# Math 2802 N1-N3 Quiz Solutions

The quiz has a total of 10 points and you have 15 minutes. Read carefully and clearly justify how you obtained your answers.

**1.** [3 points] Find all the values of *h* for which the following vectors are linearly dependent:

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

## Solution.

Place the vectors are columns of a matrix and row reduce to find the number of pivot columns:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -5 & 5 \\ 4 & 10 & h \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & h+4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & h+10 \end{pmatrix}$$

The vectors are linearly independent if there is one pivot in each column. Thus the vectors are linearly dependent only when h = -10.

**2.** [3 points] Is the following transformation  $T : \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  invertible? Justify your answer.

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x\\ y\\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - y + z\\ -5x + 5y - 2z\\ 10x + 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solution.

The matrix corresponding to *T* is given by  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 5 & -2 \\ 10 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Note that the column vectors of *A* are linearly **independent** (by the problem above). Thus the transformation is invertible (by the invertible matrix theorem).

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#### **3.** [4 points]

For this problem, use the following row-reduction of A.

Let A = LU where L is a lower triangular matrix and U is an echelon form.

a) The dimensions of *L*: \_\_\_\_\_ rows × \_\_\_\_ columns
b) The dimensions of *U*: \_\_\_\_\_ rows × \_\_\_\_ columns

c) Construct the matrices *L* and *U*.

### Solution.

- **a)** The dimensions of  $L: 4 \times 4$
- **b)** The dimensions of  $U: 4 \times 5$
- c) The matrix U is the (not-reduced) echelon form obtained in the row reduction above.

To obtain L, the first pivot was located on the first column and the entries from the pivot and below were  $\begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 3\\ -2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The second pivot was located on the

third column and the entries from the pivot and below were  $\begin{pmatrix} 5\\ -5\\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ ; normaliz-

 $\begin{array}{c} 10 \ \text{J} \\ 10 \ \text{J} \end{array}$  ing so that the first entry is a one:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . The are no more pivots. Now, start with the matrix  $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & * & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and

replace the vectors we have in the first two columns. The remaining undeclared entry on the third columns should then be zero.

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$