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**MatrixOpsTF01b**  
**001 10.0 points**

When

$$A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$$

and  $B$  are matrices such that the product  $AB$  is defined, then

$$AB = [B\mathbf{a}_1 \ B\mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ B\mathbf{a}_n].$$

True or False?

1. FALSE **correct**

2. TRUE

**Explanation:**

The matrix

$$[B\mathbf{a}_1 \ B\mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ B\mathbf{a}_n]$$

is the product  $BA$ , *not*  $AB$ , and  $AB \neq BA$  in general.

Consequently, the statement is

FALSE

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**InverseProp01a**  
**002 10.0 points**

Which of the following shows that if  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is any  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $BA = I$ , then  $B = A^{-1}$ .

1. Left-multiply each side of the equation  $I = BA$  by  $A^{-1}$ . Then

$$A^{-1} = A^{-1}BA = BI = B,$$

so  $B = A^{-1}$ .

2. Subtract  $A^{-1}$  from both sides of the equation  $I = BA$ . Then

$$I - A^{-1} = BA - A^{-1},$$

so  $A^{-1} = BI = B$ .

3. Add  $A^{-1}$  to both sides of the equation  $I = BA$ . Then

$$I + A^{-1} = BA + A^{-1},$$

so  $A^{-1} = BI = B$ .

4. Right-multiply each side of the equation  $I = BA$  by  $A^{-1}$ . Then

$$A^{-1} = BAA^{-1} = BI = B,$$

so  $B = A^{-1}$ . **correct**

**Explanation:**

By definition, an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $AC = I = CA$  where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix; we usually write  $A^{-1}$  for this matrix  $C$ .

So if  $B$  is any  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $BA = I$ , then after multiplying the equation  $I = BA$  on the right by  $A^{-1}$  we see that

$$A^{-1} = (BA)A^{-1} = B(AA^{-1}) = BI = B$$

because of the associativity of matrix multiplication and the fact that  $I$  is the identity matrix.

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**InverseTF02a**  
**003 10.0 points**

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix, then the same sequence of elementary row operations that row reduces  $A$  to the identity  $I_n$  also reduces  $A^{-1}$  to  $I_n$ .

True or False?

1. FALSE **correct**

2. TRUE

**Explanation:**

If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible, then there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_p$  such that

$$E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = I_n.$$

Now every elementary matrix is invertible, so

$$\begin{aligned} A &= E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_{p-1}^{-1} E_p^{-1} I_n \\ &= E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_{p-1}^{-1} E_p^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

But then

$$A^{-1} = E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_2 E_1,$$

so

$$E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_{p-1}^{-1} E_p^{-1} A^{-1} = I_n.$$

Thus  $A^{-1}$  can be row reduced to  $I_n$  by the same elementary row operations as used to row reduce  $A$  to  $I_n$ , but we need to use their inverses and to apply them in the reverse order.

Consequently, the statement is

FALSE

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### Invertible01

**004 10.0 points**

$A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. Which of the following statements are equivalent to  $A$  being invertible?

- (i) *There is no  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ .*
- (ii) *The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinitely many solutions.*
- (iii) *The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$  is not one-to-one.*

**1.** i and ii

**2.** i and iii

**3.** ii

**4.** i

**5.** None of these. **correct**

**6.** All of these.

### Explanation:

(i)  $A$  is said to be invertible if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$  and  $AC = I$  where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

(ii) Because  $A$  is invertible, there is some matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I_n$ . Now we will suppose there is some  $\mathbf{x}$  that satisfies the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then by right-multiplying both sides of  $CA = I_n$  by  $\mathbf{x}$ , we obtain the equation  $CA\mathbf{x} = I_n\mathbf{x}$ . Because  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $CA\mathbf{x} = C\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ . Also  $I_n\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  by the definition of the identity matrix. Hence,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . This implies  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has *only* the trivial solution.

(iii) Since the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution, the linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.

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### LUDecomp2x3b

**005 10.0 points**

Determine the Lower Triangular matrix  $L$  in an  $LU$ -Decomposition of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -9 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**1.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  **correct**

**2.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**3.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**4.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**5.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**6.**  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Explanation:**

We first determine the elementary matrix reducing  $A$  to echelon form  $U$  by row reductions *downwards*.

$$\begin{aligned} A &\sim E_1 A \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -9 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U. \end{aligned}$$

But an elementary matrix is always invertible. Thus

$$L = E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consequently,

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}}.$$

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**NullSpace01a**  
**006 10.0 points**

Find a matrix  $A$  so that  $\text{Nul}(A)$  is the set of all vectors

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} a - b = 2c, \\ 3a = c - 4d, \end{array} \right\}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

