

18.06 Professor A.J. de Jong Exam 2 April 9, 2003

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Important: Briefly explain all of your answers.

**1 (29 pts.)**

(a) Compute the determinant of the following matrix

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

Mention the method used for each step in the calculation.

(b) Give a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces associated to the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



**2 (29 pts.)**

- (a) Apply the Gram-schmidt algorithm to the columns of the matrix  $A$  below. (Use the order in which they occur in the matrix!) Use this to write  $A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is a matrix with orthonormal columns, and  $R$  is upper triangular.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Compute the matrix of the projection onto the column space of  $A$ . What is the distance of the point  $(1, 1, 1, 0)$  to this column space?



**3 (14 pts.)** Show that the following determinant is zero for any values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$



4 (28 pts.) Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find matrices  $S$  and  $\Lambda$  such that  $A$  has a factorization of the form

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1},$$

where  $S$  is invertible and  $\Lambda$  is diagonal:  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

(b) Find a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^3 = A$ . (Hint: First find such a matrix for  $\Lambda$ . Then use the formula above.)



