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**MATH 223 – Final Examination**  
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Time allowed: 180 minutes  
Maximum points: 100 points

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1. (4 points) For which value(s) of the constant  $k$  does the system
$$\begin{aligned}x - y &= 3 \\ 2x - 2y &= -k\end{aligned}$$
have no solution? Exactly one solution? Infinitely many solutions?
2. (5 points) Let  $A^{-3} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\text{tr}(A)$  and  $\det(A^T)$ .
3. (4 points) Let  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = -3$ . Compute  $\begin{vmatrix} -2a & -2b & -2c \\ -2g & -2h & -2i \\ -2d & -2e & -2f \end{vmatrix}$ .
4. (5 points) Find the area of the triangle having vertices  $P(1, -1, 2)$ ,  $Q(-1, 3, 4)$ ,  $R(2, -1, 1)$ .
5. (6 points) Find four unit vectors that are orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 2, 2, -1)$ .
6. (5 points) Find parametric equations for the line  $l$  passing through the points  $P(2, 4, -1)$  and  $Q(5, -1, 7)$ . Where does the line intersect the  $xy$ -plane?
7. (4 points) Find an equation for the plane that passes through the origin and is parallel to the plane  $7x + 4y - 2z + 3 = 0$ .
8. (5 points) Show that the linear operator  $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $L(x, y) = (-x - 3y, x - y)$  is one-to-one. Find the standard matrix for the inverse operator, and find  $L^{-1}(w_1, w_2)$ .
9. (4 points) Give an example to show that the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $\det(A) = 0$  is not a subspace of  $M_{22}$ .

10. (6 points) Consider the following homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that the solution space of the system is a plane through the origin and find an equation for it.
- (b) Determine a basis for and the dimension of the solution space of the system
11. (5 points) Show that  $1 + x + x^2$ ,  $x + x^2$ , and  $x^2$  are three linearly independent vectors in  $P_2$ . Do they form a basis for  $P_2$ . Why?
12. (4 points) Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (4, 1, 1)$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, -7, 1)$ . Determine whether the set  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is a basis for  $R^3$ .
13. (5 points) Express  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1)$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (3, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (2, 1)$  in three different ways.
14. (4 points) Sketch the unit circle in an  $xy$ -coordinate system in  $R^2$  using the weighted Euclidean inner product  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \frac{1}{4}u_1v_1 + \frac{1}{9}u_2v_2$ .
15. (6 points) Let  $\mathbf{p} = x - 2x^2$  and  $\mathbf{q} = 7 + 3x + 3x^2$  be two vectors in  $P_2$ . Define an inner product on  $P_2$  and use it to find the angle between  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .
16. (15 points) Find the eigenvalues and bases for the eigenspaces of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $A$ . Compute  $A^{10}$  using the matrix  $P$ .
17. (4 points) Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Determine whether the function  $T: V \rightarrow R$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{u}) = \|\mathbf{u}\|$  is a linear transformation. Justify your answer.
18. (9 points) Let  $L: R^4 \rightarrow R^2$  be the function defined by  $L(x, y, z, w) = (x + 2y + 3z, 4x + y + 5z + 2w)$ .
- (a) Find a basis for range ( $L$ ) and a basis for Ker( $L$ ).
- (b) Determine the rank and nullity of  $L$ .
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