

Midterm 1 Rough outline

Important: You must present your ID when you turn in your exam!! Your exam will be **REFUSED** if you do not have your ID on test day!!!!

For the exam, you should be able to:

- Decide whether or not a system of linear equations is consistent. If so, use row operations to reduce to reduced row echelon form and find the solution.
- Prove basic facts about matrix algebra.
- Do basic matrix algebra calculations.
- Decompose a matrix into a product of elementary matrices.
- Find the inverse of a nonsingular matrix.
- Compute determinants.
- Prove basic facts about determinants using either the definition or properties of the determinant (as discussed in §2.2).
- Prove that something is/isn't a vector space.
- Prove basic facts about vector spaces.
- Prove that something is/isn't a subspace.
- Decide whether a set of vectors is linearly (in)dependent/spanning.
- Find the nullspace of a matrix.
- Find bases for subspaces and compute dimensions.
- Prove basic facts about bases and dimension.