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Part A: Mark your answers on the scantron sheet provided.

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Each question is worth 2 points.

1. What can you say about the following system of linear equations?

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y + 3z &= -1 \\ 2x + 5y + 6z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

- (a) It has no solution.
 - (b) It has a unique solution.
 - (c) The general solution has exactly one parameter.
 - (d) The general solution has exactly two parameters.
 - (e) None of the above.
2. What can you say about the following system of linear equations?

$$\begin{aligned}-x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 - 6x_3 - x_4 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- (a) It has no solution.
 - (b) It has a unique solution.
 - (c) The general solution involves exactly one parameter.
 - (d) The general solution involves exactly two parameters.
 - (e) The general solution involves exactly three parameters.
3. Which of the following options is the general solution of the following system of linear equations?

$$\begin{aligned}x - y - z &= 0 \\ x + y + z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

- (a) $x = 2, y = 0, z = 2$
- (b) $x = 2, y = 1, z = 1$
- (c) $x = 2, y = 2 - s, z = s$
- (d) $x = 2, y = 2 + s, z = s$
- (e) None of the above.

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4. Consider the following homogeneous system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 &= 0 \\x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 &= 0 \\x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 - 6x_5 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Every solution $[x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4 \ x_5]^T$ of the above system is a linear combination of the following matrices:

- (a) $[-4 \ 0 \ 1 \ -6 \ -2]^T$.
 - (b) $[8 \ 0 \ -2 \ 3 \ 1]^T$.
 - (c) $[-4 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ and $[-8 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0]^T$.
 - (d) $[4 \ 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ and $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 1]^T$.
 - (e) None of the above.
5. Let C be the coefficient matrix for a system of m linear equations in n variables. Which of the following statements is always true?
- (a) If the rank of C is less than n , then the system has infinitely many solutions.
 - (b) If the rank of C is equal to m , then the system is consistent.
 - (c) If the rank of C is less than m , then the system has infinitely many solutions.
 - (d) If the rank of C is equal to n , then the system has a unique solution.
 - (e) All the above statements are false.

6. Consider the following augmented matrix of a system of linear equations, where a is any number:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 6 \end{array} \right].$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) The system has a unique solution when $a = 3$.
- (b) The system has no solution when $a = 3$.
- (c) The system has infinitely many solutions when $a = 3$.
- (d) The system has infinitely many solutions when $a \neq 3$.
- (e) None of the above.

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7. Let $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $W = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) Y is a linear combination of X_1 and X_2 , but W and Z are not.
 - (b) W and Z are linear combinations of X_1 and X_2 , but Y is not.
 - (c) W and Y are linear combinations of X_1 and X_2 , but Z is not.
 - (d) Y is a linear combination of X_1 and X_2 , but W and Z are not.
 - (e) All the above statements are false.
8. Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices, and suppose U is an invertible matrix so that $B = UA$. Then which of the following statements is always true?
- (a) $A = BU^{-1}$.
 - (b) $A = BU$.
 - (c) $B = AU^{-1}$.
 - (d) $B = AU$.
 - (e) None of the above.
9. Find all values of a so that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible.
- (a) $a = 0$.
 - (b) $a \neq 0$.
 - (c) $a = \frac{1}{2}$.
 - (d) $a \neq \frac{1}{2}$.
 - (e) None of the above.

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10. Find A if

$$(A - 2I)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (d) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (e) None of the above.

11. Compute the following matrix product and simplify your answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a & -b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} a + b \end{bmatrix}$.
- (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 2a \end{bmatrix}$.
- (c) $\begin{bmatrix} -2a \end{bmatrix}$.
- (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 2a + b \end{bmatrix}$.
- (e) None of the above.

12. Let A and B be invertible matrices. Which of the following statements is always true?

- (a) $(A + B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$.
- (b) $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$.
- (c) $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$.
- (d) $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$.
- (e) All the above statements are false.

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13. Which of the following matrices are elementary matrices?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Only B and C .
- (b) Only B and D .
- (c) Only B , C and D .
- (d) Only D .
- (e) None of the above.

14. Which of the following statements is always true?

- (a) The sum of two $n \times n$ elementary matrices is an elementary matrix.
- (b) A scalar multiple of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix.
- (c) The product of two $n \times n$ elementary matrices is an elementary matrix.
- (d) The inverse of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix.
- (e) None of the above.

15. Given a square matrix A , which of the following statements is **not** equivalent to A being invertible?

- (a) The reduced row-echelon form of A is I .
- (b) The system of linear equations $AX = B$ has a unique solution for any B .
- (c) The system of linear equations $AX = 0$ has a unique solution.
- (d) A is a product of elementary matrices.
- (e) All the above statements are equivalent to A being invertible.

Part B: Provide your full solution on these pages.

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Question 1 (5 points) With full explanation, find (if possible) conditions on a such that the system has no solution, one solution, or infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y - az &= 2 \\ -ax + 2ay + 4z &= 4 \\ x - y + az &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Write a clear and complete solution, and provide your final answer in the box below:

ANSWER: {	No solution: _____
	One solution: _____
	Infinitely many solutions: _____

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Question 2 (5 points) Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

[4] a) Use the matrix inversion algorithm to find the inverse, A^{-1} .

$$A^{-1} =$$

[1] b) With justification, find all solutions to the system of linear equations $AX = 0$.