

**Pretest Exam #2**  
**Linear Algebra**  
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**Instructions.** Place the solution to each of the following questions on your own paper.

1. Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Verify that  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ .
  - b) Verify that  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .
  - c) Verify that  $(AB)^2 \neq A^2 B^2$ .
  - d) Find  $A^{-1}$ .
  - e) Solve  $AX + B = C$  for  $X$ .
  - f) Find a matrix  $D$  such that  $CD = 0$ .
  - g) Verify that  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .
  - h) Verify that  $\det(A + C) \neq \det(A) + \det(C)$ .
  - i) Verify that  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ .
2. Prove: If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $A^T$  is nonsingular and  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .
3. Prove: If  $A$  and  $B$  are nonsingular, then  $AB$  is nonsingular and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .
4. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.
- a) Prove:  $AA^T$  is a symmetric.
  - b) Prove:  $A - A^T$  is skew-symmetric.
5. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices. Prove:  $AB$  is symmetric if and only if  $AB = BA$ .
6. Consider the matrices

$$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) State the inverse of each of the matrices  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_3$ .
  - b) Clearly state what happens to a matrix  $A$  should it be multiplied on the left by each of the matrices  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_3$ .
  - b) Clearly state what happens to a matrix  $A$  should it be multiplied on the right by each of the matrices  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_3$ .
7. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Prove: If  $B$  is singular, then  $AB$  is singular.
8. Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

9. Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 &= -1. \\ 2x_1 + 5x_3 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

- a) Write the system of equations in matrix form  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- b) Because  $A$  is invertible, the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution,  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ . Use this fact and the inverse found in the previous problem to find the unique solution of the system.

10. Use elementary row operations to reduce

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

to row echelon form  $U$ . Use your work to factor  $A$  as a product of a lower and upper triangular matrix. That is, find  $L$  and  $U$  so that  $A = LU$ , or, in the language of linear algebra, perform an  $LU$  decomposition.

11. Evaluate the following determinant using cofactor expansion.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

12. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $\mathbf{b}$  a  $n \times 1$  column vector. Partition  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  and use block multiplication to show

$$A\mathbf{b} = b_1\mathbf{a}_1 + b_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + b_n\mathbf{a}_n.$$

Use this structure to perform the following multiplication. Show your partition and all of your steps.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

13. Let  $\mathbf{r}$  be a  $1 \times n$  row vector and let  $B$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. Partition  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $B$  and use block multiplication to show that

$$\mathbf{r}B = r_1\mathbf{b}(1, :) + r_2\mathbf{b}(2, :) + \cdots + r_n\mathbf{b}(n, :).$$

Use this structure to perform the following multiplication. Show your partition and all of your steps.

$$(1 \quad -1 \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

14. Perform the following block multiplications.

a)  $A(\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{b}_n)$

b)  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}(1, :) \\ \mathbf{r}(2, :) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{r}(n, :) \end{pmatrix} B$

15. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, show that

$$XY^T = \mathbf{x}_1\mathbf{y}_1^T + \mathbf{x}_2\mathbf{y}_2^T + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_n\mathbf{y}_n^T.$$

16. Use elementary row operations to place the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

in upper triangular form. Use this result to evaluate the determinant of  $A$ .

17. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices with  $\det(A) = -3$  and  $\det(B) = 5$ . Evaluate each of the following.
- a)  $\det(3A)$                       b)  $\det(A^T)$                       c)  $\det(B^{-1})$                       d)  $\det(A^{-1}B)$

18. Let  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_3$  be elementary matrices of Type I, Type II, and Type III, respectively. Let  $E_2$  be the elementary matrix formed by multiplying its second row by 4. Further, suppose  $\det(A) = -5$ . Evaluate each of the following.

- a)  $\det(E_1A)$                       b)  $\det(E_2E_1A)$                       c)  $\det(E_1E_2E_3A)$                       d)  $\det(E_1E_2^{-1}A)$

19. Find the adjoint of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a) Use the formula  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)}\text{adj}(A)$  to compute the inverse of the matrix  $A$ .
- b) Find the inverse of matrix  $A$  by reducing  $A$  to  $I$ , then applying the same elementary row operations to the identity matrix to produce  $A^{-1}$ . Compare this result to the answer found in part (a).
20. Use Cramer's Rule to solve the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 &= 6 \\ x_1 - 8x_2 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 &= 6 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$