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Section 1

Question 1 (24%) Answer by True or False:

1. It is always true that $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$ for any $n \times n$ matrices A, B . (✓)
2. If A and B are nonsingular $n \times n$ matrices that satisfy $AB = BA$ then $A^{-1}B^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$. (✓)
3. If $AB = O$ then either $A = O$ or $B = O$. (✗)
4. $\det(A)$ There is a nonzero 2×2 matrix such that $\det(2A) = 2 \det(A)$. (✗)
5. The matrix AA^T is symmetric. $(AA^T)^T = A^T A$. (✗)
6. A system with more unknowns than equations is always consistent. (✗)
7. If \vec{x} is a solution to $A\vec{z} = \vec{b}$ and \vec{y} is a solution to $A\vec{w} = \vec{0}$ then $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$ is a solution to the system $A\vec{z} = \vec{b}$. $A(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{y} = \vec{b}$. (✓)
8. If A and B are nonsingular $n \times n$ matrices then $A + B$ is nonsingular. (✗)
9. The product of two elementary matrices is an elementary matrix. (✗)
10. $AB \neq BA$ $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$. (✗)
11. If A is $n \times n$ matrix in which $r_i = cr_j$ then $\det(A) = 0$. (✓)
12. The transpose of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix of the same type. (✓)
13. All singular matrices are row equivalent. (✗)
14. If A is nonsingular then $\text{adj}(A)$ is nonsingular. (✓)
15. $\det(A^k) = (\det(A))^k$. (✓)
16. We can use Cramer's rule to solve any linear system.
 JUST for non-singular matrices. (✗)

non singular

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Question 2(30%) Circle the correct answer (Show your work):

1. Consider the homogeneous system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ then
- (a) If \vec{x} is a solution then $c\vec{x}$ is a solution for any constant c .
 - (b) If \vec{x} and \vec{y} are two solutions then $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$ is also a solution.
 - (c) The system is always consistent.
 - (d) All of the above.

2. If $\vec{b} = \vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 = \vec{a}_3 + \vec{a}_4$ then the 3×4 system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is
- (a) Inconsistent.
 - (b) Has only one solution.
 - (c) Has infinitely many solutions.
 - (d) None of the above.

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{pmatrix}$$

3. If A is a nonsingular matrix then
- (a) The reduced row echelon form of A is the identity matrix.
 - (b) A is the product of elementary matrices.
 - (c) $\det(A) \neq 0$.
 - (d) All of the above.

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Use this matrix to answer questions (4,5,6)

4. The matrix is in row echelon form if

- (a) $\alpha = 0$.
- (b) $\beta = 0$.
- (c) $\alpha = 1$.
- (d) $\beta = 1$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & 0 \\ 0 & | & | & | \\ 0 & 0 & | & | \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

5. The matrix is in reduced row echelon form if

- (a) $\alpha = \beta = 0$.
- (b) $\alpha = \beta = 1$.
- (c) $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0$.
- (d) $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$.

~~$$\begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & 0 \\ 0 & | & | & | \\ 0 & 0 & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$~~

~~$$\begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & 0 \\ 0 & | & | & | \\ 0 & 0 & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$~~

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = 6$$

$$X_1 = -X_3$$

$$\boxed{X_2 = 0}$$

$$X_3 + X_4 = 0$$

$$\boxed{X_3 = -X_4}$$

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$$-1 \times = 0$$

6. If $\alpha = \beta = 1$, the set of all solutions of the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is

- (a) $(a, -a, a, a)^T, a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (b) $(a, 0, a, a)^T, a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (c) $(a, 0, -a, a)^T, a \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (d) $(a, 0, a, -a)^T, a \in \mathbb{R}$.

7. If \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 are two solutions of the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ then $c_1\vec{x}_1 + c_2\vec{x}_2$ is also a solution if

- (a) $c_1 = c_2 = 0$.
- (b) $c_1 + c_2 = 1$.
- (c) $c_1 + c_2 = 0$.
- (d) $c_1 = c_2 = 1$.

~~$x_1, x_2 = 0$
if $c_1 + c_2 = 0$~~

$$A(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) = c_1(Ax_1) + c_2(Ax_2) = c_1b + c_2b$$

8. If A is a 3×3 matrix with $\det(A) = 2$ then $\det(2\text{adj}(A)) =$

- (a) 8.
- (b) 16.
- (c) 32.
- (d) 64.

