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Question 1 **[20 marks]**

(a) Consider the following linear system

$$\begin{cases} x + \ \ ay + \qquad\quad 2z = 1 \\ x + 2ay + \qquad\quad 3z = 1 \\ x + \ \ ay + (a+3)z = 2a^2 - 1. \end{cases}$$

Determine the conditions on the constant a such that the linear system has

(i) exactly one solution; (ii) no solution; (iii) infinitely many solutions.

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(b) Find the least squares solution of the following linear system

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 2 \\ x + 2y - z = 1 \\ x - y + z = 2 \\ \phantom{x + {}} y - 2z = 5. \end{cases}$$

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Question 2 **[15 marks]**

Let $\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 9 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 3 & -6 & 9 & -3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. It is given that there exists an invertible matrix $\boldsymbol{B}$ such that

$$\boldsymbol{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Write down a basis for the row space of $\boldsymbol{A}$, and extend it to a basis for $\mathbb{R}^6$.

(ii) Let $\boldsymbol{v}_i$ be the ith column of $\boldsymbol{A}$, $i = 1, \ldots, 6$.

Find a basis S for the column space of $\boldsymbol{A}$ such that $S \subseteq \{\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2, \boldsymbol{v}_3, \boldsymbol{v}_4, \boldsymbol{v}_5, \boldsymbol{v}_6\}$, and express each $\boldsymbol{v}_i$ not in S as a linear combination of vectors in S.

(iii) Find a basis for the nullspace of $\boldsymbol{A}$.

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Question 3 **[20 marks]**

Let $S = \{\boldsymbol{u}_1, \boldsymbol{u}_2, \boldsymbol{u}_3\}$ be a basis for a vector space V, where

$$\boldsymbol{u}_1 = (1, 2, 1, 2), \quad \boldsymbol{u}_2 = (0, 2, 2, 1), \quad \boldsymbol{u}_3 = (1, 12, 1, 0).$$

(i) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the basis S to an orthogonal basis T for V.

(ii) Find the projection of $(-11, 13, -17, 11)$ onto the vector space V.

(iii) Extend T to an orthogonal basis for $\mathbb{R}^4$.

(iv) Find the transition matrix from the basis S to the basis T.

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Question 4 **[15 marks]**

(a) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation such that

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Find the standard matrix for T.

(ii) Find $\text{rank}(T)$ and $\text{nullity}(T)$.

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(b) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation such that $\mathrm{Ker}(T) = \mathrm{Ker}(T \circ T)$. Prove that

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Question 5 **[15 marks]**

Let $\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a & 1 & b \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where a, b are real constants.

(i) Find the eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{A}$.

(ii) Prove that $\boldsymbol{A}$ is diagonalizable if and only if $a + b = 0$.

(iii) Suppose that $a + b = 0$. Find an invertible matrix $\boldsymbol{P}$ in terms of a such that $\boldsymbol{P}^{-1}\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{P}$ is a diagonal matrix.

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Question 6 **[15 marks]**

(a) Let $\boldsymbol{A}$ be a square matrix of order n. Let $\boldsymbol{M}_{ij}$ be the matrix of order $n-1$ obtained from $\boldsymbol{A}$ by deleting the ith row and the jth column.

Prove that if $\boldsymbol{A}$ is invertible, then at least n of the matrices $\boldsymbol{M}_{ij}$ are invertible. [*Hint*: Consider the adjoint matrix $\mathbf{adj}(\boldsymbol{A})$.]

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(b) Let $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$ be square matrices of the same order.

(i) Prove that the nullspace of $\boldsymbol{B}$ is a subspace of the nullspace of $\boldsymbol{AB}$.

(ii) Using (i) prove that

$$\text{nullity}(\boldsymbol{A}) + \text{nullity}(\boldsymbol{B}) \geq \text{nullity}(\boldsymbol{AB}).$$

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