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MATH 205 - Basic Linear Algebra

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Midterm Examination

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STUDENT NUMBER:

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DURATION: 90 minutes

*Answer key*

Question	Grade	Out of
1		30
2		30
3		15
4		15
5		15
Total		105

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- 1) Check that the exam paper contains 5 questions.
- 2) Show all steps of your work. Both the correct method and correct result are necessary to get full point.
- 3) Calculators and cell phones are NOT ALLOWED.
- 4) It is not allowed to leave the exam during the first 30 minutes.

1) (30 points) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination method to solve the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 4 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 2x_4 &= 12 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + x_4 &= 12 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 12 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &= 24. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 24 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \\ R_5 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_5 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & -1 & 12 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_4 \\ R_5 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_5 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 2 & 24 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 & 2 & 36 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_4 - \frac{5}{6}R_3 \rightarrow R_4 \\ R_5 - \frac{11}{6}R_3 \rightarrow R_5 \\ -\frac{1}{6}R_3 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 14 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_5 - R_4 \rightarrow R_5 \\ \frac{1}{2}R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_4 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= 3 \\ x_3 &= -2 \\ x_4 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

unique soln.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the unique  
soln. vector.

2) (30 points) Find the values of the real parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for which the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - x_2 + 2\alpha x_3 + x_4 &= \beta \\x_1 - 2x_2 + 2\alpha x_3 + \alpha x_4 &= 1 + \beta \\2x_1 - 2x_2 + 5\alpha x_3 + 2x_4 &= 1 + \beta \\3x_1 - 3x_2 + 6\alpha x_3 + 3\alpha x_4 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

has

- a) a unique solution,
- b) no solution,
- c) infinitely many solutions.

Explain clearly your answer.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2\alpha & 1 & \beta \\ 1 & -2 & 2\alpha & \alpha & 1+\beta \\ 2 & -2 & 5\alpha & 2 & 1+\beta \\ 3 & -3 & 6\alpha & 3\alpha & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2\alpha & 1 & \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1-\alpha & 1-\beta \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha & 0 & 1-\beta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\alpha-3 & 1-3\beta \end{array} \right]$$

- i)  $\alpha \neq 0, \alpha \neq 1$  there is a unique solution
- ii)  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$  infinity many solutions  
 $\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{1}{3}$  " " "
- iii)  $\alpha = 0, \beta \neq 1$  No solution.  
 $\alpha = 1; \beta \neq \frac{1}{3}$  "



3) (15 points) Find the value of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible,

then solve the corresponding system  $Ax = b$  by using inverse matrix where  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\det A = 1$  so  $A$  is invertible  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - aR_4 \rightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 - aR_3 \rightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - aR_2 \rightarrow R_1}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a & a^2 & -a^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & a^2 & -a^3 \\ 0 & 1 & -a & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{x = A^{-1}b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & a^2 & -a^3 \\ 0 & 1 & -a & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-a^2 \\ a \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the (unique) soln. vector.

- 4) (15 points) Let the  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero real parameters.  
For which values of  $a$  and  $b$  we have

a)  $A^3 = -I$   
 $A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ 0 & b^3 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} a^3 = -1 \\ b^3 = -1 \end{cases} \quad \boxed{a=b=-1}$

b)  $A^{-1} = A$        $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} = a \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \pm 1} \\ \frac{1}{b} = b \Rightarrow \boxed{b = \pm 1} \end{cases}$

- c)  $A^T$  is non-singular.

$\det(A^T) = \det A = ab \neq 0$  for all  $a, b$   
 $A^T$  is nonsingular for all  $a, b$

- 5) (15 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $A$  is invertible,  $B$  is not invertible and  $\det(A) = 3$ . If  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  are the reduced row-echelon forms of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively, then

- a) Determine  $\det(AR_A)$

$A$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow$   $R_A = I$   $\Rightarrow \det(R_A) = 1$   
 $\det(AR_A) = \det(A) \cdot \det(R_A) = \det(A) \cdot \det(I) = 3 \cdot 1 = \boxed{3}$

- b) Determine  $\det(AR_B)$

$R_B$  has at least one zero row since  $B$  is not invertible  
 so  $\det(R_B) = 0$        $\det(AR_B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(R_B) = 3 \cdot 0 = \boxed{0}$

- c) Determine all possible values of  $\det(R_A + R_B)$ .

$R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $R_A = I$        $R_A + R_B = R_A \Rightarrow \det(R_A + R_B) = \boxed{1}$   
 or  $R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $R_A + R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$        $\det(R_A + R_B) = \boxed{2}$   
 or  $R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $R_A + R_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & * & * \\ 0 & 2 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$        $\det(R_A + R_B) = \boxed{4}$