1.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
2.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
3.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
4.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  **correct**
5.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$
6.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Explanation:**

Rewrite the conditions

$$a - b = 2c, \quad 3a = c - 4d$$

as

$$a - b - 2c = 0,$$

$$3a - c + 4d = 0,$$

and set

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a - b - 2c \\ 3a - c - 4d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

if and only if

$$a - b - 2c = 0,$$

$$3a - c + 4d = 0.$$

Consequently,

$$\boxed{\text{Nul}(A) = H}.$$

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**Rank02b**  
**007 10.0 points**

Determine the rank of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -8 \\ 3 & -6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1.  $\text{rank}(A) = 4$
2.  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$  **correct**
3.  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$
4.  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$

5.  $\text{rank}(A) = 5$

**Explanation:**

Since

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

the first two rows of  $\text{rref}(A)$  contain leading 1's, so

$$\boxed{\text{Rank}(A) = 2}.$$

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**DetElemOps01TF**  
**008 10.0 points**

When the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

is obtained from

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

by interchanging rows, then

$$\det[B] = \det[A].$$

True or False?

1. FALSE **correct**

2. TRUE

**Explanation:**

As  $2 \times 2$  matrices,

$$\det[B] = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc,$$

while

$$\det[A] = \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = bc - ad.$$

Thus

$$\det[B] = -\det[A].$$

Consequently, the statement is

$$\boxed{\text{FALSE}}.$$

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**DetInverseT/F01a**  
**009 10.0 points**

The matrix

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

is invertible.

True or False?

1. TRUE

2. FALSE **correct**

**Explanation:**

The matrix  $A$  will be invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \times 8 - 4 - 3 \times 4 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the statement is

$$\boxed{\text{FALSE}}.$$

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**SubspaceTF01**  
**010 10.0 points**

Let  $H$  be the set of points inside and on the unit circle in the  $xy$ -plane. That is, let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \right\}.$$

$H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . True or false?

1. FALSE **correct**

2. TRUE

**Explanation:**

If  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} .5 \\ .5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c = 4$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$  but  $c\mathbf{u}$  is not in  $H$ . Since  $H$  is not closed under scalar multiplication,  $H$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Consequently, the statement is

FALSE

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**BasisNull02a**

**011 10.0 points**

Find a basis for the Null space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 & -15 \\ -1 & -2 & 7 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 & -13 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
2.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
3.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
4.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  **correct**
5.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
6.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

**Explanation:**

We first row reduce  $[A \ 0]$ :

$$\text{rref}([A \ 0]) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

to identify the free variables for  $\mathbf{x}$  in the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

This shows that  $x_1, x_2$  are basic variables, while  $x_3, x_4$  are free variables. So set  $x_3 = s, x_4 = t$ . Then

$$x_1 = s + 3t, \quad x_2 = 3s - 2t,$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s + 3t \\ 3s - 2t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Consequently,

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

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**LinIndSetsTF01b**

**012 10.0 points**

When  $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\},$$

then  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  is a basis for  $H$ .

True or False?

1. TRUE
2. FALSE **correct**

**Explanation:**

For the set  $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$  to be a basis for  $H$ , BOTH of the conditions

- (i)  $H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p\}$ ,
- (ii) the set is linearly independent,

have to be satisfied. Consequently, the statement is

FALSE

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**CoordVec01a**  
**013 10.0 points**

Find the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  having coordinate vector

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to the basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

1.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  **correct**

2.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

3.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

4. no such  $\mathbf{x}$  exists

5.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

**Explanation:**

The coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to a basis

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$$

for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  satisfies the matrix equation

$$A[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathbf{x}, \quad A = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2].$$

Consequently, when

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**DimSubspace01a**  
**014 10.0 points**

Determine the dimension of the subspace

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

1.  $\dim = 3$

2.  $\dim = 4$

3.  $\dim = 2$  **correct**

4.  $\dim = 1$

5.  $\dim = 5$

**Explanation:**

Since the subspace is the column space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

its dimension is the number of pivot columns in  $A$ . Now

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus  $A$  has 2 pivot columns, so

dimension = 2

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**RankTF06b**  
**015 10.0 points**

If  $B$  is an echelon form of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , and if  $B$  has three nonzero rows, then the first three row of  $A$  form a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$ .

True or False?

1. TRUE

2. FALSE **correct**

**Explanation:**

Although row operations cannot change the linear dependence relations among *columns* of a matrix, they can change the linear dependence among *rows* of a matrix. For example, when

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

and

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

then  $\text{Row}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$ . But the first 3 rows of  $A$  do not form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Notice that  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by the row operation of interchanging rows 3 and 4 of  $A$ .

Consequently, the answer is

FALSE
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