

Answer all questions in a clear and concise manner. Label all work. Questions must be clearly labeled and in order. Exact answers only. No calculators. Show all work. Each question must be on a separate sheet of paper, only turn in questions to be graded. There are 8 problems, numbered 1-8. The test is scored out of 33 points.

1. (5 points) For what values of  $b$  does  $B^{-1}$  exist, given that

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(Do not use a determinant).

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Answer the following and explain your answers.

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- (a) (2 points) Show the set is linearly independent.
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7. (4 points) Find a base other than  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  for the space  $\mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbf{R})$  and justify your answer.
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