



# MAT1320 LINEAR ALGEBRA EXERCISES II

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1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  be an involut matrix, let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be a nonzero idempotent matrix and let  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ z & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  be a singular matrix (not invertible). Then, which of the followings is the value  $x - y - z$ ?

a) -1   b) 0   c) 1   d) -2   e) 2

$A^2 = I$   
 $A \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow x = 0$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 & 0 \\ y^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $y^2 = y$   
 $y = 1$   
 $-1 + 1 + 0 = 0$   
 $z = -1, 1 = -1$   
 $2 = -1$

3. Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  skew-symmetric matrix and let  $x$  be a vector with  $n$  components. Which of the followings is equal to  $x^T A x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ?

a)  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$    b)  $x^T$    c)  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$   
d)  $x$    e)  $-x^T$

Taking  $n=2$ , let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

then,  $x^T A x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It can be seen that the result is 0 always.

$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & c+2 \\ a+b & 2 & a+b \\ c+2 & c & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a+b & c+2 \\ a & 2 & c \\ c & a+b & b \end{pmatrix}$   
 $a+b = a \Rightarrow b = 0$   
 $c+2 = b \Rightarrow c = 2$   
 $a+b = c = 2$   
 $a = 2$

2. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a+b & c+2 \\ a & 2 & c \\ 4 & a+b & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is a symmetric matrix, then which of the followings is true for the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & -2 \\ b-a & 0 & 1 \\ c & -1 & b \end{bmatrix}$ ?

I.  $B$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.

II.  $B^2$  is a symmetric matrix.

III.  $\text{Tr}(B) = \text{Tr}(A)$ .

a) Only I   b) I and II   c) II and III  
d) I and III   e) All of them

4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a-2 & 2-c \\ d & b & a+b \\ -1 & e & a+3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a skew-symmetric matrix, then which of the followings is true for the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 5 & e \\ d & b & b-2 \\ 3 & a+c & c+2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

I.  $B$  is a symmetric matrix.

II.  $B^2$  is a symmetric matrix.

III.  $\text{Tr}(B) = \text{Tr}(A)$ .

a) Only I   b) I and II   c) II and III  
d) I and III   e) All of them

5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  be an involut matrix, let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be a nonzero idempotent matrix and let  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ z & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  be a noninvertible matrix. Then, which of the followings is equal to the value  $x + y + z$ ?

- a) -1      b) 1      c) 0      d) -2      e) 2

$$A^2 = I \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$B^2 = B \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 & 0 \\ y^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y & 0 \\ y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = y \Rightarrow y^2 - y = y(y-1) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0, 1$$

Since  $B$  is nonzero,  $y = 1$ .

$C$  is noninvertible, then second row must be a multiple of the first row.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (2-2) = -1(1-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + z = 0 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = A^2$$

$$A^3 = A^2 A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $A^k = 0$  for  $k = 3$ ,  $A$  is nilpotent.

6. Which of the followings is true for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- a) Idempotent      b) Involut      c) Orthogonal  
d) Nilpotent      e) None of them

7. Which of the followings is true for the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} ab & -a^2 \\ b^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- a) Involut      b) Orthogonal      c) Idempotent  
d) Hermitian      e) Nilpotent

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} ab & -a^2 \\ b^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ab & -a^2 \\ b^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a^2b^2 + -a^4b^2 & -a^3b + a^3b \\ ab^3 - ab^3 & -a^2b^2 + a^2b^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1+i & 2 \\ a_1-a_2i & -3i & b_1-b_2i \\ c_1-c_2i & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (\bar{X})^T = \begin{pmatrix} -i & a_1-a_2i & c_1-c_2i \\ 1+i & -3i & -i \\ 2 & b_1-b_2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1 - a_2i = -1 + i \Rightarrow a_1 = 1, a_2 = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -1 - i}$$

$$c_1 - c_2i = -2 \Rightarrow c_1 = -2, c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = -2}$$

$$\bar{X}^T = X^H = -X \Rightarrow a + b + c = -1 - i + i - 2 = -3$$

- a)  $3 - 2i$       b)  $-3$       c)  $1 - i$   
d) 2      e)  $-3 + i$

9. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  real nonzero matrices and  $(AB)^T + B^{-1}A = 0$ . If  $B$  is an orthogonal matrix, then which of the followings is true for the matrix  $A$ ?

a) Symmetric

b) Idempotent

c) Nilpotent

d) Orthogonal

e) Skew-symmetric

$$(AB)^T + B^{-1}A = 0, \quad B^T = B^{-1}$$

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$$B^T A^T + B^{-1}A = 0 \quad \text{Since } B^T = B^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow B^{-1}A^T + B^{-1}A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B^{-1}(A^T + A) = 0 \quad \text{Since } B \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T + A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T = -A \quad \Rightarrow A \text{ is skew-symmetric.}$$