

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{3}B^{-1}(X^{-1})^{-1} = CX + CB$$

$$\frac{1}{3}B^{-1}X = CX + CB$$

$$\frac{1}{3}B^{-1}X - CX = CB$$

$$CB = \frac{1}{3}B^{-1}X - CX$$

$$CB = \left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)X$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)^{-1}CB = \left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)X$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)^{-1}CB = IX$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1} - C\right)^{-1}CB = X$$

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

For the two products with A to be defined A has to be a 2×2 matrix

So let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & a+b \\ c & c+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a+c & a+2b+d \\ 2c & c+2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $2a+c = 1$ ①

$a+2b+d = 4$ ②

$2c = 2$ ③ $\Rightarrow c = 1$

$c+2d = 2$ ④ $\Rightarrow 1+2d = 2$
 $2d = 1$
 $d = \frac{1}{2}$

sub $c=1$ into ① $2a+1=1$
 $a=0$

sub $a=0, d=\frac{1}{2}$ into ②

$0+2b+\frac{1}{2}=4$

$2b = \frac{7}{2}$

$b = \frac{7}{4}$

so, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{7}{4} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

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

² From a Dawson final examination

Question 4. (5 marks) Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} 2R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ 2R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 10 & -4 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 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.

a) continued

$$\begin{aligned} & \sim \begin{matrix} -3R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -5R_1 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 6 & -2 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & -2 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} -R_2 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \sim \begin{matrix} 3R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -2R_3 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \frac{1}{6}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -13/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{6}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -13/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned} E_k \dots E_2 E_1 A &= R \\ (E_k \dots E_2 E_1)^{-1} (E_k \dots E_2 E_1) A &= (E_k \dots E_2 E_1)^{-1} R \\ I A &= E_1^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1} R \\ A &= E_1^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1} R \end{aligned}$$

where $F_1 = E_1^{-1}$ and $F_k = E_k^{-1}$

$$F_1: I_4 \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = F_1$$

$$F_k: I_4 \sim 6R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = F_k = F_{13}$$

b) $[A | 0] \sim \text{Gauss-Jordan} \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -13/6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ Let $x_4 = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= -t \\ x_2 &= \frac{13}{6}t \\ x_1 &= \frac{2}{3}t \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \left(\frac{2}{3}t, \frac{13}{6}t, -t, t \right), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

c) $t = 0: (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$

$t = 1: (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{13}{6}, -1, 1 \right)$

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.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & k & 6 & 3h \\ 0 & 2 & 4k & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & k & 8 & 3h+1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4k & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4k & 2 \\ 0 & k & 8 & 3h+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) #var = #leading entries in var. col.

$$\text{So } 8 - 2k^2 \neq 0$$

$$4 - k^2 \neq 0$$

$$(2-k)(2+k) \neq 0$$

$$k \neq 2 \quad k \neq -2$$

b) #var > #leading entries (and no leading entry in var col.)

$$\text{So } 8 - 2k^2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 3h + 1 - k = 0$$

$$k = 2 \quad k = -2$$

$$3h = k - 1$$

$$h = \frac{k-1}{3}$$

$$\text{So } k=2 \text{ and } h = \frac{2-1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{the other case when } k=-2 \text{ and } h = \frac{-2-1}{3} = -1$$

c) Leading entry in constant column

$$\text{So } 8 - 2k^2 = 0 \text{ and } 3h - 1 - k \neq 0$$

$$k = 2 \quad k = -2$$

$$h \neq \frac{k-1}{3}$$

$$\text{So } k=2 \text{ and } h \neq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{the other case when } k=-2 \text{ and } h \neq -1$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 1 \\ 0 & k & 8 & 3h+1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim -kR_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2k & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8-2k^2 & 3h+1-k \end{bmatrix}$$

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.

a) $A = 0, I, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

b) premise:
 $A^2 = A$

conclusion:

$$(A^T)^2 = A^T$$

$$\text{LHS} = (A^T)^2$$

$$= A^T A^T$$

$$= (AA)^T$$

$$= (A^2)^T$$

$$= A^T \text{ since } A \text{ is idempotent (premise)}$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

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.

[$\Rightarrow$] premise:

A and B are row equivalent

conclusion:

A and B have the same RREF.

Since A and B are row equivalent $A \sim k$ elementary row operations $\sim B$.

Suppose we perform Gauss-Jordan on $B \sim l$ elementary " " $\sim R$

where R is the RREF of B . It follows that

$A \sim k$ elem. row op. $\sim B \sim l$ elem. row op. $\sim R$.

$\therefore A$ and B have the same RREF.

$\rightarrow$ Same R by premise.

So $A \sim k$ elem. row op. (same as $\star$)

$\sim l$ elem row op. which are the inverse elem. row op. in reverse order of $\star$

$\sim B$

$\therefore A$ and B are row equivalent.

[$\Leftarrow$] premise:

A and B have the same RREF

conclusion:

A and B are row equivalent.

Suppose we perform Gauss-Jordan on A and B

$A \sim k$ elem. row op. $\sim R$

$B \sim l$ elem. row op. $\sim R$

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

premise:

A is symmetric ($A^T = A$)

A is skew-symmetric ($A^T = -A$)

conclusion:

From the premises we have

$$A^T = A$$

$$A = -A$$

$$2A = 0$$

$$A = 0$$

Bonus Question. (5 marks) Enumerate all the solution(s) of $Ax = 0$ 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

$\times$	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

³From assigned homework.