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*Solutions*

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Question	Total Marks	Actual Marks
B1	5	
B2	5	

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 general solution of the following system:

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

- (a) It has a unique solution.
- (b) It has no solution.
- (c) The general solution has exactly one parameter.
- (d) The general solution has exactly two parameters.
- (e) The general solution has exactly three parameters.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\hat{r}_2 + 2\hat{r}_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

2. The rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  is

- (a) 0.
- (b) 1.
- (c) 2.
- (d) 3.
- (e) 4.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\hat{r}_2 - \hat{r}_1 \\ \hat{r}_3 - \hat{r}_1 \\ \hat{r}_4 - \hat{r}_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\hat{r}_2 \leftrightarrow \hat{r}_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{\hat{r}_3 + 3\hat{r}_2 \\ \hat{r}_4 + 4\hat{r}_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\hat{r}_1 + 3\hat{r}_2 \\ \hat{r}_2 \leftrightarrow \hat{r}_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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3. Consider the following augmented matrix in which \* denotes an arbitrary number and ■ denotes a nonzero number.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \blacksquare & * & * & * & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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 $x_3 = 0$

What can you say about the corresponding system of linear equations?

- (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) There is insufficient information to determine the answer.

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

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

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) For every  $a$ , the system has a unique solution.
- (b) For every  $a$ , the system has no solution.
- (c) The system has a unique solution when  $a = 0$ .
- (d) The system has infinitely many solutions when  $a = 0$ .
- (e) The system has a unique solution when  $a = 1$ .

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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5. Let  $A$  be the augmented matrix and  $C$  the coefficient matrix for a system of  $m$  linear equations in  $n$  variables. If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(C) = n$ , which of the following statements must be true?
- (a) The system has no solution.
  - (b) The system has a unique solution.
  - (c) The general solution must have at exactly one parameter.
  - (d) The general solution has at least one parameter.
  - (e) There is insufficient information to determine the answer.

6. Find all real values of  $a$  so that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a+1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & a+1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & a-6 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

- (a) Any value of  $a$  except  $-1$ ,  $2$  and  $3$ .
- (b) Only  $-1$ ,  $2$  and  $3$ .
- (c) Any value of  $a$  except  $-1$  and  $6$ .
- (d) Only  $-1$  and  $6$ .
- (e) The matrix  $A$  is invertible for any value of  $a$ .

$$\det(A) = (a+1) \begin{vmatrix} a+1 & -3 \\ 4 & a-6 \end{vmatrix} = (a+1)[(a+1)(a-6) + 12]$$

↑  
cofactor  
expansion  
along the second row

$$= (a+1)[a^2 - 5a + 6]$$

$$= (a+1)(a-2)(a-3)$$

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7. Find  $A$  if

$$\left(A^{-1} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{-1} = 4A.$$

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

(b)  $A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

(c)  $A = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

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

(e)  $A = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

$$\bar{A}^{-1} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \bar{A}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \bar{A}^{-1} = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{A}^{-1} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Find the (2, 3)-entry of the product  $AB$  given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 6 & 4 \\ 10 & -9 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) 3.

(b) 2.

(c) 1.

(d) 0.

(e) -47.

$$(AB)_{2,3} = 1 \cdot 4 + (-2) \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 = 3$$

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9. A square  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is called *nilpotent* if  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of the following matrices are nilpotent?

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

- (a) Only  $B$ .  
 (b) Only  $C$ .  
 (c) Only  $B$  and  $C$ .  
 (d) Only  $B$  and  $D$ .  
 (e) all of  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ .

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. Given a square matrix  $A$ , which of the following statements is **not** equivalent to  $A$  being invertible?
- (a) The matrix  $A$  can be written as a product of elementary matrices.  
 (b) The reduced row-echelon form of  $A$  is  $I$ .  
 (c) The system of linear equations  $AX = B$  has a unique solution for any  $B$ .  
 (d) The system of linear equations  $AX = 0$  has infinitely many solutions.  
 (e) All the above statements are equivalent to  $A$  being invertible.

Please note that in Version 0 of the test this question was slightly different, and the correct answer of ver 0 of the Midterm is (e)

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11. Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 9$  matrix, and let  $B$  be the matrix obtained from  $A$  by performing the following two elementary row operations in order:

- (i) add  $-5$  times row 2 to row 1.
- (ii) interchange row 1 and row 2;

Then  $B = UA$  where  $U$  is which one of the following matrices?

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$   $A \xrightarrow{E_1} E_1 A \xrightarrow{E_2} E_2(E_1 A) = B$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 - 5r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_1$

(d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = E_2$

(e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$U = E_2 E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

12. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the  $(2, 3)$ -entry of  $A^{-1}$  is

- (a) 2.
- (b)  $-2$ .
- (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (d)  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (e)  $-1$ .

$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$

$(A^{-1})_{2,3} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (\text{adj}(A))_{2,3} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \left[ (\text{cof}(A))^T \right]_{(2,3)}$

$\Rightarrow (A^{-1})_{2,3} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{cof}(A)_{(3,2)} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\det(A) = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 2 = 2$        $\text{cof}(A)_{3,2} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$

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13. Find the matrix  $C$  so that  $\text{adj}(C) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b)  $C = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c)  $C = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(d)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(e)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

14. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices, with  $\det(A) = -1$ ,  $\det(B) = 2$ , and  $\det(C) = -6$ . Which of the following values represents  $\det(A^{-1}C^2(3B^T)^{-1}A^2)$ ?

(a) -216.

(b) -162.

(c) -54.

(d) -6.

(e) -2.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A^{-1}C^2(3B^T)^{-1}A^2) &= \det(A^{-1})\det(C^2)\det[(3B^T)^{-1}] \\ &= \det(A)(\det(C))^2\det\left(\frac{1}{3}(B^T)^{-1}\right) = (-1)(-6)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= -36 \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

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15. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Choose the statement that is **always** true.

- (a) If  $A^T = A$  and  $B^T = B$ , then  $(AB)^T = AB$ .
- (b) If  $A^{-1} = B$  then  $AB = BA$ .
- (c) If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, then  $(A + B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$ .
- (d) If  $A + B$  is invertible, then  $A$  is invertible and  $B$  is invertible.
- (e)  $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$ .

Part B: Provide your full solution on these pages.

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Question 1 (5 points) Consider a system of linear equations in the form  $AX = B$ , for which the reduced row-echelon form of the augmented matrix is:

$$x_2 = s \quad x_5 = t \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Write a clear and complete solution, and provide your final answers in the boxes below:

(a) [1 mark] How many solution(s) the the system have?

*infinitely many solutions*

(b) [2 marks] Find the general solution and express it in a vector form.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 2s - 5t - 7 \\ x_2 &= s \\ x_3 &= 4t + 6 \\ x_4 &= -3t - 8 \\ x_5 &= t \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2s \\ s \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -5t \\ 0 \\ 4t \\ -3t \\ t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{X} = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) [2 marks] Find a set of basic solutions to the associated homogeneous system  $AX = 0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a)  
*infinitely many solutions*

(b)

$$x = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Basic Solutions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Question 2 (5 points)

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

- (a) [3 marks] Use the matrix inversion algorithm to find  $A^{-1}$  when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\hat{r}_3 + \hat{r}_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{\hat{r}_1 + \hat{r}_2 \\ \hat{r}_3 + 2\hat{r}_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\hat{r}_2 + 2\hat{r}_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) [2 marks] Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solve the linear system  $MX = B$  for  $X$ , using  $M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$X = M^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 4 + 3 \\ 2 - 2 + 3 \\ -1 + 2 - 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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