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**MATH 1410A - Test #1**

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**Record your answers below each question in the space provided. Left-hand pages may be used as scrap paper for rough work. If you want any work on the left-hand pages to be graded, please indicate so on the right-hand page.**

**Partial credit will be awarded for partially correct work, so be sure to show your work, and include all necessary justifications needed to support your arguments.**

**No external aids are allowed, with the exception of a 5-function calculator.**

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1. SHORT ANSWER: For each of the questions below, please provide a short (one line) answer.

[2] (a) What is the rank of a matrix?

[2] (b) What does it mean to say that an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible?

[2] (c) The matrix  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an elementary matrix. If  $A$  is any other  $3 \times 3$  matrix, what elementary row operation would let us obtain  $EA$  from  $A$ ?

[2] (d) Do the values  $x = 3$ ,  $y = -2$ ,  $z = 4$  provide a solution to the system of equations below? Why or why not?

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrrcl} x & + & y & + & z & = & 5 \\ 2x & + & 4y & - & z & = & -6 \\ -3x & - & 5y & + & z & = & 3 \end{array}$$

[2] (e) Identify the matrices below as symmetric, antisymmetric, or neither:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- [10] 2. Find the general solution to the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccl} x & - & 2y & & + & w & = & 0 \\ & & -y & + & 2z & - & w & = & 1 \\ x & - & 3y & + & 2z & & & = & 1 \end{array}$$

3. Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $X$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

[3] (a) Given that  $3A + X^T = B$ , solve for  $X$  in terms of  $A$  and  $B$ .

[3] (b) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $X$  is as in part (a), determine the entries of  $X$ .

[4] 4. Suppose that  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, with  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  *invertible*. Given that

$$AB^{-1}XBC^T = AD,$$

solve for  $X$  in terms of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ .

5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

[5]

(a) Find  $A^{-1}$ .

[3]

(b) Write  $A^{-1}$  as a product of elementary matrices.

[2]

(c) Write  $A$  as a product of elementary matrices.