

Question 1.¹ (1 mark each) Complete each of the following sentences with MUST, MIGHT, or CANNOT.

- Let A be a square matrix. $A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{y}$ only if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, then A _____ be invertible.
- A linear system with three equations and two variables _____ be inconsistent.
- If A, B are matrices such that $AB = I$ then matrix A _____ be invertible.
- If AB is defined, then BA _____ also defined.
- If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices such that $AB = B$, then A _____ be an identity matrix.
- If A and B are both square matrices such that AB equals BA equals the identity matrix, then B _____ the inverse matrix of A .
- If E_1 and E_2 are two elementary matrices, then E_1E_2 _____ be equal to E_2E_1 .
- For any invertible matrix A , the number of leading ones of the RREF of A _____ be the same as the number of leading ones of the RREF of A^2 .

Question 2.¹ (5 marks) Given X, B , and C are $n \times n$ matrices, solve the following equation for X . Assume any necessary matrices to be invertible.

$$(3X^{-1}B)^{-1} = C(X + B)$$

Question 3.² (5 marks) Find **all** matrices A , if any, such that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A + A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

¹ From or modified from a John Abbott final examination or WeBWorK

²From a Dawson final examination

Question 4. (5 marks) Given

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

- a. (5 marks) Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix A .
- b. (2 marks) Suppose that A is the coefficient matrix of a homogeneous linear system. Write the corresponding system of linear equations. Use part a. to find the solution of the system.
- c. (1 mark) Suppose that A is the coefficient matrix of a homogeneous linear system. Use part c. to find two particular solutions to the system.
- d. (4 marks) Determine whether or not it is possible to express A as product of elementary matrices times the RREF of A (i.e. $A = F_1 F_2 \dots F_k R$ where the F_i are elementary matrices and R is the RREF of A). If it is give F_1 and F_k . Justify.

Question 5.¹ (5 marks) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & k & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4k \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3h \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the value(s) of h and k , if possible, for which the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has:

- a unique solution,
- infinitely many solutions,
- no solution.

Question 6. A square matrix A is *idempotent* if $A^2 = A$.

- (1.5 marks) Find three idempotent matrices.
- (1.5 marks) Prove that if A is idempotent then A^T is idempotent.

Question 7.³ (5 marks) Prove that if A and B are $m \times n$ matrices, then A and B are row equivalent if and only if A and B have the same reduced row echelon form.

Question 8.(3 marks) If A is symmetric and skew-symmetric then $A = 0$.

Bonus Question. (5 marks) Enumerate all the solution(s) of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

given that the numbers are \mathbb{Z}_3 instead of \mathbb{R} . Operations on the numbers of \mathbb{Z}_3 can be defined by the following Cayley tables:

+	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

×	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

³From assigned homework.