

Answer all 6 questions. No **calculators, formula-sheets, or class-notes** are allowed. Show all working and justifications in problems 1-4. Provide all reasoning and justifications in problems 5 and 6. An unjustified answer will receive little or no credit.

- (20) 1. Use *row operations* to transform the *augmented matrix* of the **following system** of linear equations into **reduced row echelon form**. Then find the **solution set** of the system in **standard form**.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 0 \\2x_1 + 4x_2 - 4x_3 + 0x_4 &= 2 \\-x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &= -2\end{aligned}$$

- (20) 2.(a) Define what it means for the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  to be **invertible**.

(b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{-1}$  by using **row operations** & verify that  $AA^{-1} = I$ .

(15) 3.(a) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $\det(B)$  by using **row operations**.

- (b) Check your answer in part (a) by using the **Laplace cofactor expansion**.

- (15) 4. (a) Define what it means for the set,  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$ , of vectors to be **linearly dependent**.

(b) Let  $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Is  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$  **linearly dependent**?

**You must justify your answer by showing a relationship, if any, between them.**

- (15) 5. (a) Define what it means for a set,  $S$ , of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  to be a **subspace** of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ; and what it means for the set of vectors,  $B = \{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$  to **span**  $S$ .

- (b) Let  $A$  be any  $m \times n$  matrix,  $B$  be any  $m \times n$  matrix, and  $C$  be any  $n \times p$  matrix. Prove that we always have  $(B - A)C = (BC) - (AC)$ .

- (15) 6. (a) Define what are the  **$(i,j)$ -minor**,  $M_{ij}$ , and the  **$(i,j)$ -cofactor**,  $A_{ij}$ , of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $A'$  be the matrix obtained by interchanging **row  $i$**  and **row  $j$**  of  $A$ . Prove, by induction, that  $\det(A') = -\det(A)$ , for each  $n \geq 2$ .  
[You may use the Laplace cofactor expansion of  $\det(A)$ , without proof, if needed.]

$$1. (a) \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 & -2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot row} \\ R_2 := R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 := R_3 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 := R_1 + \frac{3}{2}R_2 \\ R_2 := \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ R_3 := R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$$

$$(b) I_4 - A_S = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 0 & -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} u \\ v \\ \\ \end{array}$$

$$\text{Sol. set} = \{ \underline{b}_s + \alpha \underline{u} + \beta \underline{v} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

2(a) A is invertible if we can find an  $n \times n$  matrix B s.t.  $AB = I_n = BA$ .

$$(b) \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -3 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -3 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \\ R_2 := R_2 + R_1 \\ \\ \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 := R_1 + 3R_2 \\ \\ R_3 := R_3 + 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 := R_1 - R_3 \\ \\ R_3 := (-1)R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Check: } AA^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \checkmark$$

$$3(a) \det(B) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R2 := R2 - 2R1 \\ R3 := R3 - 3R1 \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} = (1)(-3)(-2) = \boxed{6} \\ R3 := R3 - \frac{4}{3}R2 \end{array}$$

$$(b) \det(B) = 1 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \cdot (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 1 \cdot (9 - 20) + (-2) \cdot (9 - (-5)) + 3 \cdot (12 - (-3)) = -11 - 28 + 45 = \boxed{6}$$

4(a)  $\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$  is linearly dependent if we can find scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  at least one of which is nonzero s.t.  $c_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \underline{v}_k = \underline{0}$

(b) Suppose  $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 - 4c_2 - 3c_3 = 0 \\ -c_1 + 4c_2 + 3c_3 = 0 \\ -3c_1 + 2c_2 + 4c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 - 4c_2 - 3c_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \\ -10c_2 - c_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} E2 := E2 + E1 \\ E3 := E3 + 3E1 \end{array}$$

$\therefore 5c_3 = 10c_2$  & so  $c_3 = 2c_2$ . Also  $c_1 = 3c_3 + 4c_2 = -6c_2 + 4c_2 = -2c_2$

Taking  $c_2 = -1$ , gives  $c_1 = 2$  &  $c_3 = 2$ . So  $2\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}_2 + 2\underline{v}_3 = \underline{0}$

Check:  $2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \therefore \{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$  is linearly dependent.

5(a)  $S$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if  $S$  is non-empty,  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in S$

$\Rightarrow \underline{u} + \underline{v} \in S$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  &  $\underline{u} \in S \Rightarrow \alpha \underline{u} \in S$ .  $B = \{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$

spans  $S$  if every vector  $\underline{u} \in S$  can be written in the form

$$\underline{u} = \alpha_1 \underline{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \underline{v}_k \quad \text{with } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(b) \{(B-A)C\} [ij] = \sum_{k=1}^n \{(B-A)[i,k] \cdot C[k,j]\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \{(B[i,k] - A[i,k]) \cdot C[k,j]\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \{(B[i,k] \cdot C[k,j]) - (A[i,k] \cdot C[k,j])\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \{B[i,k] \cdot C[k,j]\} - \sum_{k=1}^n \{A[i,k] \cdot C[k,j]\}$$

$$= (BC)[ij] - (AC)[ij] = \{(BC) - (AC)\} [ij]. \therefore (B-A)C = (BC) - (AC)$$

6(a) The  $(i,j)$ -minor  $M_{ij}(A)$  is the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  of  $A$ . The  $(i,j)$ -cofactor of  $A$  is defined by  $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det[M_{ij}(A)]$ .

(b) We shall prove that  $\det(A') = -\det(A)$  by induction on  $n$ . For  $n=2$ , we have only two rows. So

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A') &= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} = a_{21}a_{12} - a_{11}a_{22} \\ &= -(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}) \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

So the result is true for  $n=2$ .

Suppose the result is true for all  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrices,  $n \geq 3$ .

Let  $A'$  = the matrix obtained from  $A$  by switching row  $i$  & row  $j$ .

We will expand  $\det(A')$  along row  $k$  for some  $k \neq i$  or  $j$ .

This choice of  $k$  is possible because  $n \geq 3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A') &= \sum_{l=1}^n (A')[k,l] \cdot (A')_{k,l} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n A[k,l] \cdot (-1)^{k+l} \det[M_{k,l}(A')] \quad \text{because row } k \text{ of } A' = \text{row } k \text{ of } A, \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n A[k,l] \cdot (-1)^{k+l} \cdot (-1) \cdot \det[M_{k,l}(A)] \\ &\quad \text{because } M_{k,l}(A') = M_{k,l}(A) \text{ with two rows} \\ &\quad \text{interchanged.} \\ &= - \sum_{l=1}^n A[k,l] \cdot (-1)^{k+l} \cdot \det[M_{k,l}(A)] \\ &= - \det(A) \quad \text{since this is the expansion of } \det A \\ &\quad \text{along row } k. \end{aligned}$$

So if the result is true for  $n-1$ , it will be true for  $n$ .

Hence by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, the result is true for all  $n$ , i.e., for all  $n \times n$  matrices with  $n \geq 2$ .

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