

## MA 103 Quiz 1 solutions (Total 40 points)

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- a) (ii)
  - b) (iii)
  - c) (iii)
  - d) (i) (True)
  - e) (i) (True)

②

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{First } \det(A) &= 2(-1-1) - 3(-3) + 5(3) \\ &= -4 + 9 + 15 = 20 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So Cramer's rule can be applied.

The matrices  $A_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , are obtained by replacing the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$  by  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  &

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A_1) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-1-1) - 3(1-5) + 5(1+5) \\ &= -4 + 12 + 30 \\ &= 38 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = \frac{38}{20} = \frac{19}{10}}$$

$$\det(A_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(1-5) - 2(-3) + 5(-3) \\ = -8 + 6 - 15 \\ = -17$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = -\frac{17}{20}}$$

$$\det(A_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-5-1) - 3(-3) + 2(3) \\ = -12 + 9 + 6 \\ = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_3 = \frac{3}{20}}$$

③

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augment the given matrix with the identity matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\downarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -13 & 1 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -13 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -13 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 29 & -3 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow \frac{R_3}{29}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -13 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{29} & \frac{1}{29} & \frac{7}{29} \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 5R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 13R_3 \end{array}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{15}{29} & \frac{-5}{29} & \frac{-6}{29} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-10}{29} & \frac{13}{29} & \frac{4}{29} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-3}{29} & \frac{1}{29} & \frac{7}{29} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{29} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -5 & -6 \\ -10 & 13 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

④ First, suppose  $Ax=0$  has only the trivial solution,

Then by a theorem done in class,

$A$  is invertible, that is,  $A^{-1}$  exists.

Note that  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix (since we have  $n$  eqns. in  $n$  unknowns.)

Also  $Q$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, that is,  $Q^{-1}$  exists.

Then consider  $(QA)x=0$  & pre-multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}Q^{-1}$ . This implies

$$A^{-1}(Q^{-1}QA)x=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^{-1}A)x=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=0$$

$\Rightarrow (QA)x=0$  has only the trivial solution.

Now suppose

$(QA)x = 0$  has only the trivial solution

$\Rightarrow QA$  is invertible. Let  $B = (QA)^{-1}$ .

If we show  $A$  is invertible, then  $Ax = 0$  will have only the trivial solution, and we will be done.

$Q$  is invertible, so  $Q^{-1}$  exists; also  $QAB = I$   
Pre-multiply both sides by  $Q^{-1}$  so that

$$Q^{-1}(QAB) = Q^{-1} \cdot I$$

$$\Rightarrow (Q^{-1}Q)AB = Q^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = Q^{-1}$$

Now post-multiply both sides by  $Q$  so that

$$ABQ = Q^{-1}Q$$

$$\Rightarrow A(BQ) = I$$

Similarly

$$(BQ)A = (QA)^{-1}QA$$

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

By defn.,  $BQ$  is  $A^{-1}$ , that is,  $A$  is invertible

$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution,