

**Sept 2021**

Q1. Choose the set of correct options.

**Options:**

- A. Consider two real  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ . If  $AB = 0$ , then one of the matrices among  $A$  and  $B$  must have determinant 0.
- B. If  $cA = 0$  for some matrix  $A$  and some non-zero real number  $c$ , then  $A$  must be 0.
- C. If one column is the sum of other two columns of a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix, then the determinant of that matrix is zero.
- D. A system of linear equation  $Ax = 0$  may have no solution.

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Q2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  two matrices such that  $(A - I)(B - I) = I$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity matrix of order  $n$ . Which of the following options are correct?

**Options:**

- A.  $(A - I) = (B - I)^{-1}$
- B.  $AB = A + B$
- C.  $BA = A + B$
- D.  $BA = AB$

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Q3. Consider the following systems of linear equations:

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| System I : | $x + y = 2$   |
|            | $3x + 2y = 1$ |

System *II* :

$$x + 3y + 5z = 2$$

$$2x - y - 3z = 1$$

$$4x + 5y - z = -3$$

Using the above two systems of linear equations answer the given subquestions

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Which of the following options is correct?

**Options :**

- A. System *I* has no solution.
- B. System *I* has infinitely many solutions.
- C. System *I* has a unique solution.
- D. None of these.

**Q2)** Which of the following options is correct?

**Options :**

- A. System *II* has no solution.
- B. System *II* has infinitely many solutions.
- C. System *II* has a unique solution.
- D. None of these.

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Q4. Match the system of linear equations in Column A with their number of solutions in column B and their geometric representation in Column C

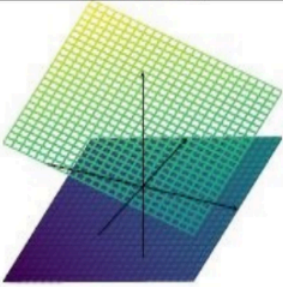
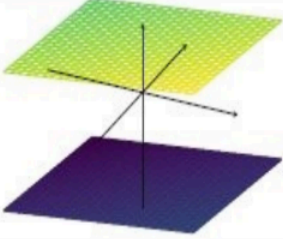
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Table: M2Q1:1

**Options:**

A.  $i) \rightarrow b \rightarrow 1, ii) \rightarrow a \rightarrow 2$

B.  $i) \rightarrow a \rightarrow 1, ii) \rightarrow b \rightarrow 2$

C.  $i) \rightarrow b \rightarrow 2, ii) \rightarrow a \rightarrow 1$

D.  $i) \rightarrow a \rightarrow 2, ii) \rightarrow b \rightarrow 1$

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Q5. If  $A + 3I = 0$ , where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $I$  is the identity matrix of order 2, then find out the  $\det(A)$

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Q6. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^2 = \lambda A$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$ .

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Q7. If  $\begin{bmatrix} a+4 & 3b \\ 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+2 & b+2 \\ 8 & a-8b \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $a + 2b$

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Q8. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ -a & a \end{bmatrix}$ , for some real number  $a$

Answer the given subquestions:

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** If  $A^4 = \beta a^4 I$ , then what is the value of  $\beta$ ?

**Q2)** Find the value of  $a + \lambda$  for which  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ , where  $\lambda$  is a real number (treat  $a$  as a variable)

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Q9. Match the system of linear equations in Column A with their number of solutions in column B and their geometrix representation in column C

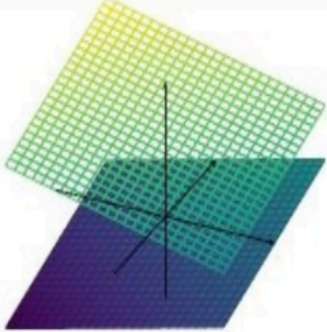
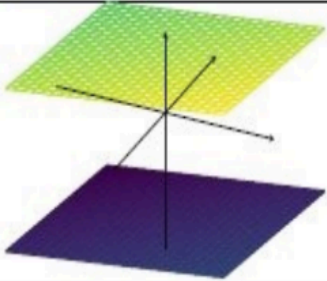
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- C. i)  $\rightarrow$  b  $\rightarrow$  2, ii)  $\rightarrow$  a  $\rightarrow$  1.
- D. i)  $\rightarrow$  a  $\rightarrow$  2, ii)  $\rightarrow$  b  $\rightarrow$  1.

Q10. Which of the following matrices are not the square of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with real entries?

**Options:**

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

B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Q11. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $MN = NM$ .

Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Which of the following is true?

