

GIVE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS FOR YOUR ANSWERS.

On in class exams I assign four problems. Each is worth 25 points.

I try to assign problems from different topics that we covered.

Below are several problems to help you get used to my style of exam questions.

1. Consider  $2 \times 3$  matrix

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

and the linear transformation  $T\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}$  which is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and with values in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Determine whether  $T$  is injective (one-to-one). Justify your answer. If you claim that this transformation is not injective find two distinct vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T\mathbf{x}_1 = T\mathbf{x}_2$ . Determine whether  $T$  is surjective (onto). Justify your answer. If you claim that  $T$  is surjective then for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

2. Consider  $3 \times 4$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the linear transformation  $T\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}$  which is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and with values in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Determine whether  $T$  is injective (one-to-one). Justify your answer. Determine whether  $T$  is surjective (onto). Justify your answer.

3. In this problem we assume that  $n$  is an integer such that  $n > 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; that is  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are  $n \times 1$  matrices. Consider the following expressions

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^T, \quad \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T.$$

Here, the symbol  $^T$  denotes the transpose of a matrix. Give detailed answers to the following questions:

- Is it possible that  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u}$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^T$ ?
  - Is it possible that  $\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^T$ ?
  - Does the expression  $(\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T) \mathbf{v}$  make sense? If this expression makes sense, which kind of matrix is it?
4. In this problem  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix. Without using the Invertible Matrix Theorem give explanations for the following implications.
- If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ . Explain why.
  - If there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why.
  - If there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution. Explain why.

5. This problem is about invertible matrices. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.
- State the definition of an invertible matrix.
  - Prove the implication: If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ .
  - Prove the implication: If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , then  $A$  is invertible.
6. For each matrix below determine whether it is invertible or not. Explain your claim. If a matrix is invertible find its inverse.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find  $A^{-1}$ . Prove that your answer is correct by calculating  $AA^{-1}$ .
- Use the inverse  $A^{-1}$  to find  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Consider the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & k \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- What values of  $k$  (if any) will make  $A$  invertible?
- What values of  $k$  (if any) will make  $AB$  invertible?
- What values of  $k$  (if any) will make  $AB = BA$ ?

9. Let  $A$  be an unknown square matrix. To  $A$  we perform the following row operations:

- Row 1 gets replaced by  $\frac{1}{2}$  times Row 1. ( $R_1 \mapsto \frac{1}{2}R_1$ )
- Rows 2 and 3 are swapped ( $R_2 \mapsto R_3, R_3 \mapsto R_2$ )
- Row 2 gets replaced by  $-3$  Row 2. ( $R_2 \mapsto -3R_2$ )
- Row 3 gets replaced by Row 3 minus 6 Row 2. ( $R_3 \mapsto R_3 - 6R_2$ )

The resulting matrix  $B$  has determinant  $\det B = 4$ . What is the determinant of the unknown matrix  $A$ .

10. Let  $A$  be an unknown  $3 \times 3$  matrix. To  $A$  we perform the following row operations:

- Row 1 gets replaced by  $\frac{1}{2}$  times Row 1. ( $R_1 \mapsto \frac{1}{2}R_1$ )
- Rows 2 and 3 are swapped ( $R_2 \mapsto R_3, R_3 \mapsto R_2$ )
- Row 2 gets replaced by  $-3$  Row 2. ( $R_2 \mapsto -3R_2$ )
- Row 3 gets replaced by Row 3 minus 6 Row 2. ( $R_3 \mapsto R_3 - 6R_2$ )

The resulting matrix  $B$  is the identity matrix. What is the matrix  $A$ ?

11. Prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} = (y-x)(z-x)(z-y).$$

12. Determine whether it is possible to write the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as a product of elementary matrices. If you claim that it is possible to write  $M$  as a product of elementary matrices, then find elementary matrices whose product is  $M$ . If you claim that it is not possible to write  $M$  as a product of elementary matrices, then justify your claim.

13. Calculate the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$ .

14. Determine  $h$  such that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & h \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

15. (This problem has too many items for all of them to be on an exam.) Consider the  $3 \times 5$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 7 & -6 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 & 4 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Row reduce the matrix  $A$  to the reduced row echelon form.
- Celebrate your correct row reduction by multiplying the  $3 \times 2$  matrix which consists of the pivot columns of  $A$  by  $2 \times 5$  matrix which consists of nonzero rows of the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .
- Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .
- Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .
- Express each nonpivot column of  $A$  as a linear combination of the basis for  $\text{Col } A$  that you found.
- Find a basis for  $\text{Row } A$ .
- Express each row of  $A$  as a linear combination of the basis for  $\text{Row } A$  that you found.

16. The matrix  $A$  and its reduced row echelon form are given below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the rank of  $A$  and the dimension of the null space of  $A$ .
  - (b) Find the rank of  $A^\top$  and the dimension of the null space of  $A^\top$ .
  - (c) Denote the columns of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{a}_5, \mathbf{a}_6$ . Based on the given RREF of  $A$ , find a basis for the column space of  $A$ . Denote this basis by  $\mathcal{A}$ . Calculate the vector  $[\mathbf{a}_6]_{\mathcal{A}}$ .
  - (d) Find a basis for the null space of  $A$ .
17. Given two bases  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  calculate the change of coordinates matrices  ${}_{\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P$  and  ${}_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}} P$ . There are several examples on the class website. One is with a picture, one is with given vectors.