

MATH 234
FIRST HOUR EXAM

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16. T If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, and $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ has a unique solution, then $Ax = b$ has a unique solution for every $b \in R^3$.
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18. F It is possible for a singular matrix to be row equivalent to the identity matrix.
19. F If A is a 3×3 matrix, then $|-2A| = -2|A|$.
20. T If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then $|A^n| = |A|^n$.

Question 2 (3 points each) Circle the most correct answer:

1. If A is a 3×5 matrix, then

- (a) $Ax = b$ is consistent for every vector $b \in R^5$.
- (b) $Ax = b$ is inconsistent for every vector $b \in R^5$.
- (c) $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions.
- (d) $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution.

2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. If we want to find the LU factorization of A , then $L =$

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. If $B = EA$, where E is an elementary matrix of type I , then

- (a) $|B| = |A|$
- (b) $|B| = -|A|$
- (c) $|B| = |E|$
- (d) $|B| = -|E|$

4. If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices such that A singular and B is nonsingular, then

- (a) $AB = O$
- (b) AB is singular
- (c) $A + B$ is singular
- (d) AB is nonsingular

5. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ a & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & a \end{bmatrix}$. Then A is nonsingular if and only if

- (a) $a = 2$
- (b) a is any real number
- (c) $a = -2$
- (d) $a = \pm 2$

6. Let A be a 3×3 matrix and suppose that $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

- (a) $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions
- (b) $Ax = (1, 0, 0)^T$ has infinitely many solutions
- (c) A is nonsingular
- (d) None of the above

7. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 4d & a+g \\ b & 4e & b+h \\ c & 4f & c+i \end{bmatrix}$. If $|A| = 3$ then $|B| =$

- (a) 12
- (b) 6
- (c) 3
- (d) 24

8. If A is a 4×4 matrix with $\det(A) = 2$ then $\det(4A^{-1})$ is

- (a) 2
- (b) 8
- (c) 264
- (d) 128

9. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then the adjoint of A is

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Question 3. (10 points) Suppose that $[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & | & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & a & | & b \end{bmatrix}$ is the augmented matrix of a linear system.

For what values of a and b does the system have

1. a unique solution.
2. no solution.
3. infinitely many solutions.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a-1 & b-2 \end{array} \right]$$

1. $a \neq 1$

2. $a=1$ & $b \neq 2$

3. $a=1$ & $b=2$

Question 4. (12 points) Use Gauss-Jordan reduction to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 8x_4 &= 4 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 - 2x_4 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 8 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 6 & -6 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -6 & -15 \end{array} \right]$$

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Let $x_3 = t \Rightarrow x_4 = \frac{3}{4}, x_2 = \frac{7}{2} - t, x_1 = \frac{3}{4} - t$

Sol. : $\left(\frac{3}{4} - t, \frac{7}{2} - t, t, \frac{3}{4} \right)^T$, t any real #.

Question 5. (10 points) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$. Find

1. The adjoint of A .
2. The determinant of A .
3. The inverse of A .

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

2. $|A| = 2$

3. $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \text{adj} \cdot A$

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