

**MATH 202B, MIDTERM EXAM**  
**Time: 90 minutes**

**Your name** (print): . . . . .

*Please show all work. Books, notes and calculators are not permitted on this exam.*

**Write** below and **sign** the Pledge: *I pledge my honor that I have not violated the Honor Code during this examination.*

1. (12 points) Consider the system

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + (a^2 - 5)x_3 = a$$

For what values of  $a$  does this system have solutions? For what values of  $a$  does it have exactly one solution? For what values of  $a$  does it have infinitely many solutions?

**2.** (18 points) Find a matrix  $A$  for the following linear transformations:

(a) In  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , reflection across the line  $3x = 4y$  followed by rotation through 90 degrees counterclockwise.

(b) In  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , orthogonal projection onto the plane  $x + y + z = 0$ .

(c) In  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , the transformation that sends

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.** (12points) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ , the column space of  $A$  and the kernel of  $A$  if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (18 points) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find an orthonormal basis for  $V = \text{image}(A)$  and find the  $QR$  factorization of  $A$ .

(d) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of  $V$ .

**5.** (12 points) Given any three linearly independent vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$ , define

$$\vec{w}_1 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \quad \vec{w}_2 = \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3, \quad \vec{w}_3 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3$$

Show that the vectors  $\vec{w}_1$ ,  $\vec{w}_2$  and  $\vec{w}_3$  are also linearly independent.