

**MATH 54 MIDTERM 1 (002)**  
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**CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN BLANK  
PAPER FOR ROUGH WORK**

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**REMEMBER THIS EXAM IS GRADED BY  
A HUMAN BEING. WRITE YOUR  
SOLUTIONS NEATLY AND  
COHERENTLY, OR THEY RISK NOT  
RECEIVING FULL CREDIT**

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SCANNED. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ALL  
SOLUTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.  
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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. (25 points) (a) Calculate the general solution to the linear system with the following augmented matrix:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{General Solution} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 + 2x_4 + x_5 \\ 1 - x_4 - x_5 \\ 1 - x_4 + x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nearrow$   $x_4$   
 $\nearrow$   $x_5$   
 Free

- (b) Is it possible for a linear system with the above coefficient matrix to have a unique solution? Justify your answer.

Solution:

It is not possible as  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  are always free variables, so if a system is consistent it must have infinitely many solutions.

2. (25 points) . Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate  $AB$ . Using this, or otherwise, calculate the determinant and inverse of  $AB$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{Switch 1st and 3rd}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow{\text{Switch 2nd, 3rd}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\Rightarrow \text{determinant} = (-1)^2 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) = 1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow{\text{Inverse}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$\uparrow$   
Inverse

3. (25 points) Find all possible value of  $a, b, c$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution to linear system

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} a & 2b & -2 & 0 \\ b & -c & a & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

Solution:

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2b \\ -c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2a + 2b = 2 \\ a + 2b - c = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ solution } \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} a = -c \\ b = 1 + c \\ c \text{ free} \end{array}$$

4. (25 points) (a) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with the following properties:

The first column is non-zero. The first three columns are linearly dependent.

Write the echelon form matrices which are potentially row equivalent to  $A$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two matrices satisfying the above properties. If, in both cases, the last column is a linear combination of the first three columns, must  $A$  and  $B$  be row equivalent to each other? Justify your answer.

Solution:

No :  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  Are different

reduced echelon matrices so cannot be row equivalent.

5. (25 points) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear transformation such that

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -t \\ -1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -t-1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ t+4 \\ t+3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the standard matrix of  $T$ . For what values of  $t$  are the columns of the standard matrix linearly dependent? For what values of  $t$  is the span of the columns  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Justify your answers.

Solution:

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -t \\ -1 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ 1 \\ -t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = -T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ t+1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Standard Matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & t & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & t+1 & 1 \\ 0 & -t & -3 & t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & t & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & t+1 & 1 \\ 0 & -t & -3 & t \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & t & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & t-1 & 0 \\ 0 & -t & -3 & t \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & t & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & t-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & t+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Columns l.d.} \Leftrightarrow t = 0, 1, -1$$

$$\text{Span columns} = \mathbb{R}^4 \Leftrightarrow t \neq 0, 1, -1$$







