

**King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals**  
**Department of Mathematics and Statistics**  
**Math 280: Introduction to Linear Algebra**  
**Second Exam, Spring Semester 152 (120 minutes)**  
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**Q1. (10 points)** Show that  $\{e^x, e^{-x}, e^{2x}\}$  is linearly independent in  $C[0, 1]$ .

**Q2. (10 points)** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that  
 $\dim(\text{row space of } A) = \dim(\text{column space of } A)$ .

**Q3. (25 points)** Consider  $L : \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$  defined by

$$L(p(x)) = p(x) - p'(x).$$

- (a) Show that  $L$  is a linear operator.
- (b) Find  $\text{Ker}(L)$ .
- (c) Find  $\dim(\text{Ker}(L))$ .
- (d) Find  $\text{Im}(L)$ .
- (e) Find  $\dim(\text{Im}(L))$ .

**Q4. (20 points)** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & -4 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for the row space of  $A$ .
- (b) Find a basis for the column space of  $A$ .
- (c) Find a basis for the Null space of  $A$ .

**Q5. (20 points)** Let  $L : \mathbb{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$  be the linear operator defined by

$$L(p(x)) = xp'(x) + p''(x).$$

- (a) Find  $[L]_E$ , where  $E = \{1, x, x^2\}$ .
- (b) Find  $[L]_F$ , where  $F = \{1, x, 1 + x^2\}$ .
- (c) Find the matrix  $S$  such that

$$[L]_F = S^{-1}[L]_E S.$$

- (d) Calculate  $L^n(p(x))$ , where  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2(1 + x^2)$ .

**Q6. (15 points)** Prove or disprove:

(a)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a vector space with the usual scalar multiplication and with the *new* addition

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + y_1, 0).$$

- (b)  $S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + x_2 = 2\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (c)  $\dim(\text{Span}\{1, \sin 2x, \sin x \cos x\}) = 2$ .