

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 1.¹ (3 marks) Complete the following sentences with the word **must**, **might** or **cannot**, as appropriate.

- a. If R is the reduced row echelon form of a matrix which is row equivalent to an invertible matrix, then $\det(R)$ cannot equal zero.
- b. If A , B , and C are square matrices such that $ABC^2 = I$ then matrix must be invertible.
- c. Let A be a square matrix. If $Ax = Ay$ for two distinct x and y then $\det(A)$ must equal zero.

Question 2.² (4 marks) Let A and B be two 3×3 matrices with $\det(A) = 2$ and $\det(B) = 5$. Find: $\det(A^3 \det(B) A^T (\text{adj}(A))^4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \det(A^3) \det(\det(B) A^T) \det((\text{adj}(A))^4) \\ &= (\det(A))^3 (\det(B))^3 \det(A^T) (\det(\text{adj}(A)))^4 \\ &= 2^3 5^3 \det(A) ((\det(A))^{3-1})^4 \\ &= 2^3 5^3 2 ((2)^2)^4 \\ &= 2^3 5^3 2 (2^8) \\ &= 2^{12} 5^3 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3.² (3 marks) If A and B are invertible matrices of the same size show that $\text{adj}(AB) = \text{adj}(B) \text{adj}(A)$.

Since A and B are invertible it follows that $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj} A$, $B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det B} \text{adj} B$

and AB is invertible. So $(AB)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(AB)} \text{adj}(AB)$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(AB) (AB)^{-1} &= \text{adj}(AB) \\ \det(A) \det(B) B^{-1} A^{-1} &= \text{adj}(AB) \\ \det(B) B^{-1} \det(A) A^{-1} &= \text{adj}(AB) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj}(AB) &= \det(B) \frac{1}{\det(B)} \text{adj}(B) \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) \\ \text{adj}(AB) &= \text{adj}(B) \text{adj}(A) \end{aligned}$$

Question 4.¹ (4 marks) Given that $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = 10$, find $\begin{vmatrix} 3g+a & 3h+b & 2 & 3i+c \\ d+2a & e+2b & 3 & f+2c \\ a & b & 4 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \overset{0}{a_{41} c_{41}} + \overset{0}{a_{42} c_{42}} + \overset{0}{a_{43} c_{43}} + \overset{0}{a_{44} c_{44}}$$

$$= a_{43} c_{43}$$

$$= 5 (-1)^{4+3} \begin{vmatrix} 3g+a & 3h+b & 3i+c \\ d+2a & e+2b & f+2c \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -5 \begin{array}{l} -R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -2R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} 3g & 3h & 3i \\ d & e & f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow = (-5)(-1) R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 3g & 3h & 3i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 5(3) \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{3} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 5(3)(10)$$

$$= 150$$

¹ Inspired from John Abbott Final Examinations.

² From a past Dawson College final examination

Question 5. Determine whether the following statement is 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) If E is an elementary matrix, then $Ex = 0$ has only the trivial solution. True,

since E is invertible $Ex = 0$ has only the trivial solution by the equivalence theorem.

Bonus. (5 marks) Prove: For every $n \times n$ matrix A , we have $A \text{adj}(A) = (\det(A))I_n$.