

## Mathematics 2R3 Test 3

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- The test is 50 minutes long.
- The test has 6 pages and 5 questions and is printed on BOTH sides of the paper.
- You are responsible for ensuring that your copy of the paper is complete. Bring any discrepancies to the attention of the invigilator.
- Attempt all questions and write your answers in the space provided.
- Marks are indicated next to each question; the total number of marks is 25.
- You may use a McMaster standard Casio fx-991 MS or MS Plus calculator (no communication capability); no other aids are not permitted.
- Use pen to write your test. If you use a pencil, your test will not be accepted for regrading (if needed).

**Good Luck!**

**Score**

Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points	5	5	5	5	5	25
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1. (5 marks) Put your answer in the space provided for each part.

- (a) If an  $n \times n$  complex matrix  $A$  satisfies  $Ax \cdot Ay = x \cdot y$  for all  $x, y \in C^n$  then  $A$  is unitary. True or False.

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- (b) Compute the inverse of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) If  $A$  is similar to  $B$  then  $B$  is similar to  $A$ . True or False.

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- (d) The eigenvalues of a normal matrix are real. True or False.

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- (e) The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is unitary. True or False.

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2. (5 marks) Suppose that  $V$  is the subspace of differentiable functions on the real numbers generated by  $\{1, x, e^{-x}, xe^{-x}\}$ . Consider the linear operator  $D$  on  $V$  defined by  $D(f) = f'$ , the derivative of  $f$ . Display the matrix for  $D$  relative to the basis  $B = \{1, x, e^{-x}, xe^{-x}\}$ .

$$D(1) = 0, D(x) = 1, D(e^{-x}) = -e^{-x}, D(xe^{-x}) = e^{-x} - xe^{-x}$$

so

$$[D]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Suppose that  $T: P_2 \rightarrow P_2$  is the linear transformation given by

$$T(p(x)) = p(x+1)$$

where  $P_2$  is the vector space of polynomials with complex coefficients of degree at most 2.

(a) (3 marks) Compute the determinant of  $T$ .

$$\text{If } B = \{1, x, x^2\} \text{ then } T(1) = 1, T(x) = x+1, T(x^2) = (x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$\text{so } [T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hookrightarrow \det(T) = \det([T]_B) = 1$$

(b) (2 marks) Determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for  $T$ .

By observation from a), the only eigenvalue is 1.  
The eigenvectors for 1 have  $B$  coordinates satisfying

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{so } b=c=0 \text{ and the}$$

eigenvectors are the constant polys  $p(x) = a$  for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .

4. Suppose that  $A$  is the Hermitian matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{i}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{i}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

which has eigenvalues 1, 0 and  $-1$  and corresponding eigenvectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) (3 marks) Determine a matrix  $P$  which unitarily diagonalizes  $A$ .

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so} \quad P^*AP = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = D.$$

(b) (2 marks) Compute  $A^{100}$ .

$$A = PDP^* \quad \text{so} \quad A^{100} = PD^{100}P^* \quad \text{and} \quad D^{100} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} PD^{100}P^* &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{i}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{i}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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5. (a) (2 marks) For a complex matrix  $A$ , define what it means for  $A$  to be normal.

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  complex matrix then  $A$  is normal

$$\text{if } AA^* = A^*A.$$

- (b) (3 marks) Prove that if an  $n \times n$  complex matrix  $A$  is unitarily diagonalizable and has real eigenvalues then  $A$  is Hermitian.

Let  $U$  be a unitary matrix s.t.  $U^*AU = D$  where  $D$  is diagonal. Moreover, since  $A$  has real eigenvalues then  $D$  is a real matrix. Then  $A = UDU^*$ .

To see that  $A$  is Hermitian, show  $A^* = A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A^* &= (UDU^*)^* = (U^*)^* D^* U^* \\ &= UDU^* \quad \text{since } D \text{ is real.} \\ &= A. \end{aligned}$$

So  $A$  is Hermitian.