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Q1. (5 points) Determine whether each statement is true or false. Circle the correct answers. No justification is needed.

(a) For all $A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$, $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$.

Circle the correct answer: True ☒ False

(b) There exists $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $A^2 = A$ and $\det A = 2$.

Circle the correct answer: True ☒ False

$$\det A \det A = \det A$$

(c) For all $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ and all $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \in S$, if S is a 2-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 and \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 , and \vec{v}_3 are all distinct, then $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a linearly dependent set.

Circle the correct answer: ☒ True False

(d) For all $S, T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$, if S and T are 2-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 , then $S \cap T \neq \{\vec{0}\}$.

Circle the correct answer: ☒ True False

(e) For all $S, T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$, if S is a 1-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 and T is a 2-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 , then $S \cup T = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Circle the correct answer: True ☒ False

Q2

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Q2. (5 points)

- (a) Suppose that A and B are $n \times n$ matrices with $\det A = -2$ and $\det B = 3$. Compute $\det(A^2 B^{-1} A^T B^3)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \det A \det A \cdot \frac{1}{\det B} \det A \det B \det B \det B \\
 &= (-2)(-2)(-2)(3)(3) \\
 &= (-8)(9) \\
 &= (-72) \checkmark \oplus
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute $(A^{-1})_{12}$.

Note A is triangular, $\det A = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}(A) \quad C_{21} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(1 \times 3 \times 4) = -12$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A^{-1})_{12} &= \frac{1}{24} \times C_{21} \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} \times -12 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \checkmark \oplus
 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Determine all real numbers k for which the area of the parallelogram induced by the vectors $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ is equal to 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) &= \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & k \end{bmatrix} \right| \quad \text{We want } |5k - 3| = 2. \\
 &= |5k - 3| \quad \text{Then,} \\
 &\quad 5k - 3 = 2 \quad 5k - 3 = -2 \\
 &\quad 5k = 5 \quad 5k = 1 \\
 &\quad \underline{k = 1} \quad \checkmark \oplus \quad \underline{k = \frac{1}{5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q3

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Q3. (5 points)

(a) Consider the 2-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 defined as $\mathbb{S} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \right\}$.

(i) Determine a basis, \mathcal{B} , for \mathbb{S} that includes the vector $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Let $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{S}$. Then $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. We know $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ spans \mathbb{S} , and since $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{S}$, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ spans \mathbb{S} . Consider the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. (Scrap page) cont...

(ii) Determine a basis, \mathcal{C} , for \mathbb{R}^3 such that $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ for your set \mathcal{B} from part (i).

Consider $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Then $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$. Then,

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus \mathcal{C} is a linearly independent set with three vectors, which means \mathcal{C} spans \mathbb{R}^3 and is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

(b) Determine all $c \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the following matrix is invertible.

We need $\det A \neq 0$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & c^5 \\ c & c^2 & c \\ c^5 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c & c^5 \\ c & c^2 & c \\ c^5 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c & c^5 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ c^4 & 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & c & c^5 \\ c & c^2 & c \\ c^4 & 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c & c^5 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ c^4 & 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{cofactor expansion along 1st col})$$

$$= (c^2 - 1) + (-1)(c^3) + c^5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c^2 \\ 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (c^2 - 1) - c^2(1 - c^3) + c^5(1 - c^5)$$

Hence

$$\det A = c^2((c^2 - 1) - c^2(1 - c^3) + c^5(1 - c^5))$$

We observe that $\det A = 0$ if $c = 0$ or $c = 1$. Thus, A is invertible if $c \neq 0, 1, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Q4. (5 points)

(a) Let a be a non-zero real number and consider the linear mapping $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by $L(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (ax_1 + x_3, ax_2, -\frac{1}{a}x_1 + x_3)$.

Prove that $[L]$, the standard matrix of L , is an invertible matrix.

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{a} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det[L] = a \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{a} & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Cofactor along second row})$$

$$= a \left(a - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$= a^2 \checkmark \oplus$$

Hence, for all $a \neq 0$, $\det[L] \neq 0$, meaning by IMT, $[L]$ is invertible. $\checkmark \oplus$

(b) Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer and $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$. Suppose that the entries in each row of A sum to 0, that is, $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Prove that $\det A = 0$.

We prove by induction on n where $P(n)$ is $\forall A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \det A = 0$.
Base case: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, then $\det A = ad - bc$. By the hypothesis, $a = -b$ and $c = -d$, hence $\det A = -bd - -bd = 0$.

Inductive Hyp: Assume $P(n-1)$ $\checkmark \oplus$

Inductive step: let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$. Performing cofactor expansion across the i -th row,
 $\det A = a_{i1}C_{i1} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$.

Note each of C_{ij} is a product of $(-1)^{i+j}$ with a minor of size $n-1 \times n-1$ $\checkmark \oplus$ thus, $\det A = 0$.

By PMI, $\det A = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2$.

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Q3 a) Hence,

$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ also spans S . Since it is linearly dependent, it is a basis for S .

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