

All questions have equal value.

1. Using the Gauss-Jordan method, find all the solutions of the system of equations

$$3x + 6y - 2z + u = 5$$

$$2x + 4y + 2u + 2v = 0$$

$$2x + 4y + z + 3u + v = 5.$$

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

a) Calculate  $A^{-1}$ .

b) Using the above result solve the system

$$x - y = 2$$

$$2x + z = 3$$

$$x - 2y = -1.$$

(No marks if you don't use the result of part (a).)

3. Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4. Using Cramer's rule solve the system

$$3x + z = 1$$

$$2y - z = -1$$

$$2x - y = 1.$$

(No marks if you don't use Cramer's rule.)

5. Let  $\mathbf{u} = (2, -1, 3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (3, -2, 1)$ .

a) Find numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v} = (1, -2, -9)$ .

b) Show that there exist no numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, -1)$ .

6. Determine the values of  $a$  for which the system has no solution, exactly one solution or infinitely many solutions:

$$x + y + 7z = -7$$

$$2x + 3y + 17z = -16$$

$$x + 2y + (a^2 + 1)z = 3a.$$

# Math 204 Answers Mid term Oct 2012 (UNEDITED)

1.  $V = -3$   
 $u = 5$   
 $Y = t$   
 $z = 2 - 5$   
 $x = 3 - 2t - 5$

2a)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  2b)  $x = 5$   
 $y = 3$   
 $z = -7$

3.  $-8$       4.  $x = \frac{2}{7}$       5a)  $x = -4$       5b) No solution  
 $y = -\frac{3}{7}$        $y = 3$       (See last Row  
 $z = \frac{1}{7}$       of ACM.)

6. ACM becomes  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & (a^2-9) & 3a+9 \end{bmatrix}$  OR  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & (a-3)(a+3) & 3(a+3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$

Case 1 if  $a = 3$  Row  $\textcircled{3}$  becomes  $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ (3-3)(3+3) \ 3(3+3)$   
OR  $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 18$

$\Rightarrow$  No solution exists

Case 2 if  $a = -3$  Row  $\textcircled{3}$  becomes

$0 \ 0 \ (-3-3)(-3+3) \ 3(-3+3)$

OR  $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Infinite number of sol.

Case 3 if  $a \neq 3$  and  $a \neq -3$

we can continue with ERO:  $R_3 = \frac{1}{a^2-9} R_3$

then  $R_2 = R_2 + (-3)R_3$

$R_1 = R_1 + (-4)R_3$

to get the RRE and we have a unique solution.