

Math 371
Spring 2020
Practice 1
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Time Limit: 80 Minutes

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This exam contains 9 pages (including this cover page) and 6 questions.
Total of points is 70.

- Check your exam to make sure all 9 pages are present.
- You may use writing implements on both sides of a sheet of 8”x11” paper.
- NO CALCULATORS.
- Show all work, clearly and in order, if you want to get full credit. I reserve the right to take off points if I cannot see how you arrived at your answer (even if your final answer is correct).
- Good luck!

Grade Table (for teacher use only)

Question	Points	Score
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
6	20	
Total:	70	

1. (10 points) Define a symmetric bilinear form on \mathbb{R}^3 by $\langle X, Y \rangle = X^T A Y$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find a basis v_1, v_2, v_3 such that $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$ for all $i \neq j$.

2. (10 points) Find an injective group homomorphism from $U(1)$ to $SU(2)$.

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3. (10 points) Let $A \in U(n)$ be a unitary matrix. Let v_1 and v_2 be two eigenvectors with distinct eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 . Prove that $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = v_1^* v_2 = 0$

4. (10 points) Prove that two elements A, B in unitary group $U(2)$ are in the same conjugacy class if and only if $\text{trace}(A) = \text{trace}(B)$ and $\det(A) = \det(B)$.

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5. (10 points) Construct a one dimensional group representation $R: C_n \rightarrow GL(1)$ of cyclic group C_n of order n such that $\ker(R) = e$.

6. (20 points) Let V be the vector space of traceless 2×2 real matrices $\{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{trace}(A) = 0\}$.
- (a) Prove that $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(A^T B)$ defines a positive definite symmetric bilinear form on V .
 - (b) Prove that $P \cdot A = PAP^T$ defines a linear operation of $SO(2)$ on V .
 - (c) Use the previous two parts to define a group homomorphism from $SO(2)$ to $SO(3)$.
 - (d) Find the kernel of this homomorphism.

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