

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 2×3 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 3×4 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. (a) Define the set

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |y - x| = |y - z| \right\}.$$

Here $|\alpha|$ denotes the absolute value of a real number α . Is \mathcal{S} a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ? Why or why not?

- (b) Consider now the set

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z = x \right\}.$$

Note that \mathcal{H} is a *subset* of \mathcal{S} . Is \mathcal{H} a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ? Why or why not?

4. 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

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

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

- (a) Is it possible that $\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{u}$?
 (b) Is it possible that $\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^\top$?
 (c) Is it possible that $\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^\top = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{u}^\top$?

- (d) Does the expression $(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^\top)\mathbf{v}$ make sense? If this expression makes sense, which kind of matrix is it?
5. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. In this problem A is an $n \times n$ 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.
6. 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.
7. For each matrix below determine whether it is invertible or not. Explain your claim. If a matrix is invertible find its inverse.

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

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

8. 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

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

9. Determine h such that

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

10. Let a, b, c, d be real numbers. Calculate the following three determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 0 & d \end{vmatrix}, \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & a & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & d & 0 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & d \end{vmatrix}, \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 0 & 0 & 0 & d & 0 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d \end{vmatrix}.$$

11. 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 $AB = BA$?

12. For which value of λ the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -x - \lambda & 3 \\ -6 & 5 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible?

13. 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 .

14. Let A be an unknown 3×3 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 ?

15. Prove that

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

16. 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.

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

18. Determine h such that

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

19. (This problem has too many items for all of them to be on an exam.) Consider the 3×5 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 3×2 matrix which consists of the pivot columns of A by 2×5 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.
20. The matrix A and its reduced row echelon form are given below.

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

- Find the rank of A and the dimension of the null space of A .
- Find the rank of A^T and the dimension of the null space of A^T .
- 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{C} . Calculate the vector $[\mathbf{a}_6]_{\mathcal{C}}$.
- Express the first row of A as a linear combination of the nonzero rows of the RREF of A .

(e) Find a basis for the null space of A .

(f) Prove that the set

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for the column space of A .

(g) Calculate the change of coordinates matrix ${}_{\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} P$

21. 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.

22. Let

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and let

$$\mathcal{H} = \text{Span } \mathcal{B}.$$

(a) Prove that \mathcal{B} is a basis for \mathcal{H} .

(b) Find the basis \mathcal{C} of \mathcal{H} such that

$${}_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$