

## Test #1

Please show all your work and write so that I can read. Justify your answers. Do all work on the test paper. Write your name on top of each page in the space provided. Good luck!

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1. Suppose that an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  satisfies the equation

$$A^5 - 5A^4 + 4A^3 - A^2 + A + I = 0.$$

Show that  $A$  is invertible and give a formula for  $A^{-1}$  in terms of  $A$ .

2. Find the inverse of the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Find the values of  $c$ , if any, for which the matrix below is invertible.

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

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4. Verify that

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and solve the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $X$ .

5. Let  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  be a system of  $n$  linear equations with  $n$  unknowns, and let  $Q$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  has only the trivial solution if and only if  $(QA)\mathbf{x} = 0$  has only the trivial solution.

6. Determine the conditions on the  $b_i$ 's, if any, in order to guarantee that the system below is consistent.

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrcl} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & - & x_3 & = & b_1 \\ -4x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 3x_3 & = & b_2 \\ -2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & b_3 \end{array}$$

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7. Show that if  $A$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix then the matrix  $BAB^T$  is a  $k \times k$  symmetric matrix.

8. Find the matrix of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 - x_4 \\ w_2 &= x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4. \end{aligned}$$

and then compute  $T(1, -1, 2, 4)$  using matrix multiplication.

9. Let  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be multiplication by the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 7 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and let  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_3$  be the standard basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find  $T_A(\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_3)$ .

10. Find the quadratic polynomial whose graph passes through the points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 1)$ , and  $(1, 2)$ .