

No books, watches, 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.

**Question 1.<sup>1</sup>** (3 marks) Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ , find a matrix  $X$  such that  $XA - XA^T = A$ .

$$A - A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - A^T)^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X(A - A^T) = A$$

$$X(A - A^T)(A - A^T)^{-1} = A(A - A^T)^{-1}$$

$$XI = A(A - A^T)^{-1}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 7/2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 2.<sup>1</sup>** (3 marks) Consider the matrix equation  $A^{-1}B = (C - 2A)^{-1}$ . Solve for  $A$ .

$$(A^{-1}B)^{-1} = ((C - 2A)^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$B^{-1}A = C - 2A$$

$$BA + 2A = C$$

$$(B^{-1} + 2I)A = C$$

$$(B^{-1} + 2I)^{-1}(B^{-1} + 2I)A = (B^{-1} + 2I)^{-1}C$$

$$IA = C$$

$$A = (B^{-1} + 2I)^{-1}C$$

**Question 3.** Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.a. (2 marks) For all square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of the same size, it is true that  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ .False, Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $(A+B)^2 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 26 \\ 6 & 29 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\text{But } A^2 + 2AB + B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 16 \\ 11 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. (2 marks) The sum of two invertible matrices of the same size must be invertible.

False,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  are both invertible since  $ad-bc \neq 0$ But  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not invertible since  $ad-bc=0$ **Question 4.** (3 marks) Prove: If  $A$  has two rows which are identical then  $A$  is singular.Suppose the  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  row of  $A$  are identical. If there exist a matrix  $B$  such that  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of the product  $AB$  is  $[0 \dots 0 \overset{i^{\text{th}} \text{ column}}{1} 0 \dots 0]$  then  $j^{\text{th}}$  row of the product  $AB$  is the same.Hence it is impossible to find a matrix  $B$  s.t.  $AB = I$ .So  $A$  is singular.**Bonus.** (3 marks) Find the formula for the  $n$ -th power of this matrix.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ <sup>1</sup>From a past John Abbott final examination