

# Vocabulary Review

Short-answer, multiple-choice, and select-all questions about key vocabulary.

**Question 1** A linear system of equations that has no solutions is said to be inconsistent. With one or more solutions, the system is consistent.

**Question 2** Suppose that for matrix  $E$ , two conditions hold:

- (a) The first nonzero entry in each row of  $E$  is equal to 1. This leading entry 1 is called a pivot.
- (b) The leading entry in the  $(i + 1)^{st}$  row of  $E$  occurs in a column to the right of the column where the leading entry in the  $i^{th}$  row occurs.

Then the matrix  $E$  is (row) echelon form. (Hint: two words.)

Note: A consequence of this definition is that all rows that are identically zero occur at the (top/ bottom ✓) of the matrix.

**Question 3** If an  $m \times n$  matrix can be transformed into another by a sequence of elementary row operations, the two matrices are said to be rowequivalent. (Hint: two words.)

**Question 4** Suppose that for matrix  $E$ , two conditions hold:

- (a)  $E$  is in echelon form, and
- (b) in every column of  $E$  having a pivot, every entry in that column other than the pivot is 0.

Then  $E$  is said to be in reducedechelon form. (Hint: three words.)

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**Question 5** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix that is row equivalent to a reduced echelon form matrix  $E$ . The number of nonzero rows in  $E$  is called the rank of  $A$ .

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**Question 6** A mapping  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear if

(a)  $L(x + y) = \text{}L(x) + L(y)\text{} for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .$

(b)  $L(cx) = \text{}cL(x)\text{} for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .$

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**Question 7** Let  $j$  be an integer between 1 and  $n$ . The  $n$ -vector  $e_j$  is the vector that has a 1 in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  entry and a 0 in every other entry.

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**Question 8** Given an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I_n$  and  $BA = I_n$ , then  $A$  is said to be invertible, and the matrix  $B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ . If there is no such matrix  $B$ , the  $A$  is said to be noninvertible, or singular.

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**Question 9** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , then the determinant of  $A$ ,  $\det(A) = \text{}ad - bc\text{}.$

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