenvalue.

**3.** [15; 5 points each part] On dimension.

**a.** State the definition of the dimension of a vector space.

**b.** What theorem on vector spaces is required before this definition of dimension is a valid definition?

**c.** Let  $V$  be the vector space  $V = \{(w, x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid w = x + y + z\}$ . Give an example of a 2-dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $V$ .

4. [15] If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 3$  matrix, show that the rows of  $A$  are linearly dependent. (There are several ways that you can approach this. Be sure to write a clear and complete explanation.)

5. [15] Suppose that  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Prove that if  $\mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  is also orthogonal to  $8\mathbf{v} + 13\mathbf{w}$ .

6. [20; 4 points each part] Consider the three vectors in the plane  $\mathbf{u} = (2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (2, 3)$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = (6, 1)$ .

a. Compute  $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\|$ .

b. Compute the inner product  $\langle \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{v} \rangle$ .

c. Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Find  $\cos \theta$ .

d. Which of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are parallel, if any?

e. Which of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal, if any?

7. [10] Evaluate the following determinant using any method you like. Show all your work.

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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