

Math 544, Exam 3, Spring, 2022

**You should KEEP this piece of paper.** Write everything on the **blank paper provided**. Return the problems **in order** (use as much paper as necessary), use **only one side** of each piece of paper. Number your pages and write your name on each page. Take a picture of your exam (for your records) just before you turn the exam in. I will e-mail your grade and my comments to you. I will keep your exam. **Fold your exam in half** before you turn it in.

The exam is worth 50 points. Each problem is worth 10 points. **Make your work coherent, complete, and correct.** Please CIRCLE your answer. Please **CHECK** your answer whenever possible.

The solutions will be posted later today.

**No Calculators, Cell phones, computers, notes, etc.**

- (1) Define “linearly independent”. Use complete sentences. Include everything that is necessary, but nothing more.
- (2) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix. Suppose that  $v_1, \dots, v_a, w_1, \dots, w_b$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $v_1, \dots, v_a$  linearly independent elements in the null space  $A$ , and  $Aw_1, \dots, Aw_b$  linearly independent elements in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  
Prove that  $v_1, \dots, v_a, w_1, \dots, w_b$  are linearly independent.
- (3) Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $4 \times 4$  skew-symmetric matrices. Give a basis for  $V$ . Recall that the square matrix  $A$  is *skew-symmetric* if  $A^T = -A$ . Justify your answer.
- (4) Let  $V$  be the vector space of polynomials  $p(x)$  of degree at most four with the property that  $\int_0^1 p(x)dx = 0$ . Give a basis for  $V$ . Justify your answer.
- (5) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find a basis for the null space of  $A$ .
- (b) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .
- (c) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .
- (d) Express each column of  $A$  in terms of your answer to (b).
- (e) Express each row of  $A$  in terms of your answer to (c).