

## HW1 — Maths Prerequisites

This homework covers the prerequisites of COM S 474/574 given for Spring 2024 at Iowa State University. It is due before the Thursday class on Feb 2nd 2024.

# 1 Calculus

## 1.1 Numbers

Give True/False for the following claims:

1.  $\frac{5}{3}$  is a rational.
2.  $\sqrt{3}$  is a rational.
3.  $-4$  is an integer.
4.  $-4$  is a natural number.
5.  $-4$  is a real number.

## 1.2 Limits

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} =$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{2x^2 - 17x + 8}{8 - x} =$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{x - 4} =$

## 1.3 Integrals

Find the following integrals

1.  $\int (2x^2 + 6x^9) dx =$

## 1.4 Derivatives

Calculate  $\frac{df(x)}{dx}$  for the following functions ( $f(x)$ 's).

1.  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6x^9$
2.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^4 + 1}$
3.  $f(x) = x \sin(5x)$
4.  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$

## 2 Linear Algebra

Please include your calculation steps whenever applicable.

### 2.1 Notations

1.  $\mathbf{I}_3 =$
2. Rewrite the equation in the linear algebra form:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 1 \\ 2x - y = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1-1)$$

3. Let  $A = \mathbf{I}_9$ , what is  $a_{11}$ ? What is  $a_{51}$ ?

### 2.2 Multiplications

Computer the following multiplications (note: not every question is valid):

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} =$
2.  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & d \end{bmatrix} =$
3.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} =$
4.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \end{bmatrix} =$
5.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \end{bmatrix} =$

### 2.3 Other Operations

Unless specified otherwise, let  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

1.  $\mathbf{I}_3^T =$
2.  $(AB)^T =$
3.  $(A^T B)^T =$
4.  $AA^{-1} =$
5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , what is  $A^{-1}$ ?
6. Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ , what is  $\|x\|_2$ ? What is  $\|x\|_\infty$ ? What is  $\|x\|_1$ ? What is  $\|x^T\|_2$ ?
7.  $|\mathbf{I}_2|(\det(\mathbf{I}_2)) =$
8.  $|\mathbf{I}_{1024}| =$

### 3 Probability

1. Consider the data set  $x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 77, 88, 999\}$ . What is the mean of  $x$ ? What is the median of  $x$ ? What is the standard deviation of  $x$ ?
2. If you were to roll the dice one time,
  - what is the probability it will land on a 1?
  - what is the probability it will not land on a 1?
3. (**The Monty Hall Problem**) You are presented with three doors, A, B, and C. Behind one door is a valuable prize (like a car), while behind the other two doors, there are less desirable items (like goats). The location of the prize is unknown to you. Suppose you choose one of the three doors (let's say A). Your selection is not opened immediately. Monty, who knows what's behind each door, opens one of the other two doors (let's say C), that reveals a goat (never the car). After Monty reveals a goat behind C, you are given a choice: stick with your original selection (A) or switch to the other unopened door (B). Which decision has a higher chance to win (the car)? Why?

### 4 A "Bonus" Question (1 pt)

From a scale of 1 to 5, how difficult is HW1? 1 is "I can do it in my sleep". 5 is "Bowen is ridiculous". 0 is "I refuse to answer this question". This is for my own reference to improve the quality of future assignments. Thanks!

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