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## Quiz 7

This quiz is graded out of 10 marks. No books, calculators, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

**Question 1.** §2.2 #29 (5 marks) Use row reduction to show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$$

**Question 2.** §2.3 #18 (5 marks) Find the values of  $k$  for which  $A$  is invertible

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ k & 1 & k \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Bonus Question.** <sup>1</sup> Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, and  $AB$  is its own inverse (i.e.  $(AB)^{-1} = AB$ ).

a. (2 marks) Prove that  $BA$  is invertible and is its own inverse.

b. (2 marks) Evaluate and simplify  $(AB + I)^2$

c. (1 mark) Evaluate and simplify  $(AB + I)^8$

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<sup>1</sup>From a John Abbott Final Examination