EXAM 1

Math 102, Spring 2008-2009, Clark Bray.

You have 50 minutes.

No notes, no books, no calculators.

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Good luck!

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1. *(15 pts)*

   Find the complete set of solutions to the system of equations below.

$$\begin{array}{rcrcrcr} 1x & + & 2y & + & 6z & = & -8 \\ -1x & - & 2y & - & 4z & = & 4 \\ 2x & + & 4y & + & 10z & = & -12 \end{array}$$

2. *(10 pts)* Let A denote the (non-augmented) matrix of coefficients for the above system. Use the row reduction process from the above problem to compute the determinant of A.

3. *(10 pts)* Suppose we wish to find a vector $\vec{b}$ for which the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has no solutions. Write such a vector as a product of elementary matrices and another vector $\vec{c}$, but do not multiply out the product. Make sure to explain exactly where you got those elementary matrices and how you chose the vector $\vec{c}$.

4. *(15 pts)* Find the equation of the unique plane that contains the point $(1, 2, 0)$ and is perpendicular to the line described parametrically by

$$\vec{x}(t) = (3 - 4t, 2 + 3t, t - 2)$$

5. *(20 pts)* We define the "component of $\vec{v}$ along $\vec{w}$" (written "$\text{comp}_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v})$") to be the length of the projection of the vector $\vec{v}$ onto the line pointing in the direction of the vector $\vec{w}$. Show that if $\vec{u}$ is a unit vector, then

$$\text{comp}_{\vec{u}}(\vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$$

(Hint: First write this component with trig in terms of the angle between the two vectors.)

6. *(15 pts)* Suppose we have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute the following.

(a) AB

(b) $\text{rank}(A)$

(c) B^{-1}

7. *(15 pts)* Suppose that $\vec{v}_1$, $\vec{v}_2$, $\vec{v}_3$ are vectors in $\mathbb{R}^5$, that A is the matrix whose rows are these three vectors, and that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 23 & 0 & -21 \\ 0 & -12 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & A & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 & 0 & -31 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -42 & 0 & -82 & 0 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

Can you conclude from this information either that $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ are linearly independent or linearly dependent? Make sure to justify your answer explicitly.