

Math 4242  
Summer 2020  
PRACTICE EXAM  
07/10/2020

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Time Limit: Up to you

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Exam 2 contains 3 pages (including this cover page) and 10 problems. Please check to see if any pages are missing.

There are 10 problems instead of 5, but break up this exam into 2 parts 1-5 and 6-10, if you want to practice exams more authentically.

Show your work on each problem. Specifically:

- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Unsupported answers will not receive credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will likely receive partial credit.
- **Circle your final answer** for problems involving a series of computations.
- If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Please do not write in the table to the right.

Problem	Points	Score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
4	20	
5	20	
6	20	
7	20	
8	20	
9	20	
10	20	
Total:	200	

1. (20 points) Let  $A$  be any square matrix in  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - (a) (5 points) Show that the quadratic forms  $x^T A x$  and  $x^T A^T x$  are equal.
  - (b) (5 points) Show that  $K = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T)$  is a symmetric matrix.
  - (c) (5 points) Conclude that it suffices to only consider quadratic forms of symmetric matrices by showing that  $x^T A x = x^T K x$ .
  - (d) (5 points) Prove that if  $K$  is positive definite, then every diagonal entry of  $A$  is positive.
2. (20 points) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the transformation

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x + 4y \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Rewrite this transformation using coordinates in the basis  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3. (20 points) Let  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g(x) = ax$  for  $a \neq 0$  in the vector space  $C^0[0, 1]$  with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

- (a) (10 points) Find the  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the angle between  $f$  and  $g$  is  $\pi/6$ , or 30 degrees.
  - (b) (10 points) Does your answer change if  $f(x) = b$  for some other  $b \neq 0, 1$ ? Explain why or why not.
4. (20 points) Let  $v$  and  $w$  be independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $v^\perp$  and  $w^\perp$  denote the orthogonal subspaces of  $\text{span}(v)$  and  $\text{span}(w)$ . Show that  $\dim(v^\perp \cap w^\perp) = n - 2$ .
5. (20 points) Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace

$$W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

6. (20 points) Let  $P = I - uu^T$  where  $u$  is a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the dot product.
- (a) (10 points) Show by direct computation that  $P^2 = P$ .
  - (b) (10 points) Compute  $(\text{img}(P))^\perp$ .
7. (20 points) Find the distance between  $v = (0, 3, -2, -2)$  and  $w = (4, -1, 2, 1)$  in the following norms on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (a) (6 points) The  $L^2$  norm
  - (b) (7 points) The  $L^1$  norm
  - (c) (7 points) The  $L^\infty$  norm
8. (20 points) For the following statements, list whether they are true or false. If false, provide a counterexample.
- (a) (5 points) All matrices with positive entries are positive definite.
  - (b) (5 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\|A\|_\infty = 5$ .
  - (c) (5 points) All norms satisfy the parallelogram identity.
  - (d) (5 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices representing the same transformation  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  in two different bases. Then  $\det A \neq \det B$ .
9. (20 points) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Define the kernel of  $T$  to be
- $$\ker(T) = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0\}.$$
- (a) (10 points) Show that  $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $V$ . (Notice this is a generalization of the matrix case.)
  - (b) (10 points) Assume that  $\ker T = 0$ . Show that if  $T(v) = T(w)$ , then  $v = w$ .
10. (20 points) Prove that a matrix  $K$  is positive definite iff for all nonzero  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that the angle  $\theta$  between  $v$  and  $Kv$  is acute, i.e.  $|\theta| < \pi/2$ .