

# Math 214 — Midterm 1

## Blue Version Answers

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### Problem 1:

Let  $d$ ,  $s$ ,  $m$  be the numbers of sacks of Dragon, Serenity, and Miracle Tea that Datura buys, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}d + s + m &= 9 \\2d + 3s + 5m &= 25 \\25d + 30s + 20m &= 230\end{aligned}$$

This system has a unique solution  $(d, s, m) = (6, 1, 2)$ . Datura bought six sacks of Dragon Tea, one sack of Serenity Tea, and two sacks of Miracle Tea.

### Problem 2:

We use the projection formula. Let  $L$  be the line spanned by  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{proj}_L \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{13}{169} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/13 \\ 4/13 \\ 12/13 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3:

There are infinitely many solutions. What all solutions have in common is that each column consists of numbers in arithmetic progression and that the five columns are not all a multiple of a common vector. An example follows.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 & 10 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 4:

Since  $T$  is compatible with scalar multiples,

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 12 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the matrix representing  $T$ , column-by-column:  $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \\ -4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

### Problem 5:

So many possibilities...

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \\ \sqrt[3]{42} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{19} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

### Problem 6:

First, we need the rref of  $A$ .  $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a) The solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  have the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 2r-5s \\ -r+s \\ r \\ s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; a basis for  $\ker A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

b) The third and fourth columns are redundant. A basis of  $\text{im } A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .  
(Indeed the image is all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , so any basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  will do.)

c) The rank is 3.

d) The nullity is 2.

### Problem 7:

a)  $C = AB = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & 10 & 3 \\ 16 & -5 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b)  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

c)  $B^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

d)  $C^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & -15 \\ -1 & 5 & 18 \\ 7 & -30 & -110 \end{pmatrix}$

### Problem 8:

a) False b) True c) True d) False e) True f) True g) True h) True i) False j) True