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Test 1
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Question 1. [15%] Solve the following linear system by using the Gauss-Jordan method:

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y + z + t = 1 \\ y + 2z + t = 1 \\ -3y - 6z - 3t = -3 \\ -x - 9y + 2z - t = -1 \end{cases}$$

Question 2. [20%] Determine all values of m for which the following linear system has:

$$\begin{cases} (m+1)x + y + 2z = 0 \\ (m+1)x + my + 2z = 0 \\ (2m+2)x + 2my + 4mz = 2m \end{cases}$$

No solution, a unique solution, infinitely many solutions.

Question 3. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) [05%] Show that A is invertible.

(b) [12%] Use **the cofactors method** to find the inverse of the A .

(c) [08%] Deduce the solution of the system $AX = B$ where $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(d) [05%] Use Cramer's rule to find the value of x .

Question 4. Given

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

(a) [05%] Deduce $\det(B) = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 - 3\gamma_1 & \alpha_3 - 3\gamma_3 & \alpha_2 - 3\gamma_2 \\ 2\beta_1 & 2\beta_3 & 2\beta_2 \\ \gamma_1 - 2\beta_1 & \gamma_3 - 2\beta_3 & \gamma_2 - 2\beta_2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$.

(b) [05%] Find $\det(A^2)$ and $\det(\text{adj}(A^2))$.

(c) [05%] Find $\det(A(2AB)^{-1}) + \det(BA(A^T)^{-1})$

(d) [05%] Show that $A^{-1}B$ is invertible.

Question 5. Tell whether the following statements are True or False (Justify):

(a) [05%] If B has the columns of A in reverse order, then matrix $A - B$ is invertible.

(b) [05%] If A is an invertible matrix, then $A^T A$ is also invertible.

(c) [05%] Let A be a 6×4 matrix and B a 4×6 matrix, then the matrix AB is invertible.