

DAWSON COLLEGE  
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT  
Final Examination

Mathematics 201-NYC-05  
**Linear Algebra (Regular)**  
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Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010  
Time: 2:00 - 5:00

1. Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 9x & 18y & + & 45z & = & 39 \\ 2x & + & 5y & & 11z & = & 28=3 ; \\ 7x & & 17y & + & 38z & = & 97=3 \end{array}$$

- (a) (5 marks) Find all solutions using Gauss-Jordan elimination.  
(b) (2 marks) Find any two particular solutions.

2. Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute whenever it is possible:

- (a) (2 marks)  $A^{-1}$   
(b) (2 marks)  $C^{-1}$   
(c) (2 marks)  $(3A - I)B - C^T$   
(d) (2 marks)  $\det(3B)$   
(e) (2 marks)  $\text{trace}(AC)^T$

3. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B$  a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $\det(B) = 3$ .

- (a) (3 marks) Find  $\det(A)$ .  
(b) (3 marks) Find  $\det(3A^{-1}B^2)$ .

4. (5 marks) Prove that if  $A^T A = A$ , then  $A$  is symmetric and  $A = A^2$ .

5. (5 marks) Show that if a square matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^2 - 4A + I = 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = 4I - A$ .

6. (4 marks) Solve for  $x$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & x+1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ x & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

7. Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3=2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1=2 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (2 marks) Is it possible to find an elementary matrix  $E_1$  such that  $E_1 A = B$ ? If yes, what is  $E_1$ ? If no, justify.  
(b) (2 marks) Is it possible to find an elementary matrix  $E_2$  such that  $E_2 B = C$ ? If yes, what is  $E_2$ ? If no, justify.

8. Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x & + & 2y & = & 12 \\ x & + & 4y & = & 7 \end{array}$$

- (a) (3 marks) Solve the system using Cramer's rule.  
(b) (3 marks) Solve the system using the inverse of  $A$ .

9. Given  $u = (3; 0; 1)$ ,  $v = (-2; 1; 2)$  and  $w = (4; -2; 1)$ , find

(a) (2 marks)  $ku + vk$

(b) (2 marks)