

**DAWSON COLLEGE**  
**Mathematics Department**  
**Final Examination**  
**Linear Algebra**  
**2016NYC05 (Commerce)**  
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1. a) (5 marks) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to find the general solution of the system.  
 b) (1 mark) Find a particular solution in which  $x_1 = 3$  and  $x_3 = 5$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} x_1 & x_2 & 2x_3 & x_4 & 7 \\ 2x_1 & x_2 & 2x_3 & 8 \\ 3x_1 & 2x_2 & 4x_3 & x_4 & 15 \end{array}$$

$$2x \quad y \quad z \quad 1$$

2. (6 marks) Given the system of linear equations  $\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & 2y & 2z & 1 \\ 3x & 2y & 5z & 5 \end{array}$ .

- a) Use the adjoint matrix to find the inverse of the coefficient matrix.  
 b) Use the inverse of the coefficient matrix to solve the system.

3. (3 marks) Use Etc o gtou"twng"to solve the system from question #2 hqt"ozö"qpn{.

4. (3+1+4 marks) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a. Calculate  $\text{tr}(A^2 - 3B^T B - 4C^{2019})$   
 b. Does the system  $B^T X = 0$  have a nontrivial solution? Justify your answer without solving the system.  
 c. Solve for  $X$ :  $AX^T - 2I^{-1} = A^2$

5. (3 marks) Determine the values of  $a$  such that the system has  
 1) a unique solution, 2) infinitely many solutions, 3) no solution :

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 2y - 4az = 3 \\ y - 7az = 2 \\ x - 3y - a^2 - 2a - z - a = 6 \end{array}$$

6. (3 marks) Let

a)  $\begin{vmatrix} d & mg & 3a & g & g & a \\ e & mh & 3b & h & h & b \\ f & mi & 3c & i & i & c \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $m$  is a real number.

b)  $\det(2B^3)^{-1} = B^T A^{-4}$

c)  $\det(A^{-1}B^{-1} - B^{-1}adj(A^{-1}))$

10. (3+3+3+3 marks) Let  $\vec{u} = 3, 2, 1$ ,  $\vec{v} = 1, 2,$  and  $\vec{w} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$

a) Find the area of the triangle determined by  $\vec{u}, \vec{w}$  and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ .

b) Find a vector of length 5 perpendicular to both vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{w}$  and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$ .

c) Find  $Proj_{\vec{u}-\vec{v}} \vec{u} - \vec{w}$

d) Find the value(s) of  $k$  such that the vector  $\vec{v} - k\vec{w}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{v} - k\vec{u}$ .

11. (3 marks) Let  $\vec{a} = \vec{c} = \vec{a} - \vec{c} = \vec{a} - \vec{b} = 4$ . Find the volume of the parallelepiped with edges  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ .

12. (1+3 marks) a) Determine whether the planes  $x - 2y - z = 2$  and  $2x - 3y - 5z = 1$

**Answers**

**1.** a)  $x_1 = 1, t, x_2 = 6, 2s, 2t, x_3 = s, x_4 = t.$  b)  $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 8, x_3 = 5, x_4 = 2.$

$$\frac{6}{7} \quad 1 \quad \frac{4}{7}$$

**2.** a)  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & 1 & \frac{3}{7} \\ \frac{4}{7} & 1 & \frac{5}{7} \end{pmatrix};$  b)  $x = 1, y = 1, z = 2.$

**3.**  $z = 2$

**4.** a) 94; b) Yes, it does. c)  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 29 & 70 \\ 105 & 251 \end{pmatrix}.$

**5.** 1)  $a = 0, a = 1;$  2)  $a = 1;$  3)  $a = 0$

**6.**  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$  Other possible answers.

**7.**  $BC = CB$

**8.** 80.

**9.** a) 8; b)  $\frac{1}{32};$  c)  $\frac{1}{16}$

**10.** a)  $\sqrt{19};$  b)  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{15}{\sqrt{19}};$  c)  $\frac{5}{2}, 0, \frac{5}{2};$  d)  $k = 2, k = 3.$

**11.** 2

**12.** a) not parallel; b)

**13.** a)  $\frac{\sqrt{910}}{\sqrt{61}};$  b)  $15x - 26y - 3z - 71 = 0;$  c) 0, 1, 7; d) 1, 1, 10.

**14.**  $2\sqrt{5}$

**15.** True;

**16.**  $P = 27, x_1 = 0, x_2 = 5, x_3 = 7.$

**17.**  $C = 14, x_1 = 7, x_2 = 0.$