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Math 51H Mid-Term 1

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**Unless otherwise indicated, you can use results covered  
in lecture and homework, provided they are clearly stated.**

**If necessary, continue solutions on backs of pages**

**Note: work sheets are provided for your convenience, but will not be graded**

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Name (Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and accept the provisions of the honor code (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

**1 (a) (3 points):** (i) Give the  $\varepsilon, N$  definition of “ $\lim a_n = \ell$ ,” where  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  is a given sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ , and (ii) use your definition to prove that if  $\{a_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  converges to  $\ell \neq 0$ , then there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n| > |\ell|/2$  for  $n \geq N$ .

Note for (ii): You may not use any of our limit theorems to prove (ii), only the definition of the limit, and properties of the reals.

**1(b) (3 points):** Suppose that  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a bounded sequence. Let  $s_k = \sup\{a_n : n \geq k\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , i.e.  $s_k$  is the sup of all but the first  $k - 1$  elements of the original sequence. Show that  $\lim s_k$  exists.

Note: You should in particular explain why  $s_k$  itself exists. One writes  $\limsup a_n = \lim s_k$ ; this gives a measure how large  $a_n$  can be for large  $n$ .

**2(a) (3 points):** (i) Give the definition of the orthocomplement  $V^\perp$  of a subspace  $V$  of an inner product space  $Z$  (if you wish, you may assume  $Z = \mathbb{R}^n$  with usual inner product) and (ii) show that if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis of a subspace  $V$  of  $Z$  (again  $Z = \mathbb{R}^n$  may be assumed), then  $V^\perp = \{w \in Z : w \cdot v_j = 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

**2(b) (4 points):** Suppose  $V$  is a vector space (if you wish you may assume that it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ),  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$  and  $V = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ . Show that there is a sub-collection  $\{v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_l}\}$ ,  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l$  (possibly  $l = 0$ ), such that  $\{v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_l}\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

Hint for (b): Analogously to the proof of the basis theorem, consider a minimal size subcollection that spans  $V$ , or a maximal size subcollection which is linearly independent.

**3(a) (3 points):** (i) State the rank nullity theorem. (ii)-(iii): Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ . (ii) Show that  $m \leq n$ . (iii) If in addition  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  has a unique solution for every  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , show that  $m = n$ .

**3(b) (3 points):** (i) Find the matrices  $A_1, A_2$  of the orthogonal projections  $P_{V_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , to  $V_1 = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 1)^T\}$  and  $V_2 = \text{Span}\{(1, -1, 0)^T\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (ii) Show that the matrix of the orthogonal projection  $P_V$  to  $V = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 1)^T, (1, -1, 0)^T\}$  is  $A_1 + A_2$ .

Hint for (ii): Note that  $(1, 1, 1)^T$  and  $(1, -1, 0)^T$  are orthogonal.

**4 (6 points):** Find (i) rref  $A$  (showing all row operations), (ii) a basis for the null space  $N(A)$ , (iii) a basis for the column space of  $A$  and (iv)  $\dim N(A^T)$ , if

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



