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1. (15 pts) Given the linear system 
$$\begin{cases} x_2 + 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 = -1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - x_4 = 1. \\ 5x_2 + 10x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Write the linear system in a matrix equation.
- Find its augmented matrix.
- Find the reduced row echelon form for the augmented matrix.
- Find all solutions, if any, and express your solutions in the vector form.

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2. (15 pts) Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $A$  an  $n \times n$  matrix.
- (a) State the definition of linear independence of vectors  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$ .
  - (b) Prove that if  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A$  is invertible, then  $A\mathbf{u}_1, A\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, A\mathbf{u}_k$  are linearly independent.
  - (c) Let  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Are  $A\mathbf{u}_1, A\mathbf{u}_2, \dots, A\mathbf{u}_k$  always linearly independent? Justify your answers.
3. (10 pts **bonus**) If  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$  is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , prove that  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k$  is linearly independent.

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4. (20 pts)

(a) Define  $\text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b) Define the Column Space and the Null Space of a matrix  $A$ .

(c) Find a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  and  $\text{Nul}(A)$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(d) Verify The Rank Theorem: i.e.  $\text{Rank } A + \dim(\text{Nul } A) = n$ .

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5. (10 pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and let  $k$  be any positive integer

and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & k \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & k \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & \cdots & k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$  a  $k \times k$  matrix. Find  $\det(A)$  and  $\det(B)$ .

6. (10 pts) Let  $x$  be a real number and  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find a value  $x$  such that  $\|2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = 1$ .

(b) Find a value  $x$  such that two vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.

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7. (20 pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .
- (b) Find all eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- (c) Find the eigenspace of  $A$  for each eigenvalue.
- (d) Diagonalize the matrix  $A$ , i.e. write  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , if possible.
- (e) Let  $P$  be in (d). Calculate  $A^{2016}P =$ .

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8. (24 pts) Let  $A, P$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Mark the following statements True or False. Justify each of your answers by citing a theorem or giving a counter-example.

(a) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  is invertible.

(b) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.

(c) If  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis of eigenvectors of  $A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

(d) If  $AP = PD$ , with  $D$  diagonal, then the non-zero columns of  $P$  must be eigenvectors of  $A$ .

(e) Every  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable.

(f) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable.

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9. (25 pts) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Prove  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent.
- (b) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to produce an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbf{W} = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ .
- (c) Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbf{W}$  in (b).

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10. (25 pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Define a least squares solution of a linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (b) State the normal equation of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  in terms of  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .
- (c) Find a least squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  by solving the normal equation in (b) for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .



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11. (26 pts) Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ . That means to find an orthogonal matrix  $U$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = UDU^T$ .
- (a) Prove  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.
  - (b) State the definition of an orthogonal matrix.
  - (c) Find all eigenvalue of  $A$ .
  - (d) Find all eigenvectors for each eigenvalue.
  - (e) Define an orthogonal matrix  $U$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = UDU^T$ .

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12. (10 pts) Prove that if matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomials.

You will get partial credits if you state the following definitions:

- (a) The similarity of two matrices  $A, B$ .
- (b) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .