

## Part I: True/False

Each problem is points for a total of 50 points. (7 points each and one free point.)

**Problem 1** (50 points; 5 points each). Decide if each of the following is true or false.

- (a) True If  $A$  and  $B$  commute, then so do  $A^T$  and  $B^T$ .

$$A^T B^T = (BA)^T = (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

- (b) True For any invertible matrix  $A$ ,  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .

$$I = I^T = (AA^{-1})^T = (A^{-1})^T A^T$$

Similarly,  $A^T(A^{-1})^T = I$  and so  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ .

- (c) False For all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$

$$\det(I + (-I)) = \det(O) = 0 \neq \det(I) + \det(-I) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

- (d) False For all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$ ,  $\det(cA) = c \cdot \det(A)$

$\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$  when  $A$  is  $n \times n$ .

- (e) True For all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$ .

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(B) \det(A) = \det(BA)$$

- (f) False If

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply back substitution to the system  $\text{rref}(A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . We have here  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  are free so let  $x_2 = s$  and  $x_4 = t$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_4 &= t \\ x_3 + 2t &= 0 \rightarrow x_3 = -2t \\ x_2 &= s \\ x_1 + 2s + t &= 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -2s - t \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2s - t \\ s \\ -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (g) False If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then in the expression  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  represents  $m$  variables, or a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\mathbf{x}$  must be  $n$  for  $A\mathbf{x}$  to make sense, so  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , not  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . similarly,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , since  $A\mathbf{x}$  is  $m \times 1$ .

## Part II: Computational (80 points)

Show all computations so that you make clear what your thought processes are.

**Problem 2** (20 pts). Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Express the third row of  $AB$  as a linear combination of rows of  $B$ .

$$(-1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + (3) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Express the second column of  $AB$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ -17 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Express  $(AB)_{1,2}$  as a product of a row of  $A$  and a column of  $B$ .

$$(AB)_{2,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

**Problem 3** (20 pts). Solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -7 & 4 & 5 \\ -3 & -6 & 14 & -13 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. (8 points) Use row operations (show all work and indicate operations) to reduce  $A$  to an echelon form. (This should work out very nicely - no fractions required..)
2. (7 points) Use back-substitution to solve the resulting system. Make sure to indicate which variables are free.
3. (5 points) Write your solution as a linear combination of vectors.

**Gauss-Jordan elimination to get echelon form:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -7 & 4 & 5 & 8 \\ -3 & -6 & 14 & -13 & -3 & -11 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2-2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3+3R_1 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{R_2-2R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Back-substitution:**  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  are free, let  $x_2 = s$  and  $x_4 = t$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} x_5 &= 1 \\ x_4 &= t \\ x_3 - 2t + 1 &= 0 \rightarrow x_3 = 2t - 1 \\ x_2 &= s \\ x_1 + 2s - 4(2t - 1) + 3t + 2 &= 4 \rightarrow x_1 = -2s + 5t - 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution as a linear combination of vectors:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2s + 5t - 6 \\ s \\ 2t - 1 \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 4** (20 pts). Use Cramer's rule to find  $x_3$ , where

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: These determinants should work out very nicely if you chose how you expand carefully.

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $B$  is obtained by replacing the 3<sup>rd</sup> column of  $A$  by  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$x_3 = \frac{\det(B)}{\det(A)}$$

where, by expanding along the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of  $A$  we have

$$\det(A) = (-3) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = (3)(-4) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = (3)(-4)(4 - 6) = -24$$

and by expanding along 2<sup>nd</sup> row of  $D$

$$\det(B) = (-6) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = (-6)(1) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = (-6)(1)(4 - 6) = 12$$

So

$$x_3 = \frac{12}{-14} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**Problem 5** (20 pts). Write  $A$  in the form  $LU$  where  $L$  is lower-triangular with 1's on the diagonal, and  $U$  is upper-triangular for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -6 & 12 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -6 & 12 & -4 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow[R_3 - (-3)R_1 \rightarrow R_3]{R_2 - (2)R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} &L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{2} & 1 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{3} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow[R_3 - (2)R_2 \rightarrow R_3]{} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U &L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & \mathbf{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -6 & 12 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$