

1. (4 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & a & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & a^2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the value(s) of  $a$  for which the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

has:

- (a) a unique solution.  
 (b) infinitely many solutions.  
 (c) no solution.
2. (4 points) Find the polynomial  $p(x) = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  such that  $p(1) = -1, p(-1) = 1, p'(1) = -7$ , and  $p'(-1) = -3$ .

3. (6 points) Given the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 8 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find a basis for each of the following subspaces.

- (a)  $\text{Col}(A)$   
 (b)  $\text{Row}(A)$   
 (c)  $\text{Nul}(A^T)$

4. (2 points) Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$  is a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{w} = 3\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v}$  is a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{b}$ .

5. (6 points) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  denote the vertical expansion by a factor of 2 and let  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  denote the (counter-clockwise) rotation about the origin by  $\pi/2$  radians.

- (a) Find the standard matrix of the composite  $S \circ T$ .  
 (b) Let  $\mathcal{R}$  denote the triangular region with vertices  $(-1, -1), (4, 0)$ , and  $(3, 2)$ . Make two sketches, one of  $\mathcal{R}$ , and the other of the image  $(S \circ T)(\mathcal{R})$ .

6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ C & 2I \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $B$  is invertible.

- (a) (3 points) Find an expression for the partitioned matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

- (b) (3 points) Use your work from part (a) to find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (c) (1 point) Use your previous result to find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

7. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (3 points) Find  $A^{-1}$  by row reduction.

(b) (4 points) Express the matrix  $A$  as a product of elementary matrices.

8. (3 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be invertible  $n \times n$  matrices. Given that  $B$  is symmetric, determine whether the matrix  $AB^{-1}A^T - B$  is also symmetric. Justify your answer.

9. (3 points) Solve for the matrix  $X$  in the equation below:

$$(3XB)^{-1} + A = X^{-1}$$

Assume that all matrices involved are invertible.

10. (4 points) Given the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the determinant of  $A$ .

11. (6 points) Given  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices such that  $\det(A) = 3$ ,  $\det(B) = -2$ , and  $\det(C) = 0$ , evaluate the following determinants.

(a)  $\det((3AB^2)^{-1})$

(b)  $\det(AC + BC)$

(c)  $\det(A^{-1} + \text{adj}(A))$

12. (7 points) Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2} : \det A = 0\}$ .

(a) Find two matrices in  $\mathcal{H}$ , neither of which is a scalar multiple of the other.

(b) Is  $\mathcal{H}$  closed under addition?

(c) Is  $\mathcal{H}$  closed under scalar multiplication?

(d) Is  $\mathcal{H}$  a subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ ?

13. (4 points) Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathcal{S} = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_{2 \times 2} : A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}$ . Find a basis for  $\mathcal{S}$ .

14. (4 points) Let  $W$  be the set of all polynomials  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\mathbb{P}_3$  such that  $\mathbf{p}(1) = 0$  and  $\mathbf{p}'(-1) = 0$ . Find a basis for  $W$ .

15. (6 points) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (a) Find an equation of the form  $ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3 = d$  for the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- (b) Show that the line  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is entirely contained on the plane spanned by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
16. Consider the plane  $\mathcal{P} : 2x - 4y + 2z = 6$ , the line  $\mathcal{L} : \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the point  $Q(1, 6, 0)$ .
- (a) (1 point) Find an equation for the line through the origin and the point  $Q$ .
- (b) (2 points) Find the cosine of the angle between the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  and the  $yz$ -plane.
- (c) (3 points) Find the distance from the point  $Q$  to the line  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- (d) (4 points) Find the point on the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  that is closest to the point  $Q$ .
- (e) (3 points) Find an equation of the form  $ax + by + cz = d$  for the plane that contains the line  $\mathcal{L}$  and is perpendicular to the plane  $\mathcal{P}$ .
17. (4 points) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ k \\ k^2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (a) Find all values of  $k$  for which  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal.
- (b) Find a unit vector that is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ .
18. (3 points) Let  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  be a set of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (a) Simplify  $\mathbf{u} \cdot [(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) \times (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u})]$ .
- (b) True or false: the parallelepiped with sides  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  has the same volume as the parallelepiped with sides  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u}$ .
19. (3 points) Show that if  $\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\{\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\}$  is also linearly independent.
20. (4 points) Complete the following statements with “must”, “might”, or “cannot”, as appropriate.
- (a) If  $A$  is a product of elementary matrices, then  $\det(A)$  \_\_\_\_\_ equal zero.
- (b) Two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that are both perpendicular to a third line \_\_\_\_\_ be parallel.
- (c) If matrix  $AB$  is invertible, then  $A$  \_\_\_\_\_ be invertible.
- (d) Given a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , the kernel of  $T$  \_\_\_\_\_ be a plane.

## ANSWERS

1. (a)  $a \neq -1, a \neq 1, \text{ and } a \neq 4$  (b)  $a = 4$  (c)  $a = -1$  or  $a = 1$

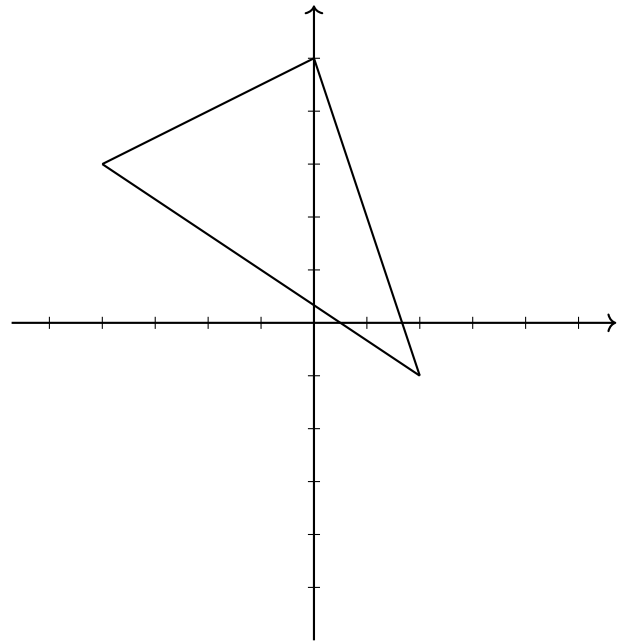
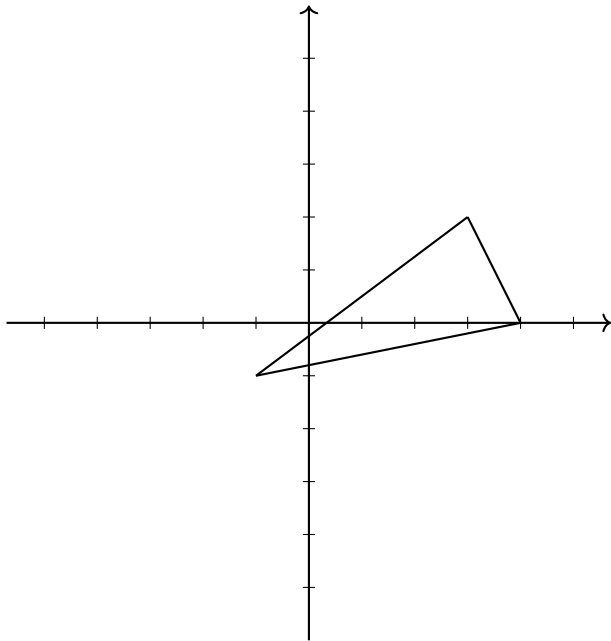
2.  $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 2$

3. (a)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  (b)  $\{[1 \ 0 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]\}$  (c)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

4.  $A\mathbf{w} = A(3\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v}) = 3A\mathbf{u} - 4A\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{b} - 4 \cdot \mathbf{0} = 3\mathbf{b}$

5. (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)



6. (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} B^{-1} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}CB^{-1} & \frac{1}{2}I \end{bmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 5/6 & 2/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/6 & -1/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -13/12 & -7/6 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ -3/4 & -1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$  (c) Transpose of answer in part (b)

7. (a)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 24 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

8. Yes, as  $(AB^{-1}A^T - B)^T = (AB^{-1}A^T)^T - B^T = A(B^{-1})^T A^T - B = A(B^T)^{-1}A^T - B = AB^{-1}A^T - B$

9.  $X = A^{-1}(I - \frac{1}{3}B^{-1})$

10.  $\det(A) = 3$       11. (a)  $\frac{1}{108}$     (b) 0    (c)  $\frac{16}{3}$

12. (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (many answers)

(b) No.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{H}$  however  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin \mathcal{H}$

(c) Yes. Given  $A \in \mathcal{H}, k \in \mathbb{R}, \det(kA) = k^2 \det A = k^2 \cdot 0 = 0$

(d) No, as  $\mathcal{H}$  is not closed under vector addition.

13.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$       14.  $\{3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x, 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5\}$

15. (a)  $2x_1 + x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$       (b)  $2x_1 + x_2 - 5x_3 = 2(2 + 9t) + (6 + 2t) - 5(2 + 4t) = 0$

16. (a)  $\mathbf{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$       (b) Using  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \cos(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$       (c)  $\sqrt{3}$  units

(d)  $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$       (e)  $y + 2z = 7$

17. (a)  $k = -2$  and  $k = 3$       (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$  (many answers)

18. (a)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$       (b) True

19. Show that if  $c_1(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) + c_2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 0$ , then  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 0$ .

$$c_1(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) + c_2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 0 \rightarrow c_1\mathbf{a} - c_1\mathbf{b} + c_2\mathbf{a} + c_2\mathbf{b} = 0 \rightarrow (c_1 + c_2)\mathbf{a} + (-c_1 + c_2)\mathbf{b} = 0$$

As  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are linearly independent,  $c_1 + c_2 = 0$  and  $-c_1 + c_2 = 0$ . Solving this system of two equations gives  $c_1 = 0$  and  $c_2 = 0$ .

20. (a) cannot      (b) might      (c) might      (d) might