**Options:**

A.  $M^2N = N^2M$

B.  $M^2 + N^2 = (M + N)^2$

C.  $M^2 - N^4 = (M - N^2)(M + N^2)$

D. None of the other options are true.

**Q2)** Suppose further that  $M \neq N^2$  and  $M^2 = N^4$ , then which of the following is true?

**Options:**

A.  $\det(M^2 + MN^2) = 1$

B.  $\det(M^2 + MN^2) < 0$

C.  $\det(M^2 + MN^2)$  can be any real number

D. None of the other options are true.

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Q12. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two skew-symmetric matrices of order  $n$ , i.e.,  $A^T = -A$  and  $B^T = -B$ , where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ , then

**Options :**

- A.  $AB$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.
- B.  $AB$  is a symmetric matrix ( $M$  is a symmetric matrix if  $M^T = M$ ).
- C.  $AB$  is a symmetric matrix if  $A$  and  $B$  commute.
- D.  $AB$  must be a diagonal matrix.

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Q13. Match the system of linear equations in Column A with their number of solutions in column B and their geometric representation in Column C.

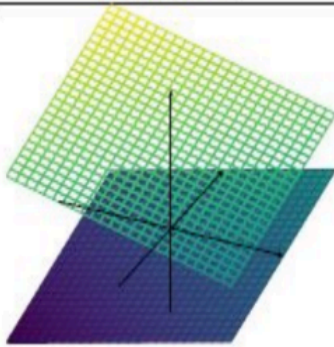
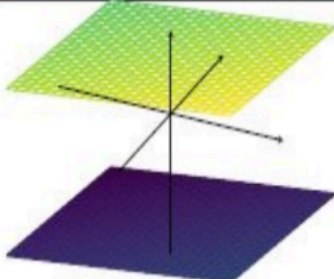
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- D. i)  $\rightarrow$  a  $\rightarrow$  2, ii)  $\rightarrow$  b  $\rightarrow$  1.

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Q14. Which of the following matrices satisfy  $A^k = 0$  for some natural number  $k$  ?

**Options:**

A. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{B. } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{C. } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{D. } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

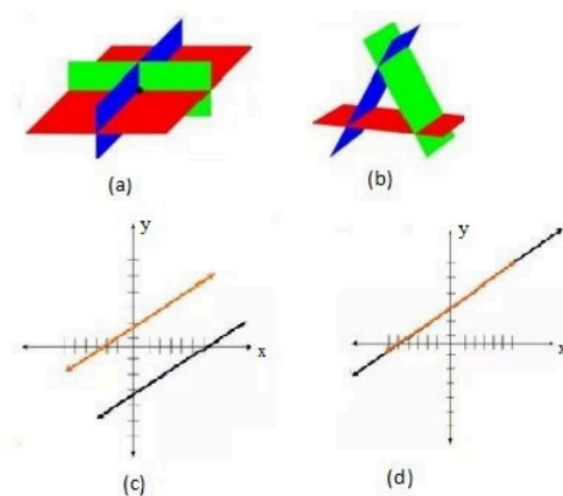
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Q15. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2022 & 2023 & 2024 \\ 2022 & 2021 & 2022 \\ 2022 & 2022 & 2022 \end{pmatrix}$ . What is the determinant of  $\frac{1}{2}A$  ?



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Q16. Consider the following images representing systems of linear equations



Choose the correct option(s) from the following

**Options:**

- A. The figures (a) and (d) represent systems with unique solution.
- B. The figures (b) and (c) represent systems with no solution.
- C. The figures (b) and (d) represent systems with infinitely many solutions.
- D. The figures (a) and (d) represent consistent systems of linear equations.

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Q17. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $A^T = -A$ . Then  $\det(A) =$

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Q18. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $\det(A) = 2$ . If  $B$  is a matrix obtained from  $A$  by swapping the second and third row, and then multiplying the first row by  $-3$ , then  $\det(B) =$

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Q19. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\det(A - xI) = x^2 - ax + b$ , then  $a - b =$

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Q20. Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

What is the determinant of  $B$ ?

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Q21. Find the determinant of

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

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Q22. Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 & c \\ d & e & 5 & f \\ g & h & 4 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  given the determinat of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$

is 2.

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Q23. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $A^2 = 0$

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Find the value of  $c$ .

**Q2)** Find the value of  $d$ .

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Q24. Consider the following system of linear equations:

$$2x - y + 3z = 0$$

$$ax - y + z = 0$$

$$4x - 2y + 7z = 0$$

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Does there exist an " $a$ " such that the system has infinitely many solutions? If yes, find the value of " $a$ ", else write the answer as 100.

**Q2)** Does there exist an " $a$ " such that the system has no solution? If yes, find the value of " $a$ ", else write the answer as 100.

