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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
37233 LINEAR ALGEBRA

**Tutorial 2**

**Question 1**

Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate by hand, where possible, or identify those calculations which are *not* possible:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, & \mathbf{Aa}, & \mathbf{Ab}, & \mathbf{Ba}, & \mathbf{Bb}, & & & & \\ \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}, & \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}^T, & \mathbf{AB}, & \mathbf{BA}, & \mathbf{AB}^T & & & & \end{array}$$

**Question 2**

Using Gaussian elimination, find all solutions to the following systems (a)–(d). Indicate pivot positions, basic variables and free variables if any.

(a)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x_1 - 4x_2 & + x_4 + 7x_5 & = 11 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 + 9x_5 & = 12 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 - 5x_5 & = 16 \\ 4x_1 - 8x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + 6x_5 & = -2 \end{array}$$

(b)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 + 8x_4 & = & -2 \\ 3x_1 & - 3x_3 + 9x_4 & = -1 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 & = & 1 \end{array}$$

(c)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -x_1 + x_2 & + x_3 & = 9 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 & - x_3 & = -10 \\ 3x_1 & - 2x_3 & = -19 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 & = & -10 \end{array}$$

**Question 3**

Consider the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  by row reducing the augmented matrix  $[\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{I}]$ .
- (b) Use the inverse matrix to solve the system of equations.

**Question 4**

Using row-reduction to echelon form, find the determinant of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -6 & 8 \\ 4 & -8 & 2 & -7 \\ -3 & 6 & -9 & 7 \\ 5 & -9 & 18 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 5**

Assume that  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are different invertible matrices, with some of the relationships as shown in the table below. Based on that information:

- (a) Fill in the missing entries in the table to the right.
- (b) Identify the identity matrix.
- (c) Which matrix is the inverse of the matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ ?
- (d) Use the table to obtain the result of  $\mathbf{BAC}$ .

Product	Result
$\mathbf{AA}$	
$\mathbf{AB}$	
$\mathbf{AC}$	
$\mathbf{BA}$	$\mathbf{B}$
$\mathbf{BB}$	$\mathbf{C}$
$\mathbf{BC}$	$\mathbf{A}$
$\mathbf{CA}$	
$\mathbf{CB}$	
$\mathbf{CC}$	

**Question 6**

Find  $2 \times 2$  real matrix with the property  $\mathbf{A}^2 = -\mathbf{I}$ , where  $\mathbf{I}$  is an identity matrix.

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**Tutorial 2 continuation**

**Question 1**

Describe and compare the solution sets for the homogeneous equation:  $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 0$

and the corresponding inhomogeneous equation:  $x_1 + 9x_2 - 4x_3 = 4$

Provide a geometric interpretations for the different solution versions.

**Question 2**

Write the general solution to the following  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  system: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

as the sum of a particular solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  and the general solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ .