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EXAM I

Time: 60 minutes

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Answer the following sets of questions; the back of pages may be used as scratch.

NO QUESTIONS ARE ALLOWED.

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1- Find the values of m for which the vector $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a linear combination of

$$\begin{pmatrix} m \\ m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 0 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ m-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} m \\ m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \\ m \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ m-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & m & 3 & | & -4 \\ m & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & m & m-1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & m & 3 & | & -4 \\ 0 & -m & -2 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & m-1 & | & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3}$$

for $m \neq 3$ then $m-3 \neq 0$ so the system has a unique solution.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} m & m & 3 & | & -4 \\ 0 & -m & -2 & | & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & m-3 & | & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3: m-3 \neq 0 \quad x_3 = \frac{6}{m-3}$$

$$R_2: -m-2$$

$$m-3 \neq 0$$

$$m \neq 3$$

for $m \neq 3$

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

2- Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- i- Let $A = aI + bJ$ where I is the identity matrix. Find the values of a and b .
- ii- Use the expression of A found in part i- to compute A^2 as a function of I and J .
- iii- Show that $A^{-1} = \frac{(7I-A)}{10}$

i- $A = aI + bJ$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for $a = 2$ and $b = 1$ $A = 2I + bJ = \frac{7I - A}{10}$

ii- $A^2 = (2I + J)^2 = 4I^2 + 4IJ + J^2 = 7(2I + J) - 4I$

$A^2 = 4I^2 + 4IJ + J^2$
 $A^2 = 4I + 4J + J^2 = 4I + 7J$

iii-

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$3R_1 - R_1 \rightarrow R_1$
 $3R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$

$$\frac{(7I - A)}{10} = \frac{\left(\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)}{10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$8R_2 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2$
 $4R_3 - R_3 \rightarrow R_3$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & 0 & 6 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 12 \end{array} \right]$$

3- Let A be a 3×3 matrix. If $(A - 2I)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then find A .

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 3R_1 + R_2 \\ 3R_1 + R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & -5 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} -\frac{5}{2}R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -\frac{5}{2}R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

4- Suppose A is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix. Show that $2A^2 - 3A + A^tA$ is also symmetric.

$$2A^2 - 3A + A^tA = 2A^2 - 3A + A^2 + A^tA = 3A^2 - 3A + A^tA$$

Since A is symmetric here A^t is also symmetric

so $2A^2 - 3A$ is symmetric. $A^t = A$

$$\begin{aligned} (2A^2 - 3A + A^tA)^t &= (2A^2)^t + (-3A)^t + (A^tA)^t \\ &= 2A^2 - 3A + AA^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(AA^t) - 3(A)^t + (A^tA)^t = 2A^2 - 3A + AA^t \\ &= 2A^tA - 3A^t + A^tA = 2A^2 - 3A + AA^t \end{aligned}$$

5- Suppose $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = 2$.

✓ i- Find $\det(3A^{-1})$ where $A = \begin{pmatrix} a+c & 3c \\ b+d & 3d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ 3c & 3d \end{bmatrix}$

✓ ii- Find $\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ c+1 & -1 & 2a \\ d-2 & 2 & 2b \end{pmatrix}$.

i- $\det(3A^{-1}) = |3A^{-1}| = 3^2 |A^{-1}| = \frac{3^2}{|A|}$

$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+R_2} R_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \times 3 \rightarrow R_2}$

$= \frac{1}{3} \det \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ 3c & 3d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \det \begin{bmatrix} a+c & 3c \\ b+d & 3d \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \det(A)$

Hence $\det(A) = 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = 6$

so $\det(3A^{-1}) = \frac{3^2}{|A|} = \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$

ii, $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ c+1 & -1 & 2a \\ d-2 & 2 & 2b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row 1} \times 2} 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2a \\ 2 & 2b \end{bmatrix} + 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} c+1 & 2a \\ d-2 & 2b \end{bmatrix}$

$= 2(-2b-4a) + 2(c+1)2b - 2a(d-2)$

$= -4b-8a + 2(2cb+2b-2ad+4a)$

$= -4b-8a + 4cb + 4b - 4ad + 8a$

$= 4cb - 4ad$

$= -4(ad - bc)$

$= -4 \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = -8$

6- Suppose u, v and w are linearly independent. Show that $u + v - 2w, u - v - w$ and $u + w$ are linearly independent.

$$c_1(u+v-2w) + c_2(u-v-w) + c_3(v+w) = 0$$

$$c_1u + c_1v - 2c_1w + c_2u - c_2v - c_2w + c_3v + c_3w = 0$$

$$u(c_1 + c_2 + c_3) + v(c_1 - c_2) + w(-2c_1 - c_2 + c_3) = 0$$

but u, v, w are l.i. \therefore the above eq has only the trivial solution.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2, R_3 + 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{2R_{3,4} \rightarrow R_3}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 \cdot c_3 = 0, R_1 \cdot (-2c_2 - c_3 = 0)} \left(\begin{array}{l} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

7- Let A be the 3×3 diagonal matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$. Find all values of a for which $A^3 = A$.

$$A^3 = A \implies A^2 = I \implies \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} a^2 - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a^2 - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a^3 = a \implies a(a^2 - 1) = 0 \implies a = 0 \text{ or } a = 1 \text{ or } a = -1$$

$$a = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \end{bmatrix} x$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

8- Let A be the 4×4 matrix such the sum of the entries of each row is 0 and let $x =$

What is Ax ? Deduce $\det A$.

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= A_1 x_1 + A_2 x_2 + A_3 x_3 + A_4 x_4 \\ &= A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $Ax = 0$ for any $x = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$ here A is not invertible $|A| = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 - R_3 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - R_4 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 & c & d \\ 0 & -b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & -b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

• Bonus Problem

Let A be the 10×10 matrix $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b & a & a & \dots & a \\ a & a+b & a & \dots & a \\ a & a & a+b & \dots & a \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a & a & a & \dots & a+b \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that $\det A = b^9(10a+b)$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 - R_1 &\rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - R_1 &\rightarrow R_3 \\ R_{10} - R_1 &\rightarrow R_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b & a & a & \dots & a \\ -b & b & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -b & 0 & b & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 10a b^9 + b^{10}$$

$$R_{10}$$