

# Math 2184 Midterm

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1. This test is due Tuesday at midnight. Logistically, this will work just like the mastery quizzes: download it, write up your answers, and upload them to Blackboard for us to grade.
2. You will have two hours for this test. Please write down your start and end times on the test and include that in your upload. You may not spend more than two hours on the test unless you have a specific accommodation.
3. You are not allowed to consult books or notes during the test, but you may use a one-page cheat sheet you have made for yourself ahead of time. Please upload your sheet along with your test.
4. If you have questions, I will be online and responsive during the usual class times. If you want to take the test at a time you know I'll be able to answer any questions quickly, I encourage you to use one of those time slots.
5. You may use a calculator, but don't use anything that has the ability to do row-reductions for you. Using a calculator for basic arithmetic is fine.
6. The maximum score for this test is 80 points.

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**Problem 1.**

(a) (10 points) Find the set of solutions to the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 2z &= 6 \\ -3x - 4y + 9z &= -29 \\ x + 2y - 5z &= 13\end{aligned}$$

(b) (10 points) Prove that the following vectors in  $\mathcal{P}_2(x)$  are linearly independent, *explicitly using the formal definition of linear independence*:

$$f(x) = -1 + x^2, \quad g(x) = 2 + x - x^2, \quad h(x) = 3x + 2x^2$$

**Problem 2.**

(a) (10 points) Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) (5 points) If  $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 7 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  find the set of solutions to  $B\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c) (5 points) Compute

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 3** (10 points each).

(a) Prove that  $U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : 3x + y = z \right\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) Is  $3 + 4x + 6x^2$  in the span of the set  $S = \{3 - 5x, 4 - 2x + 3x^2, 1 + x^2\}$ ?

**Problem 4** (4 points each).

Let  $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2(x)$  be given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right) = a + b + (a + c)x + (2a + b + c)x^2$ .

- (a) Prove  $L$  is a linear transformation.
- (b) Find a matrix for  $L$  with respect to the standard bases  $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$  and  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  for each space respectively.
- (c) Find a basis for  $\ker(L)$ .
- (d) Find a basis for the image  $L(\mathcal{P}_2(x))$ .
- (e) If  $L$  is invertible, find a (non-matrix!) formula for the inverse. If it is not, explain why it is not.