

Answer all 6 questions. NO CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED. Show all working in problems 1-4. Provide all reasoning in problems 5-6. An unjustified answer will receive little or no credit.

- (15) 1. Find the solution set of the following system of equations by using Gaussian elimination and back substitution.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 3 \\2x_1 + 5x_2 - 5x_3 &= 3 \\-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 &= -4\end{aligned}$$

- (20) 2. Use row operations to transform the augmented matrix of the following system into reduced row echelon form. Then find the solution set of the system.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 &= -1 \\-x_1 - 4x_2 + 7x_3 &= 3 \\x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 &= -2\end{aligned}$$

- (15) 3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{-1}$  and check that  $AA^{-1}=I$ .

- (15) 4. (a) Use the cofactor expansion to find  $\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

(You may expand along any row or column).

- (b) Check your answer by using row operations.

- (15) 5. (a) Define what it means for a matrix  $A$  to be invertible.  
(b) Suppose  $C$  and  $D$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices. Using only your definition and the properties of matrix algebra, prove that  $C^{-1}D$  is also invertible.

- (20) 6. (a) Define carefully what is a subspace of a vector space  $V$ .  
(b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times p$  matrix and  $B$  &  $C$  be  $m \times n$  matrices. Prove that

$$(C+B)A = CA + BA. \quad (\text{Show each step of the proof.})$$

SOLUTIONS TO TEST #1

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$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 1. & X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3 = 3 & \rightarrow X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3 = 3 \\
 & 2X_1 + 5X_2 - 5X_3 = 3 & X_2 - 3X_3 = -3 \quad E2 := E2 - 2E1 \\
 & -X_1 - X_2 - X_3 = -4 & X_2 - 2X_3 = -1 \quad E3 := E3 + E1
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \rightarrow & X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3 = 3 \\
 & X_2 - 3X_3 = -3 \\
 & X_3 = 2 \quad E3 := E3 - E2
 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore X_3 = 2$$

$$X_2 = 3X_3 - 3 = 3$$

$$X_1 = -2X_2 + X_3 + 3 = -1$$

The solution set is:  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$2. \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 & 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & -2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} R2 := R2 + R1 \\ R3 := R3 - R1 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} R2 := (-1/2)R2 \\ R3 := R3 + \frac{1}{2}R2 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad R1 := R1 - 2R2$$

$$\therefore X_3 = \alpha$$

$$X_2 = 2X_3 - 1 = 2\alpha - 1$$

$$X_1 = -X_3 + 1 = 1 - \alpha$$

Solution set =  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha \\ 2\alpha-1 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} : \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

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

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

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

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Check: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$4. (a) \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0$$

expanding along column 1

$$= (-2) \cdot 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot (10) + 0 = -10.$$

$$(b) \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5/2 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (R_2 := R_2 + (1/2)R_1)$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5/2 \end{vmatrix} = -(-2)(-2)(5/2) = -10.$$

(R2 := R3)  
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5. (a) The matrix  $A$  is invertible if we can find a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I$  and  $BA = I$ .

(b) Consider the matrix  $D^{-1}C$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}(D^{-1}C)(C^{-1}D) &= D^{-1}(CC^{-1})D \\ &= D^{-1}ID = D^{-1}D = I\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}(C^{-1}D)(D^{-1}C) &= C^{-1}(DD^{-1})C \\ &= C^{-1}IC = C^{-1}C = I\end{aligned}$$

So from the definition of invertible,  $C^{-1}D$  is invertible.

6. (a) A subspace of the vector space  $V$  is any subset  $S$  of  $V$  such that

1.  $S \neq \emptyset$ ,

2. If  $\underline{x} \in S$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\alpha \underline{x} \in S$

3. If  $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in S$  then  $\underline{x} + \underline{y} \in S$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(b) \quad ((C+B)A)[i,j] &= \sum_{k=1}^n (C+B)[i,k] \cdot A[k,j] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (C[i,k] + B[i,k]) \cdot A[k,j] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (C[i,k] \cdot A[k,j]) + (B[i,k] \cdot A[k,j]) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n C[i,k] \cdot A[k,j] + \sum_{k=1}^n B[i,k] \cdot A[k,j] \\ &= (CA)[i,j] + (BA)[i,j] \\ &= (CA + BA)[i,j]\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (C+B)A = CA + BA.$$