

Exam 1  
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- The exam consists of FOUR problems.
- Unsupported answers will receive little or no credit.
- Upload your answers to Gradescope as a pdf only. Make sure to allocate your work to the appropriate question.
- Missing or blank pages will result in an automatic zero for the question.
- Time: 75 minutes.

Problem	Score	Points
1		8
2		10
3		8
4		16
Total		42

Best wishes!  
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**Problem 1.** (8 points) Let  $a, b, c$  be given constants, and consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & a+1 & b+c \\ 1 & a & b+1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine the condition(s) on  $a, b, c$  for which  $A$  invertible? For those value(s) of  $a, b, c$ , find the inverse of  $A$ .

$A$  invertible (iff)  $|A| \neq 0$ .

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & a+1 & b+c \\ 1 & a & b+1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1}]{=} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(1)(1) \neq 0$$

upper  $\Delta$  matrix

$\therefore A$  invertible for any  $a, b, c$ .

Now, we'll get  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & a & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a+1 & b+c & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & a & b+1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1}]{=} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & a & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - aR_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & b-ac & a+1 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - cR_3 \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (b-ac)R_3}]{=} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & a+b-ac+1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c-1 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= [I \mid \bar{A}^{-1}]$$

$$\therefore \bar{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a+b-ac+1 & -a & ac-b \\ c-1 & 1 & -c \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$



**Problem 2** (10 points) Find a cubic polynomial in  $x$  say,

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$$

such that  $P(1) = 1$ ,  $P'(1) = 5$ ,  $P(-1) = 3$ , and  $P'(-1) = 1$ . Here  $P'(x)$  denotes the 1<sup>st</sup> derivative of  $P(x)$  with respect to  $x$ .

$$P'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2$$

$$P(1) = 1 \Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$$

$$P(-1) = 3 \Rightarrow a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = 3$$

$$P'(1) = 5 \Rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = 5$$

$$P'(-1) = 1 \Rightarrow a_1 - 2a_2 + 3a_3 = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Augmented matrix: } \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2 \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}R_3 \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a_3 = 2}$$

$$\boxed{a_2 = 1}$$

$$\boxed{a_1 = -1 - a_3 = -3}$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 1 - a_1 - a_2 - a_3 = 1 + 3 - 1 - 2 = 1}$$

$$\therefore P(x) = 1 - 3x + x^2 + 2x^3$$



**Problem 4.** (4 points each) True or False (Circle one and state your reason):

i) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  odd integer such that  $A^t = -A$ , then  $|A| = 0$ .

Reason:

Suppose  $A^t = -A$ ,  $n$  odd

True

False

$$\therefore |A^t| = |-A|$$

$$\therefore |A| = (-1)^n |A| = -|A|$$

$$\therefore 2|A| = 0$$

$$\therefore |A| = 0$$

ii) For any square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of the same size, the following is true:

$$(A+B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2.$$

Reason:

True

False

$$\begin{aligned} (A+B)^2 &= (A+B)(A+B) \\ &= A(A+B) + B(A+B) \\ &= A^2 + AB + BA + B^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (A+B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$$

$$\text{iff} \\ AB = BA$$

This is not always true. For example, take

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here } AB \neq BA.$$



iii) Every invertible matrix has unique  $LU$ -Factorization.

Reason:

True

False

Counter example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ invertible as } |A| = 1 \neq 0$$

if  $A$  has an  $LU$ , then  $A = LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & c \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b & c \\ ab & ac+d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = ab = 0 \downarrow \text{ So, } A \text{ doesn't have an } LU.$$

iv) Two systems of linear equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  have the same solution set if their coefficient matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are row-equivalent.

Reason:

True

False

$$[A : \mathbf{b}] , [B : \mathbf{c}] \text{ should be row-equivalent}$$

Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = B$

Notice that  $A, B$  are row-equivalent.

However,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has solns. } \{ \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \},$$

and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has solns. } \{ \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \}$

that is, the two systems satisfy the condition but they've different solns.

**Draft:**



**Problem 3.** A matrix whose entries are all integer numbers is called an *integer matrix*.

For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is an integer  $2 \times 2$  matrix, but  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 9/2 \end{bmatrix}$  is not.

- i) (2 points) Give an example of an invertible integer matrix  $A$  whose inverse is NOT an integer matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ integer.}$$

$$\text{But, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ non-integer.}$$

- ii) (6 points) Suppose that  $A$  is an integer matrix, which is invertible. Use the fact that "the determinant of an integer matrix is an integer number" to show:

(a) If  $A^{-1}$  is an integer matrix, then  $|A| = \pm 1$ .

Suppose that  $A^{-1}$  integer. Then,  $|A^{-1}|$ ,  $|A|$  are both integers by the fact. Let  $|A| = c$  (integer)

so  $c$  and  $\frac{1}{c}$  are both integers.

This holds only if  $c = \pm 1$ . Equivalently,  $|A| = \pm 1$ .

(b) The converse is also true, that is, if  $|A| = \pm 1$ , then  $A^{-1}$  is an integer matrix.

Suppose that  $A$  is an integer matrix with  $|A| = \pm 1$   
 $|A| = \pm 1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow A$  invertible,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)$

$$\text{so } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\pm 1} \text{adj}(A) = \pm \text{adj}(A).$$

$A$  integer  $\Rightarrow$  The elements of  $\text{adj}(A)$  are cofactors of  $A$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  cofactors are determinants of integer matrices, so they are integers by the fact.

so  $\text{adj}(A)$  integer matrix.

so  $A^{-1} = \pm (\text{integer matrix})$  is also integer.