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Q1. Choose the set of correct options.

Options:

- A. Consider two real 3×3 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 3×3 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:

System I :

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 2 \\3x + 2y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

System *II* :

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y + 5z &= 2 \\2x - y - 3z &= 1 \\4x + 5y - z &= -3\end{aligned}$$

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

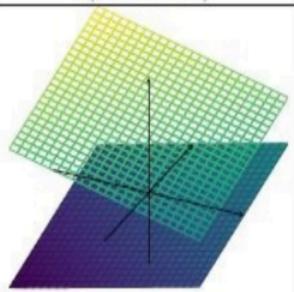
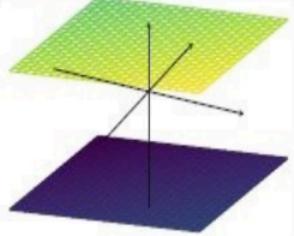
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ii)	$x + y - z = 3, x - y + z = 3$	b)	Infinitely many solutions	2)	

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 2×2 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 λ .

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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 $A^4 = \beta\alpha^4I$, then what is the value of β ?

Q2) Find the value of $a + \lambda$ for which $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$, where λ 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

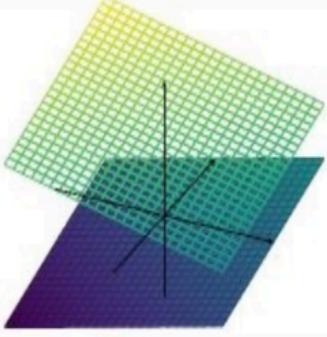
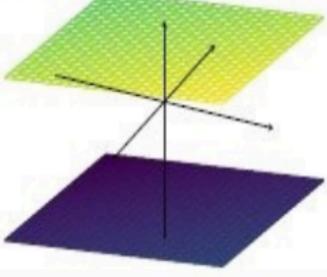
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- D. i) → a → 2, ii) → b → 1.

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Q10. Which of the following matrices are not the square of a 3×3 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 3×3 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.

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

Options:

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

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

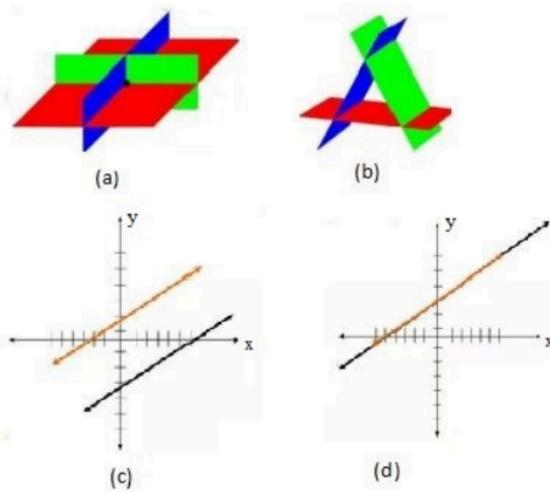
C. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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 3×3 matrix such that $A^T = -A$. Then $\det(A) =$

Q18. Let A be a 3×3 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 $\det(B) =$

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y + 3z &= 0 \\ ax - y + z &= 0 \\ 4x - 2y + 7z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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.

