

MST 205  
Fall 2021  
Exam #1  
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Name (Print): Key

The following rules apply:

- If you use a “fundamental theorem” you must indicate this and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- Organize your work, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- Short answer questions: Questions labeled as “Short Answer” can be answered by simply writing an equation or a sentence or appropriately drawing a figure. No calculations are necessary or expected for these problems.
- Unless the question is specified as short answer, mysterious or unsupported answers might not receive full credit. An incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations might still receive partial credit.

Problem	Points	Score
1	15	
2	15	
3	15	
4	15	
5	10	
6	15	
7	10	
8	5	
Total:	100	

Do not write in the table to the right.

1. (15 points) (Short Answer) Determine if the following statement is correct (C) or incorrect (I). Just circle C or I. No need to show any work. In order for a statement to be correct it must be true in all cases.

C  I If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices then  $(AB)^2 = A^2B^2$ .

C  I If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying  $\det(A) = 0$  then  $A\vec{x} = 0$  has infinitely many solutions.

C  I If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $k$  is a scalar then  $\det(kA) = k \det(A)$ .

C  I If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $\det(A^2) = \det(A)^2$ .

C  I If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix then the only solution of the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{x}$  is  $\vec{x} = 0$ .

2. (15 points) Solve the following system of linear equations:

$$x + y + 2z = 9,$$

$$2x + 4y - 4z = 2,$$

$$3x + 6y - 6z = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 & | & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & -6 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 \\ -3R_1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 & | & -16 \\ 0 & 3 & -12 & | & -27 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & | & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & | & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row 2 and 3 are inconsistent  $\Rightarrow$  No solution.

3. (15 points) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the following or state that the computation is impossible.

(a) (5 points)  $-3(B - 2C)$

$$-3(B - 2C) = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -11 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 33 \\ -6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (5 points)  $AB$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -3 \\ -4 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) (5 points)  $DA^T$ .

Not possible.

4. (15 points) Find the inverse of the following matrix or state why it is not invertible.

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{/2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -R3 \\ +R3 \end{array}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (10 points) Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying  $A^2 = 0$  and let  $B = I - A$ .

(a) (5 points) Show that  $A^3 = 0$ .

$$A^3 = A^2 \cdot A = 0 \cdot A = 0$$

(b) (5 points) Show that

$$B^{-1} = I + A.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (I - A)(I + A) &= I - AI + IA + A^2 \\ &= I - A + A + 0 \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A$ .

6. (15 points) Calculate the determinants of the following matrices where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant.

(a) (5 points)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 5 \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 7 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 5(-15+7) = -40 \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 1 & k & k^2 \\ 1 & k & k^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-3) \\ &= -6. \end{aligned}$$

7. (10 points) For what values of  $k$  does the following system of equations have no solutions, a single solution, or infinitely many solutions?

$$x - y = 3,$$

$$-k(k-2)y = k.$$

- Infinite solutions if  $k=0$
- No solution if  $k=2$
- One solution if  $k \neq 2$  and  $k \neq 0$ .

8. (5 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  invertible matrices. Show that  $\det(B) = \det(A^{-1}BA)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A^{-1}BA) &= \det(A^{-1}) \det(B) \det(A) \\ &= \frac{\det(A)}{\det(A)} \cdot \det(B) \\ &= \det(B). \end{aligned}$$