

1. What is the determinant of the following matrix?

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

- A. 0  
B. 8  
C. 55  
D. 120  
E. 160

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & -8 & -10 \\ 0 & -7 & -10 & -13 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & -4 & -36 \end{vmatrix} = 160$$

2. If  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 4$ , then  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & 4a_3 - 2a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 & 4b_3 - 2b_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}c_1 & \frac{1}{2}c_2 & 2c_3 - c_2 \end{bmatrix} =$

A. 8  
B. 6  
C. 4  
D. 2  
E. 1

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & 4a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & 4b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & 4c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & 2a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & 2b_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}c_1 & \frac{1}{2}c_2 & 2c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & 4a_3 - 2a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 & 4b_3 - 2b_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}c_1 & \frac{1}{2}c_2 & 2(c_3 - c_2) \end{vmatrix}$$

3. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Which of the following statements must be true?

- (i) If  $A^T = -A$ , then  $\det A$  must be zero.  
(ii) If  $A^2 = A$ , then  $A$  must be the identity matrix or the zero matrix.  
(iii) If  $\det A \neq 0$ , then the homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  only has the trivial solution.

- A. None  
B. (iii) only  
C. (i) and (iii) only  
D. (ii) and (iii) only  
E. (i), (ii) and (iii)

(i) might not be true when

$n$  is even.

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a counter example

(ii) Counter example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Which of the following vectors in  $R_3$  is a linear combination of

$$v_1 = [4 \ 2 \ -3], v_2 = [2 \ 1 \ -2], v_3 = [-2 \ -1 \ 4]?$$

- A.  $[1 \ 0 \ 0]$   
 B.  $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$   
 C.  $[-2 \ 2 \ 3]$

- D.  $[6 \ 3 \ 7]$   
 E. None of the above.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 2 & -2 & x \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & y \\ -3 & -2 & 4 & z \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & -2 & 4 & z \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & y \\ 4 & 2 & -2 & x \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 2 & z+2y \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -3y-2z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x-2y \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x-2y=0$$

5. Which of the following sets of  $2 \times 2$  matrices are vector spaces? (Here  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  are the usual addition and scalar multiplication of matrices.)

- (i) {all matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $a+b=3c-d$ .}  
 (ii) {all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution.}  
 (iii) {all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that  $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is consistent.}

- A. (i) and (ii)  
 B. (ii) only  
 C. (ii) and (iii)  
 D. (i) only  
 E. All of them are vector spaces.

(ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$Ax = 0, Bx = 0$  has nontrivial solutions. But  $A+B = I_2$ .

(ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $Bx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

are consistent.

But  $(A+B)x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is NOT

6. Let  $P_3$  be the set of all polynomials of degree 3 or less. Which of the following subsets are subspaces of  $P_3$ ? (Here  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  are the standard addition and scalar multiplication.)

- (i) {all polynomials  $p(x)$  such that  $p(1) \neq 0$ }  
 (ii) {all polynomials  $p(x)$  such that  $p(x) = p(-x)$ .}  
 (iii) {all polynomials  $p(x)$  with  $p(0) = p(1)$ .}

- A. (i) and (ii)  
 B. (ii) only  
 C. (ii) and (iii)  
 D. (i) and (iii)  
 E. All of them are vector spaces.

(i)  $p(1) \neq 0$

$0 \cdot p(1) = 0$

7. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & t \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$ . Choose a value of  $t$  so that the null space of  $A$  has dimension 0.

- A. 0  
 B. 1  
 C. -1  
 D. 2  
 (E.) No such value of  $t$  exists.

*rank A = 2 for all t.  
 => nullity of A = 1.*

8. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 5$  matrix with rank 3. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. A consistent linear system  $Ax = b$  must have a unique solution. *Can not be unique.*  
 B. The null space of  $A$  has dimension 3. *nullity of A = 2*  
 C. The columns of  $A$  form a basis for the column space of  $A$ . *columns are linearly dep.*  
 (D.) The system  $Ax = b$  is consistent for every  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 E. The rows of  $A$  form a linearly dependent set. *rows of A are L.I.*

9. Choose a value of  $a$  so that the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal to the vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \\ a^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- A. 1  
 B. 2  
 (C.) 3  
 D. 4  
 E. None of the above

$$-9a + a^3 = 0$$

$$a(a^2 - 9) = 0$$

10. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$

- A. is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.
- B. is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $-1$ .
- C. is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $i$ .
- D. is an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $-i$ .
- E. is not an eigenvector.

11. Consider the following differential equation:

$$dx/dt = x + 5y$$

$$dy/dt = 5x + y$$

Which of the following is a solution:

- A.  $x = 3e^{3t} + 2e^{-2t}$  and  $y = 2e^{3t} - 2e^{-2t}$
- B.  $x = 3e^{4t} + 2e^{-4t}$  and  $y = 2e^{6t} - 3e^{-t}$ .
- C.  $x = 2e^{6t} + 2e^{-4t}$  and  $y = 2e^{6t} - 2e^{-4t}$ .
- D.  $x = 3e^{3t} + 2e^{2t}$  and  $y = 2e^{3t} - 2e^{2t}$ .
- E.  $x = 8e^t + 4e^{-3t}$  and  $y = 9e^t - 4e^{-3t}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -5 \\ -5 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 24 = (\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 4)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 6$$

$$\lambda_1 [I - A] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -4$$

$$\lambda_2 [I - A] \sim \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X(t) = b_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{6t} \\ e^{6t} \end{bmatrix} + b_2 \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-4t} \\ e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

12. Suppose the vector  $v = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

Choose  $b_1 = 2$   
 $b_2 = -2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then which of the following statement is always correct:

- A.  $a = 0, b = c = -d$
- B.  $b = 0, a = b = -d$
- C.  $c = a = 0, a = b = -c$
- D.  $d = 0, a = b = c$
- E.  $a = b = 0, c = 2d + 1$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

13. Let  $C[-\pi, \pi]$  be the real vector space of continuous functions defined on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Define an inner product on  $C[-\pi, \pi]$  by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)g(t)dt.$$

Then which of the following set of vectors are orthogonal?

