

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are **not** allowed. The **only** calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531**. You **must** show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1. (5 marks) Determine conditions on the b_i 's, if any, in order to guarantee that the linear system is consistent. And discuss your result using the Equivalence Theorem.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 = b_1 \\ -4x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = b_2 \\ -4x_1 + 7x_2 + 4x_3 = b_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & b_1 \\ -4 & 5 & 2 & b_2 \\ -4 & 7 & 4 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} 4R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 4R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & b_2 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & b_3 + 4b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & b_3 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & b_2 + 4b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -3R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & b_3 + 4b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3b_3 + b_2 - 8b_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ system is consistent for all $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

Question 2. (1 mark) Create a symmetric matrix by substituting appropriate numbers for the x 's.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & x & x \\ 3 & 0 & x & x \\ 7 & -8 & 0 & x \\ 2 & -3 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 3. (4 marks) If B and C are $n \times n$ matrices such that $A = B^T C + C^T B$ is invertible then show A^{-1} is symmetric.

premise:

• $A = B^T C + C^T B$ is invertible

conclusion:

• A^{-1} is symmetric

We want to show that $(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}$

$$\text{LHS} = (A^{-1})^T$$

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

$$= ((B^T C + C^T B)^T)^{-1}$$

$$= ((B^T C)^T + (C^T B)^T)^{-1}$$

$$= (C^T (B^T)^T + B^T (C^T)^T)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (C^T B + B^T C)^{-1} \\ &= (B^T C + C^T B)^{-1} \\ &= A^{-1} \\ &= \text{RHS.} \end{aligned}$$