

**MA26500: EXAM I**

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- (1) No calculators are allowed.
- (2) No portable electronic devices.
- (3) There are 10 problems. Each problem is worth 10 points.
- (4) The score is accumulative and the maximum is 100.

1. Let  $A_{ij}$  be the cofactor of the element  $a_{ij}$  of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\det(A) = 5$ .  
Then the value of the expression  $a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{21}A_{21} + a_{22}A_{22}$  is equal to

- A. 0
- B. 5
- C. 10
- D. 15
- E. Undetermined by the information given above.

2.  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $AX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has infinitely many solutions. Then  $A$  satisfies

- A.  $A$  is nonsingular.
- B.  $A$  is symmetric.
- C. The homogeneous system  $AX = 0$  only has trivial solution.
- D. The homogeneous system  $AX = 0$  has non-trivial solutions.
- E. None of the above.

3. Determine which one of the following expressions is the general solution to the inhomogeneous system of equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 4x_4 = 5 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 3 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 - 2x_4 = 1 \end{cases}$$

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

C.  $\begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 2 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

E. No solution.

4. The determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 7 & 0 & 8 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is

- A. -1
- B. 0
- C. 1
- D. 15
- E. 2

5. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the **sum** of the entries in the third row of  $A^{-1}$  is

A. -2

B. -1

C. 0

D. 1

E. 2

6. Find all the values of  $k$  for which the system

$$\begin{cases} kx + y + z = 1 \\ 3x + (k+2)y - z = 5 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z = k+1 \end{cases}$$

has no solution. You may use the fact that  $\det \begin{bmatrix} k & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & k+2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2(k-1)(k+3)$ .

- A.  $k = 1$
- B.  $k = 1, -3$
- C.  $k \neq 1, -3$
- D.  $k \neq 1$
- E.  $k = -3$

7.  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  is an  $m \times 1$  vector.  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution. Consider the following statements:

- (i)  $m < n$
- (ii)  $n < m$
- (iii) the rank of  $A < n$
- (iv) the rank of  $A < m$

Which **must** be true?

- A. only (ii)
- B. only (iv)
- C. only (i) and (iii)
- D. only (iii)
- E. None of the statements has to be true.



8. For what value(s) of  $\lambda$ , can  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}$  be expressed as a linear combination of  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

- A.  $\lambda = -2, 1$
- B.  $\lambda = 5, 6$
- C.  $\lambda = 1$
- D.  $\lambda = 0, 1$
- E.  $\lambda = 5$

9. Which of the following sets  $S$  are subspaces of the given vector space  $V$ ?

(i)  $S = \{A \in V : \text{Tr}(A) = 0\}$ ,  $V = M_3(\mathbb{R}) = \{3 \times 3 \text{ matrices with real entries}\}$

(ii)  $S = \{f(t) = at^2 + bt + c : a - 2b + c = 1\}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{P}_2 = \{\text{all polynomials with degree no more than } 2\}$

(iii)  $S = \{A \in V : A^2 + A = 0\}$ ,  $V = M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{2 \times 2 \text{ matrices with real entries}\}$

(iv)  $S = \{(x, y, z) \in V : 3x - y = 7z\}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

(v)  $S = \{\text{solutions to the equation } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 11 & -1 & 0 \\ 9 & -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix}\}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

A. only (iv)

B. only (i) and (iv)

C. only (i), (iii) and (v)

D. only (iii), (iv) and (v)

E. All of the above.

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

- (i)  $AA^T$  is a symmetric matrix, and  $-A^T A$  is a skew-symmetric matrix.
- (ii) If  $A$  is both symmetric and skew-symmetric, then it is the zero matrix.
- (iii) If  $n$  is odd and  $A$  is skew-symmetric, then  $A$  is singular.

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