- A.  $1, t, t^2$   
 B.  $\sin^2 t, 1, \cos t$   
 C.  $1, e^t, e^{2t}$   
 D.  $1, t, t^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3}$   
 E. None of the above
14. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A. If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then  $A^T$  is also symmetric.  
 B. The product  $AA^T$  is always symmetric.  
 C. If  $A$  is skew symmetric, then  $A^3$  is symmetric.  
 D. If  $A$  is symmetric, then  $A + A^2$  is symmetric.  
 E. The sum  $A + A^T$  is always symmetric.

$$(A^3)^T = (A^T)^3 = (-A)^3 = -A^3$$

*still skew-symmetric.*

15.  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A.  $(A^2)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^2$   
 B.  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$ .  
 C.  $(AB^{-1})^{-1} = BA^{-1}$ .  
 D.  $(A + B^{-1})^{-1} = A^{-1} + B$ .  
 E.  $(aA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}A^{-1}$  for any nonzero real number  $a$ .

$(A + B^{-1})$  might not be invertible.

Counterexample:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$

16. Consider the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = a \\ 2x - y + z = b \\ 3x + y + 4z = c \end{cases}$$

Under which condition will this system be consistent?

- A.  $a = c - 2b$
- B.  $a = c - b$
- C.  $b = a + c$
- D.  $b = a - 2c$
- E.  $c = 2a + b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & | & a \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & | & b \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & | & c \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & a \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & | & b-2a \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & | & c-3a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & a \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -\frac{1}{5}(b-2a) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & c-b-a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c-b-a=0$$

17. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A. The rows of any invertible  $n \times n$  matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- B. The rows of any orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- C. The rows of any elementary  $n \times n$  matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- D. The rows of any symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- E. The rows of any nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

orthogonal, elementary matrices are invertible, but sym matrices might NOT. eg.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

18. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of the following collections of vectors is linearly independent?

- A. The rows of the matrix  $A$ .
- B. The rows of the matrix  $A^T$ .
- C. The rows of the matrix  $A \cdot A^T$ .
- D. The first three rows of  $A$ .
- E. None of the above.

rank  $A = 3$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 columns of  $A$  are L.I.

C.  $AA^T$  is  $4 \times 4$ . But rank  $AA^T \leq 3$   
 So rows of  $AA^T$  are linearly dep.

D.  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow$  first 3 rows of  $A$  are linearly dep.

19. In this problem,  $A$  is a  $5 \times 8$  matrix. Find the TRUE statement.

- A. If  $\text{rref}(A)$  has five leading 1's then the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.
- B. If the number of leading 1's of  $\text{rref}(A)$  equals three, then one can pick three columns of  $A$  that span the column space of  $A$ .
- C. If columns 1, 3 and 8 of  $\text{rref}(A)$  have no leading 1 then  $A$  must have five linearly independent rows.
- D. If columns 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of  $\text{rref}(A)$  are exactly the ones that have no leading 1 then there are five linearly independent rows in  $A$ .
- E. None of the above.

20. What are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- A. 1, 2.
- B. 1, 2, 3.
- C.  $\pm 1, 2$ .
- D.  $\pm 1, 2, 3$ .
- E. None of the above.

$$p(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda-1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & \lambda-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda-2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-1 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda-1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3)(\lambda+1)$$

21. Which of the following matrices is NOT diagonalizable?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- E.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$k = 2$$

$$\lambda_1 I_2 - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m = 1 < k$$

22. For an  $n \times n$  real matrix  $A$ , which of the following statements are true?

- i) If  $A^T = A$ , then all eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.  *$A$  sym  $\Rightarrow$  all eigenvalue of  $A$  are real*
- ii) If  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix, then the columns of  $A$  form an orthonormal set.
- iii) If all eigenvalues of  $A$  are equal to 1, then  $A$  is similar to the identity matrix  $I_n$ . *Counterexample:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$*

- A. i) only.
- B. ii) only.
- C. i) and ii) only.
- D. i), ii), iii).
- E. None of the above.

23. Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices. Which of the following statements are always true?

- (i)  $A^2$  is symmetric.  *$(A^2)^T = A^T A^T = (A^T)^2 = A^2$*
- (ii)  $AB$  is symmetric.
- (iii)  $ABA$  is symmetric.  *$(ABA)^T = A^T B^T A^T = ABA$*

- A. none of these
- B. (i) only
- C. (ii) only
- D. (i) and (iii) only.
- E. (i), (ii) and (iii)

*(ii) Counterexample:*  
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

24. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the (2,3)-entry of  $2A[B + A^T]$ .

- A. 4
- B. 8
- C. 26
- D. 52
- E. 104



25. Let  $W$  denote the vector space spanned by the vectors

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the distance from  $\mathbf{v}$  to  $W$ .

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D.  $\sqrt{2}$
- E. 4

$v$  is orthogonal to  $u_1$  &  $u_2$

$\Rightarrow$  distance of  $v$  to  $W = \|v\| = 2$

