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MATH 251 (Winter, 2026)
Test 2

1. (3 marks) Evaluate $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^T - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + 4I$.

2. (3 marks) For what value(s) of k (if any) does the product of the matrices $\begin{bmatrix} k & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ commute?

3. (4 marks) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Use the Gauss-Jordan method to find A^{-1} , and then express both A^{-1} and A as products of elementary matrices.

4. (4 marks) Use the LU method to solve the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. (5 marks) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find a basis for $\text{row}(A)$.

(b) Find a basis for $\text{col}(A)$.

(c) Find a basis for $\text{null}(A)$.

(d) Find $\text{rank}(A)$ and $\text{nullity}(A)$.

6. (6 marks)

(a) Complete the definition of what it means for $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ to be a **linear** transformation:

$$T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \text{_____} \text{ for all } \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \mathbf{v} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and}$$

$$T(c\mathbf{u}) = \text{_____} \text{ for all } \mathbf{u} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and for all scalars } c.$$

(b) Consider the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x - 5y \\ 3x - 4y \end{bmatrix}.$$

(i) State the standard matrix for T .

(ii) Find the standard matrix for the inverse transformation T^{-1} .

(c) Consider the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2y + 3 \\ -x + 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(i) Evaluate $T(\mathbf{i})$, $T(\mathbf{j})$ and $T(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$.

(ii) Is T a linear transformation? Briefly explain.