$\det(A) = 2$

~~$\frac{8}{\det(A)} = \frac{1}{(\det(A))^{1/2}}$~~
 $4 \times 8 = 32$

9. One of the following statements is false:

- (a) If $\det(A) \neq 1$ then $A^{-1} = \text{adj}(A)$.
- (b) $A(\text{adj}(A)) = I$.
- (c) If A is singular then $\det(A) = 0$.
- (d) If A is singular then the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has nontrivial solution.

10. The triangular factorization of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is

(a) $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(d) $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

~~$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$~~

$\frac{L}{21} = 3$

$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Question 3(15%) Find the inverse of the following matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then find the solution of the system $A\vec{x} = (3, 0, 1)^T$.

$$13 - 16 + 6 = 3$$

$$26 - 40 + 14 = 0 - 40 = -40$$

$$39 - 86 + 13 = -34$$

$$39 + 18 = 57$$

must be zero.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$row_2 = row_2 - 2r_1$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - 3r_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - r_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & +1 & +1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_2 = r_2 - r_3$$

$$r_1 = r_1 - 3r_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_1 = r_1 - 2r_2$$

$$-2 + 6 = 4$$

$$-3$$

$$1$$

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Then find the solution of the system $A\vec{x} = (3, 0, 1)^T$.

must be zero.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{row}_2 = \text{row}_2 - 2r_1 \\ r_3 = r_3 - 3r_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) r_3 = r_3 - r_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & +1 & +1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} r_2 = r_2 - r_3 \\ r_1 = r_1 - 3r_3 \end{array}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) r_1 = r_1 - 2r_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -2 + 6 = 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}b$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12+1 \\ -9+1 \\ 3-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution $(13, -8, 2)$

(x_1, x_2, x_3)

Question 4(15%) A matrix A is called orthogonal if $AA^T = A^T A = I$.

(a) Show that type I elementary matrices are orthogonal. Hint: use the fact that type I matrices are symmetric.

type I is symmetric $\Rightarrow E_1^T = E_1$

$$E_1 E_1^T = E_1 E_1 = E_1^2$$

AND we know that $E_1^{-1} = E_1$ (Non singular)

$$\therefore E_1^2 = E_1 E_1 = E_1 E_1^{-1} = I$$

$$\text{AND } \therefore E_1^T E_1 = E_1 E_1 = E_1^{-1} E_1 = I$$

type I
 $E^T = E^{-1}$

(b) Show that the product of two orthogonal matrices is orthogonal.

A is orth. then $AA^T = A^T A = I$, B is orth. then $BB^T = B^T B = I$.

$$\Downarrow$$

$$A^T = A^{-1} = (A^T)^{-1}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$B^T = B^{-1} = (B^T)^{-1}$$

$$(AB)(AB)^T = AB(B^T A^T) = AB(B^{-1} A^{-1}) = AB(AB^{-1}) = I$$

$$(AB)^T(AB) = (B^T A^T)(AB) = (B^{-1} A^{-1})(AB) = (AB)^T(AB) = I$$

$\therefore AB$ is orthogonal.

(c) Show that if A is orthogonal then $\det(A) = \pm 1$.

$A^T A = I$ if we take the determinant.

$$\det(A^T A) = \det(I)$$

but $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

$$[\det(A)]^2 = 1$$

" $\det(A^2) = (\det(A))^2$

$$\therefore \det(A) = \pm 1$$

Question 5 (16%) Use Gauss-Jordan reduction to solve the following linear system

$$\alpha x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + \alpha x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + \alpha x_3 = 1$$

We have infinitely many solutions

Consider the following cases:

(a) $\alpha = 1$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_2 = r_2 - r_1$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - r_1$$

lead Variable

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

"Gauss-Jordan-reduction"

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1, \text{ let } x_1 = B, x_2 = \alpha$$

two free Variable and reduce row echelon form.

$$\vec{x} = (B, \alpha, 1 - \alpha - B)$$

$\alpha, B \in \mathbb{R}$

but because we have

(b) $\alpha = 0$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - r_2$$

must be zero

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - r_1$$

must be zero.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_1 = r_1 + \frac{1}{2} r_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_2 = r_2 + \frac{1}{2} r_3$$

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \text{ replace } r_1 \text{ \& } r_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

Use back substitution

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Solution $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$