

True/False: If the statement is *always* true, give a brief explanation of why it is. If the statement is false, give a counterexample.

1. [4] Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$ .

2. [4] Let  $l$  be the line that passes through the point  $(1, -1, 1)$  and has a direction vector  $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The line  $l$  is parallel to the plane defined by  $2x + 3y - z = 1$ .

3. [4] Any line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a subspace.

4. [4] A set of vectors that are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  also form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

5. [4] For any matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .

6. [4] All linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have a nonzero eigenvector.

Free Response: Show your work for the following problems. The correct answer with no supporting work will receive NO credit.  
(If you use a calculator, be sure to tell me.)

7. [3] Find all solutions to the following system of linear equations:  $\begin{cases} x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$

8. [2] Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis for  $\text{Null}(M)$ .

*Hint: consider using your work from the previous question.*

9. [2] Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine if  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Justify your result. *Hint: consider using your work from the previous questions.*

10. Let  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & b & -c \\ a & a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & f & a \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & f \\ f & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $f$  are nonzero real numbers. Find the following if possible:

(a) [1]  $P + Q^T$

(b) [1]  $NP$

(a) [2]  $PQ$

(b) [3]  $N^{-1}$

11. [4] Let  $\vec{v}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , prove  $\|\vec{v}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

12. Let  $k$  be a nonzero real number. Consider the transformation

$$T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ defined by } T\vec{v} = A\vec{v}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) [3] Describe geometrically the effect of the matrix transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) [1] What is the characteristic equation for  $A$ ?

(c) [2] Either use the above work or geometry to find the eigenvalues and an associated eigenvector for  $A$ .

(d) [2] Find the matrix that would record the following series of linear transformations on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with matrix multiplication:

- i. apply the linear transformation  $T$
- ii. reflect over the  $y$ -axis.