

1. (i) (5 points) What is the maximum possible rank of a  $4 \times 6$  matrix? Explain briefly.

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

$$\boxed{\max = 4}$$

Every row is a non zero row, and there are no zero rows.

Why i) that the max? You gave an example. 2

- (ii) (5 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2I_2 & B \\ 0_{2 \times 2} & 3I_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^2$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4+6 & 2+3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2+3 & -4+6 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 10 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (iii) (5 points) What is the nullity of  $A_{100 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Explain briefly.

In rref, all rows below first will be zero rows.

$$\text{Rank} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\text{Nullity} = 3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



- (iv) (5 points) Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & r \\ r & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  determine the value(s) of  $r$ , if any, for which  $Ax = b$  is not consistent.

There is no "r" that would result in the system being inconsistent because any value of r can still result in the matrix being transformed to Identity matrix.

$$-x_1 + rx_2 = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = rx_2 - 2$$

$$rx_1 - 9x_2 = 6$$

$$r(rx_2 - 2) - 9x_2 = 6$$

$$r^2 x_2 - 2r - 9x_2 = 6$$

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(v) (5 points) Prove that the inverse of  $A^T$  is  $(A^{-1})^T$ .

If a matrix is invertible, its rref is  $I$ . The transpose of  $I$  is itself. The inverse of  $I$  is itself also.

$$(A^T)^T = A$$

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$(I)^{-1} = (I)^T$$

$$I = I$$

(vi) (5 points) Find the value of  $r$  if  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ r \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent.

$$r = -6$$

$$3u - v = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(vii) (5 points) If a set of vectors contains 0, the set is linearly dependent. Why?

All the other vectors can have zero scalars, and the zero vector will have a nonzero scalar and there is still a solution to  $Ax = 0$  such that not all the scalars are zero.

(viii) (5 points) Show that the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} r_2 \rightarrow -r_2 \\ r_3 \rightarrow r_3 + 3r_2 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - r_3 \\ r_2 \rightarrow r_2 + r_3 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

In rref, there exists a solution such that a linear combination of the vectors results in  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . This system is consistent because there are no zero rows with a nonzero on the right.

$$x_1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Let

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) (8 points) Write the elementary row operation that transforms the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix into  $E$ . Then use the inverse of that operation to obtain  $E^{-1}$ .

elementary operation:  $r_1 - r_2 \rightarrow r_1$

inverse operation:  $r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E^{-1}$$

- (ii) (8 points) Write the elementary row operation that transforms the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix into  $F$ . Then use the inverse of that operation to obtain  $F^{-1}$ .

elementary operation:  $-2r_1 \rightarrow r_1$

inverse operation:  $-\frac{1}{2}r_1 \rightarrow r_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = F^{-1}$$

- (iii) (4 points) Find  $(EF)^{-1}$ . You can use any method but show your work.

$$(EF) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (EF)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (10 points) Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  using the row operations method.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_3 - r_1 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_4 - r_2 \rightarrow r_4} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_2 + r_4 \rightarrow r_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_3 + r_4 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{r_1 + r_4 \rightarrow r_1 \\ -r_4 \rightarrow r_4}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_3 + r_4 \rightarrow r_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \checkmark$$

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



4. In this problem  $A$  is a ~~4x5~~<sup>4x6</sup> matrix, and  $R$  is the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ . The first and the third ~~rows~~<sup>columns</sup> of the matrix  $R$ , and another vector  $b$  are given below.

$$R = \text{ref}(A)$$

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) (5 points) Can the columns of  $A$  generate  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain your answer.

~~Yes~~ Because the matrix  $A$  is  $4 \times 6$ , any linear combination of the vectors in  $A$  will result in a solution in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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- (ii) (5 points) Find the fourth column of  $A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad -2v_1 + 3v_3 = v_4$$

$$-2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ -9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \\ -6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -21 \\ -27 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -27 \\ -33 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = a_4$$

- (iii) (10 points) Find the solution of  $Rx = b$ . Write it in vector form (i.e a sum of a fixed vector and a linear combination of vectors with free variables as coefficients).

$$\begin{array}{cccccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

ref ✓  
consistent ✓

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 2 - 2x_2 + 2x_4 - 2x_6 \\ \text{free } x_2 &= x_2 \\ x_3 &= -1 - 3x_4 + x_6 \\ \text{free } x_4 &= x_4 \\ x_5 &= 3 - 3x_6 \\ \text{free } x_6 &= x_6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_6 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. (10 points) Answer the true/false questions below by circling **True** or **False** in the space provided in front of the statement.

Each question is worth one point.

(i) ☒ True ☐ False  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a matrix in reduced row-echelon form.

(ii) ☒ True ☐ False If the nullity of a matrix  $A$  is 0, then the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} = 3 \quad \text{nullity} = 0$$

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

(iii) ☒ True ☐ False If the second column of the matrix  $B$  is all zeros, and if  $AB$  is defined, then the second column of  $AB$  is all zeros too.

(iv) ☒ True ☐ False Any elementary matrix is invertible.

(v) True ☒ False If  $B$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix, then its rows are  $4 \times 1$  vectors.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(vi) ☒ True ☐ False The inverse of an elementary matrix is also an elementary matrix.

(vii) True ☒ False The span of two parallel vectors in  $\mathcal{R}^2$  is  $\mathcal{R}^2$ .

(viii) True ☒ False If  $AB$  is defined, then  $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$ .

(ix) ☒ True ☐ False If  $A$  is invertible then the system of equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution.

(x) ☒ True ☐ False If some column of matrix  $A$  is a pivot column, then the corresponding column in the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is a standard vector.