

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.** (3 marks) 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.

If  $AB$  and  $BA$  are both defined, then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are square matrices.

True. Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  and  $B$  be  $p \times q$  matrices. Since  $AB$  is defined it implies that  
 $\# \text{ col of } A = \# \text{ rows of } B \implies n = p$

Since  $BA$  is defined it implies that  $\# \text{ col of } B = \# \text{ rows of } A \implies q = m$   
 $\implies A_{m \times n} B_{p \times q}$  is a  $m \times q$  matrix but since  $q = m$ , it is a  $m \times m$  matrix.  
 Similarly  $BA$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Question 2.** Find the values of  $k$  for which the following system has:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + 2z = -1 \\ -x + (k^2 - 2)y + (2k - 4)z = k + 4 \\ x + y + (k^2 + k)z = k + 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & k^2 - 2 & 2k - 4 & k + 4 \\ 1 & 1 & k^2 + k & k + 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & k^2 - 1 & 2k - 2 & k + 3 \\ 0 & 0 & k^2 + k - 2 & k + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & (k-1)(k+1) & 2(k-1) & k+3 \\ 0 & 0 & (k+2)(k-1) & k+2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Exactly one solution, justify.
- No solutions, justify.
- Infinitely many solutions, justify.

If  $k = -2$  then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\infty$ -many solutions since  $\# \text{ leading entries in var. col.} < \# \text{ var}$

If  $k = 1$  then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and no solutions since leading entry in constant column.

If  $k = -1$  then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{array}{l} -2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\infty$ -many solutions since  $\# \text{ leading entries in var. col.} < \# \text{ var.}$

If  $k \neq \pm 1, -2$  then unique solution since  $\# \text{ leading entries in var. col.} = \# \text{ var.}$

**Question 3.** (3 marks) 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.

If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same order, then  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)$ .

False, let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 6 \\ 5 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\text{tr}(AB) = 10 + 12 = 22$

but  $\text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B) = (2+3)(5+4) = 5(9) = 45 \neq \text{tr}(AB)$

**Question 4.** (6 marks) Find all matrices  $A$ , if any, such that  $A$  and  $B$  commute where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$AB = BA$

$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2a+5b & 3a+4b \\ 2c+5d & 3c+4d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+3c & 2b+3d \\ 5a+4c & 5b+4d \end{bmatrix}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2a+5b = 2a+3c \\ 3a+4b = 2b+3d \\ 2c+5d = 5a+4c \\ 3c+4d = 5b+4d \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 5b-3c = 0 \quad (1) \\ 3a+2b-3d = 0 \quad (2) \\ -5a-2c+5d = 0 \quad (3) \\ -5b+3c = 0 \quad (4) \end{array}$

(1) and (4) are multiples, no need for (4) when solving

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim 3R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -15 & 0 & -6 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim 5R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\xrightarrow{\sim} 5R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 10 & 0 & -15 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim -2R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 & 6 & -15 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\sim \frac{1}{15}R_1 \rightarrow R_1, \frac{1}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $c = s$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $d = t$

$a = -\frac{2}{5}s + t$

$b = \frac{3}{5}s$

$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{5}s+t & \frac{3}{5}s \\ s & t \end{bmatrix} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$