## MATH 260 EXAM #1 KEY (FALL 2018)

1a Both  $\pm \mathbf{u}/\|\mathbf{u}\|$  will work, where  $\mathbf{u}/\|\mathbf{u}\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}[3, -1, 4]$ .

First find any  $\mathbf{v} = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$  such that  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 3v_1 - v_2 + 4v_3 = 0$ . Clearly letting  $v_1 = 1$ ,  $v_2 = 3$ , and  $v_3 = 0$  will work, so  $\mathbf{v} = [1, 3, 0]$ . Now either  $\pm 4\mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\|$  will work, where

$$\frac{4}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}\mathbf{v} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}[1, 3, 0].$$

Other answers are possible.

2a We have

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}}\right) \mathbf{v} = \frac{10}{6} [-2, -1, 1] = \left[-\frac{10}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{3}\right].$$

**2b** By definition

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{20}\sqrt{6}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{6}.$$

**3** The constant is 4:

$$\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$$

$$= (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

$$= 2\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|^2.$$

4 
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{p} + t(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) = [1, 0, -1] + t[1, 2, -2] = [1 + t, 2t, -1 - 2t] \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**5** The plane consists of all points  $\mathbf{x} = [x, y, z]$  such that  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}) = 0$ , so that

$$[-3,2,8] \cdot [x-1/2,y,z-2] = 0,$$

and finally

$$-3x + 2y + 8z = \frac{29}{2}.$$

6 Two points determine the line, and they can be found as solutions to the system

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 2\\ 2x - 3y + z = 6 \end{cases}$$

The first equation gives z = 2 - x + y, which when put into the second equation gives x = 2y + 4. Putting this back into z = 2 - x + y gives z = -y - 2. The solution set of the system is

$$S = \{ [2y + 4, y, -y - 2] : y \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

Thus a parametric equation for the line of intersection of the two planes is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = [2t + 4, t, -t - 2].$$

7 We have

**ABC** = (**AB**)**C** = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2a & 5 + a^2 \\ 11 & 7 - 4a \end{bmatrix}$$
**C** =  $\begin{bmatrix} 3a^2 - 4a + 19 \\ -12a + 43 \end{bmatrix}$ .

8 We have  $\mathbf{A}^3 - \mathbf{A} = -\mathbf{I}$ , so that  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{I}) = -\mathbf{I}$ , and hence  $\mathbf{A}(-\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{I}$ . Similarly  $(-\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ . This shows that  $-\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{I}$  is an inverse for  $\mathbf{A}$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible.

**9a** Since **A** is similar to **B** there exists invertible **T** such that  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ . Now,  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$  is an invertible matrix such that

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}^{-1})\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{T})\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A},$$

and therefore  $\mathbf{B}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$ .

9b Suppose A is invertible, which is to say  $A^{-1}$  exists. Now, since  $TT^{-1} = T^{-1}T = I$  and  $AA^{-1} = I$ ,

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1}) = (\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}^{-1})(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1}) = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{T})\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{I},$$

and similarly  $(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ . This shows that  $\mathbf{T}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$  is the inverse for  $\mathbf{B}$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible.

If we next suppose that  $\mathbf{B}$  is invertible, then since  $\mathbf{B}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$  by part (a), a symmetrical argument (i.e. one in which we interchange the roles of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  in the previous paragraph) shows that  $\mathbf{A}$  must be invertible.

**10** Performing row operations on

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

until  $I_3$  is obtained on the left side (the chosen series of steps can vary), we find that

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

11 The corresponding augmented matrix for the system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We transform this matrix into row-echelon form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c|cccc} -2r_1+r_2 \to r_2 \\ \hline -3r_1+r_3 \to r_3 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 & -27 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2/7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The third equation now states that 0 = -2/7, which is a contradiction. Therefore the system has no solution.

12 From the 2nd equation: x = 2z - y. Putting this into the 1st equation yields y = 3z - 1. Thus x = 2z - y = 1 - z, and solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} : x = 1 - z \text{ and } y = 3z - 1 \right\} \quad \text{or} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 - t \\ 3t - 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$