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**MH1810 Mathematics I**

**Tutorial 4**

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Reference for Limits: [S] Chapter 2, Section 2.1 - 2.3, 2.5 - 2.6. OR [T] Chapter 2, Section 2.1 - 2.2, 2.4 - 2.6.

1. For each of the following matrices, find its matrix of cofactors  $C = (C_{ij})$ . [ $C_{ij}$  is the  $(i, j)$ -cofactor of  $A$ ].

(a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$     (b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

2. Evaluate the following determinant without using cofactor expansion.

(a)  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -17 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$     (b)  $\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 9 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$     (c)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ -11 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$     (d)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 & 9 \\ \sqrt{2} & \pi & e \\ 1 & 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find  
(i)  $C_{21}$     (ii)  $C_{23}$     (iii)  $C_{44}$     (iv)  $C_{13}$   
(b) Evaluate the determinant of  $A$  by cofactor expansion along  
(i) the first column,    (ii) the third row.
4. Solve for all real numbers  $x$  which satisfies the following equation.

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & -1 \\ 3 & 1-x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & x & -6 \\ 1 & 3 & x-5 \end{vmatrix}$$

5. The matrix  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the matrix of rotation of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , it rotates points about the  $z$ -axis by  $\theta$  radians in counter-clockwise direction.

Show that the matrix  $R$  is invertible for all values of  $\theta$  and find the inverse  $R^{-1}$  of  $R$ .

6. Solve the linear system by Cramer's rule, if it applies.

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} 4x & + & 5y & = & 2 \\ 11x & + & y & + & 2z = 3 \\ x & + & 5y & + & 2z = 1 \end{array}$$

7. Solve for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 1$$

$$\frac{3}{x} + \frac{4}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 5$$

$$\frac{8}{x} + \frac{6}{y} + \frac{7}{z} = 0$$

8. (AY 2012/13 Semester 1) Consider the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} 2a & + & 3b & - & c & = & 1 \\ -a & + & 4b & + & 2c & = & 0 \\ a & + & rb & - & c & = & -1 \end{array}$$

- (i) Find the values of  $r$  at which Cramer's rule is applicable.  
(ii) For  $r = 1$ , use Cramer's Rule to determine the unknown  $b$ .

9. Consider the function  $f : [-3, 5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as follows

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - x & \text{if } -3 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } 1 < x < 3 \\ (x - 1)^2 & \text{if } 3 \leq x \leq 5. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graph  $y = f(x)$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 5$ . From your sketch, write down the range of  $f$ , i.e., the set of values where  $f(x)$  assumes for  $-3 \leq x \leq 5$ .

- (b) From your graph, determine each of the following limits if it exists:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \text{(i)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) & \text{(ii)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) & \text{(iii)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) & \text{(iv)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) & \text{(v)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) \\ \text{(vi)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) & \text{(vii)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) & & & \end{array}$$

10. Does the following limit exist? If it does, what is its value? If it is an infinite limit, determine whether it is  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{6}{x - 5} & \text{(b)} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} \csc x \\ [\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}] \end{array}$$

11. (a) Sketch graphs of exponential functions  $y = a^x$ , where  $0 < a < 1$  and  $a > 1$ .

- (b) Use the graphs in part (a) to write down each of the following limits.

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \text{(i)} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1.001)^x & \text{(ii)} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \pi^x & \text{(iii)} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 0.37^x & \text{(iv)} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 181^x \end{array}$$

12. Sketch the graph of  $y = \ln(2 - x)$  and use it to determine each of the following limits.

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \text{(a)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \ln(2 - x) & \text{(b)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \ln(2 - x) & \text{(c)} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \ln(2 - x) & \text{(d)} \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \ln(2 - x) & \text{(e)} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \ln(2 - x). \end{array}$$

### Challenging Problems (will not be discussed in tutorial).

1. The *adjoint* of a matrix  $A$  is the transpose of the cofactor matrix  $C$  of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\text{adj } A$ , i.e.,

$$\text{adj } A = C^T,$$

where  $C = (C_{ij})$  is the cofactor matrix. Use the cofactors matrices found in Question 1 of the tutorial to find  $\text{adj } A$  for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Verify that the matrix product  $A \text{adj } A$  is a diagonal matrix and hence find the inverse of  $A$ . Based on the above observation, propose a way to find the inverse of a nonsingular matrix.

2. Determine whether there is a nonsingular matrix  $A$  such that

$$A^3 = ABA + A^2,$$

where

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. A matrix  $A$  is *skew symmetric* if  $A^T = -A$ . Prove that an  $n \times n$  skew symmetric matrix, where  $n$  is odd, is singular.
4. A matrix  $A$  is *orthogonal* if  $A^T = A^{-1}$ .
- (a) Prove that if  $A$  is orthogonal, then  $\det A = \pm 1$ .
- (b) Give a characterization of 2x2 orthogonal matrices.

## Answers

1. (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & -8 \\ -5 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 17 \end{pmatrix}$

2. (a)  $-30$  (upper triangular matrix)  
 (b)  $-12$  (lower triangular matrix)  
 (c)  $0$  (zero row)  
 (d)  $0$  (Identical rows)

$$(a) \text{ (i) } C_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \quad \text{(ii) } C_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -12$$

$$\text{(iii) } C_{44} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{(iv) } C_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6$$

3.  $x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}.$

6.  $x = \frac{3}{11}, y = \frac{2}{11}, z = -\frac{1}{11}.$

7.  $x = y = 1, z = -1/2.$

8. (i)  $r \neq -\frac{1}{3}$   
(ii)  $b = -1.$

9. (a) the range of  $f$  is  $\{0\} \cup (1, 16]$

(b) (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 2$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \sqrt{2}$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 9$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 1$

(v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$

(vi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1.$

(vii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  does not exist .

10. (a)  $+\infty$  (b)  $+\infty.$

11. (b) (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1.001)^x = +\infty$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \pi^x = 0$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 0.37^x = 0$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} 181^x = 0$

12. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \ln(2-x) = -\infty$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \ln(2-x) = 0$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \ln(2-x)$  is not defined

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \ln(2-x) = \ln 5$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \ln(2-x) = \infty$