

Midterm

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Answer in the space provided. No calculators. Please put all phones, etc., away. Each problem is 10 points.

1. For this problem, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, and $D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Preform the indicated operations or state that they are not possible.

$$(a) BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -7 \\ -3 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$(b) C - \frac{1}{2}D^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$(c) B^{-1} = \det(B) = (2)(1) - (-2)(-1) = 0 \text{ so } \boxed{\text{no inverse}}$$

$$(d) CD = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

(e) Solve the equation $X - 3B + 2I_2 = 0$ for X.

$$X = 3B - 2I = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

2. Suppose A, B and C are invertible matrices. Solve the equation $AXC = CB$ for X.

$$AXC = CB$$

$$A^{-1}AXC = A^{-1}CB$$

$$XC = A^{-1}CB$$

$$XCC^{-1} = A^{-1}CB C^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{X = A^{-1}CB C^{-1}}$$

3. Solve the system

$$\begin{cases} 4w - 8x - 3y + z = 1 \\ -3w + 6x + 2y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 6 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 7 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 & -5 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right] \quad (\text{Reduced row echelon form})$$

$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$
 $w \quad x \quad y \quad z$

$$\begin{cases} w - 2x - 5z = -5 \\ y - 7z = -7 \end{cases}$$

{ free variables
 $x = s, z = t$

solutions

$$\begin{cases} w = -5 + 2s + 5t \\ x = s \\ y = -7 + 7t \\ z = t \end{cases} \quad \text{where } s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

4. Find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 5 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{R_2 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \xrightarrow{-R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

Thus $A^{-1} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$

Check $AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

5. A square matrix A is called an *orthogonal matrix* if $AA^T = I$.
 If A is orthogonal, what are the possible values for $\det(A)$?

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= I \\ \det(AA^T) &= \det(I) \\ \det(A)\det(A^T) &= 1 \\ \det(A)\det(A) &= 1 \\ (\det(A))^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

6. Find all values of k that make $\begin{bmatrix} 2-k & 1 \\ 6 & 1-k \end{bmatrix}$ singular.

Take the determinant:

$$\begin{aligned} (2-k)(1-k) - 6 &= 2 - 3k + k^2 - 6 \\ &= k^2 - 3k - 4 \\ &= (k+1)(k-4) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Singular when $k = -1$ or $k = 4$

7. Find A , given that $(2A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$((2A)^{-1})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$2A = \frac{1}{(1)(4) - (3)(2)} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2A = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Some students used formula $(cA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}A^{-1}$, so $(2A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}A^{-1}$
 If you did $(2A)^{-1} = 2A^{-1}$, you lost points for incorrect use of the formula. —RH

8. Suppose $\vec{u}_1 = (1, 3, 5)$, $\vec{u}_2 = (2, -1, 3)$, $\vec{u}_3 = (-3, 2, -4)$ and $\vec{v} = (-1, 7, 2)$.
Is \vec{v} a linear combination of \vec{u}_1 , \vec{u}_2 and \vec{u}_3 ?

Let's check. If so then there are $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ with
 $x(1, 3, 5) + y(2, -1, 3) + z(-3, 2, -4) = (-1, 7, 2)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y - 3z = -1 \\ 3x - y + 2z = 7 \\ 5x + 3y - 4z = 2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{solve this})$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 5R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 10 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \text{no solution}$$

Therefore \vec{v} is not a linear combo. of $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$.

9. Consider the matrix equation

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 12 & 15 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 20 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 14 & 12 & 4 & 9 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right].$$

Explain how you know this has more than one solution without making any explicit calculations.

This has form $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, and $\det(A) = 0$
because the 2nd column of A is a multiple of
the 3rd column. A theorem tells us that if
 $\det(A) = 0$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ does not have only
the trivial solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Thus in addition
to the solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, it has other solutions
as well.

10. Let A be a fixed 2×2 matrix. Prove that the set $W = \{X \in M_{2,2} : AX = XA\}$ is a subspace of $M_{2,2}$.

We need to show W is closed with respect to
① addition, and ② scalar multiplication.

① Suppose $X, Y \in W$. This means $\boxed{AX = XA}$
and $\boxed{AY = YA}$. Now look at $X+Y$. To

Show this is in W we must verify that
 $A(X+Y) = (X+Y)A$. Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} A(X+Y) &= AX + AY && \text{(distributive property)} \\ &= XA + YA && \text{(using above boxed equations)} \\ &= (X+Y)A && \text{(distributive property)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see that indeed $A(X+Y) = (X+Y)A$,
which means $X+Y \in W$. Thus W is closed
under addition.

② Suppose $X \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Because $X \in W$, we know $\boxed{AX = XA}$.

Now look at cX . We need to show that
 cX is in W . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} A(cX) &= cAX && \text{(property of matrix mult.)} \\ &= cXA && \text{(Using boxed equation above)} \\ &= (cX)A && \text{(property of matrix mult.)} \end{aligned}$$

Because $A(cX) = (cX)A$ we conclude that
 $cX \in W$. Therefore W is closed with
respect to scalar multiplication.

Items ① and ② above prove that W is a subspace
of $M_{2,2}$.