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This examination contains 10 problems.

Each problem is worth the same amount and each part of each problem is worth the same amount.

1. Given the following matrix:

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

- Solve the linear system whose coefficient matrix is the matrix A and which has a particular solution $(1, 0, -1, 0)$.
- Solve the linear system whose augmented matrix is the matrix A using the inverse of its coefficient matrix.

2. Consider the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} kx - y - kz &= 2k + 1 \\ kx - ky - 2z &= k + 1 \\ kx - y + kz &= 4k + 3 \end{aligned}$$

For what values of k , if any, the system has: a) no solution, b) a unique solution, c) infinitely many solutions.

3. Find all matrices A such that:

$$\text{a) } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A + A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{b) } A(3I_3 - 2A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. a) A matrix A is said to be *orthogonal* if $A^{-1} = A^T$, equivalently, if $AA^T = A^T A = I$. If A is an orthogonal matrix with integer entries show that every row of A has exactly one nonzero entry which is equal to ± 1 .

b) If A and B are invertible matrices of the same size show that $\text{adj}(AB) = (\text{adj}(B))(\text{adj}(A))$

5. a) Find all unit vectors parallel to the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 5$ and the XY -plane.

b) Find the point P on the plane $(x, y, z) = (0, 1, 4) + s(0, 6, -4) + t(-1, -1, 1)$ ($s, t \in \mathbb{R}$) which is closest to the origin.

6. a) Show that if A is an $n \times n$ skew-symmetric matrix then $B^T AB$ is also skew-symmetric for any $n \times n$ matrix B . (A matrix A is called *skew-symmetric* if $A^T = -A$.)

b) If A and B are 3×3 matrices such that $AB^T = I \wedge \det(A) = 2$, find $\det(A^2 B)$.

7. Given the line $L: (x, y, z) = (2, 2, 3) + t(1, -1, -3)$, the plane $\mathcal{P}: 3x - 2y + 2z = 7$ and the point $A(1, 1, 1)$.

a) Find parametric equations of the line which contains the point A , intersects the line L and which is parallel to the plane \mathcal{P} .

b) Find parametric equations of the line which contains the point A and which intersects the line L at the \hat{i} angle.

8. Let $V_n = \{A \in M_{n \times n} \mid A^T = -A\}$.

a) Show that V_n is a subspace of $M_{n \times n}$.

b) Find a basis and the dimension of V_3 .

9. a) Show that $\{2x+5, x^2-3x+1, x^2+x\}$ is a basis of P_2 and find the coordinates of the vector $5x^2-x+7$ relative to this basis.

b) Find all values of t such that $\{(1, -t, 2), (t, 3, -1), (3t, 5, -4)\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

10. Determine whether the following statement is true or false. Justify your answer with a proof or a counterexample.

a) The point $(1, 2, 1)$ is between planes $6x-3y+6z=-3 \wedge 4x-2y+4z=2$.

b) $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \vee xy=0 \wedge yz=0\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

ANSWERS:

1. a) $\{(1+2t, -8t, -1-t, t) | t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ b) $(-2, 8, 1)$

2. a) $k=0 \vee k=1$ b) $k \neq 0 \wedge k \neq 1$ c) there is no such k

3. a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{7}{4} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. a) Hint: Use the definition of orthogonal matrix. b) Hint: Write $\text{adj}A$ in terms of A^{-1} .

5. a) $\pm(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, 0)$ b) $(1, 2, 3)$

6. a) Hint: Use Properties of transpose operation. b) 2

7. a) $x=1+6t, y=1-4t, z=1-13t$ b) $x=1+\frac{17}{11}t, y=1+\frac{5}{11}t, z=1+\frac{4}{11}t$

8. a) Hint: Use the theorem. b) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is the basis and $\dim(V_3)=3$

9. a) Hint: Use the theorem. The coordinates are $(1, 2, 3)$. b) $\{t \in \mathbb{R} | t \neq -1 \wedge t \neq -7\}$

10. a) False b) False