

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.

a. (3 marks) Determine all s and t such that the given matrix is symmetric

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s & 2s & st \\ t & -1 & s \\ t & s^2 & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & t & t \\ 2s & -1 & s^2 \\ st & s & s \end{bmatrix} = A^T$$

\Rightarrow ① $2s = t$

② $st = t$

③ $s = s^2 \Rightarrow s^2 - s = 0$

$s(s-1) = 0$

$s = 0 \quad s = 1$

sub $s = 0$ in ①

$2(0) = t$
 $t = 0$

satisfies ②

$\therefore (s, t) = (0, 0)$ is a solution

sub $s = 1$ in ①

$2(1) = t$
 $t = 2$

satisfies ②

$\therefore (s, t) = (1, 2)$ is also a solution.

b. (2 marks) If A and B are invertible symmetric matrices such that A and B commute show that $A^{-1}B^{-1}$ is also invertible and symmetric.

Premise:

A and B are invertible symmetric matrices

conclusion:

$A^{-1}B^{-1}$ is invertible and symmetric.

The product of invertible matrices is invertible

$\therefore A^{-1}B^{-1}$ is invertible

For symmetric, we need to show $(A^{-1}B^{-1})^T = (A^{-1}B^{-1})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (A^{-1}B^{-1})^T \\ &= ((BA)^{-1})^T \text{ since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are inv.} \\ &= ((AB)^{-1})^T \text{ since } A \text{ and } B \text{ commute} \\ &= ((AB)^T)^{-1} \\ &= (B^T A^T)^{-1} \\ &= (BA)^{-1} \text{ since } A \text{ and } B \text{ are symmetric} \\ &= A^{-1}B^{-1} \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. (5 marks) Solve for x where

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ -\cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ e^x & 1 & e^x \\ 1 & e^x & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1C_{31} + e^x C_{32} + 0C_{33}$

$1 = 1 \cdot (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^x \end{vmatrix} + e^x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ e^x & e^x \end{vmatrix}$

$1 = e^x - 1$

$2 = e^x$

$\ln 2 = \ln e^x$

$\ln 2 = x$

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.

Let $Ax = b$ be any consistent system of linear equations, and let x_1 be a fixed solution. Then every solution to the system can be written in the form $x = x_1 + x_0$, where x_0 is a solution to $Ax = 0$.

True, Let x be any solution of $Ax = b$. Then we can rewrite x as

$$x = x_1 + (x - x_1)$$

where $x_0 = x - x_1$ and is a solution of $Ax = 0$ since

$$\begin{aligned} Ax_0 &= A(x - x_1) \\ &= Ax - Ax_1 \\ &= b - b \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4. (5 marks) Let A be a 3×3 matrix such that $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 2$. Find the following: $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & 3d+3e & g+h \\ 2a-3b & 6d-9e & 2g-3h \\ 2c & 6f & 2i \end{vmatrix}$.

$$= -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{vmatrix} a+b & 3d+3e & g+h \\ -5b & -15e & -5h \\ c & 3f & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$= \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -\frac{1}{5}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad (-5 \times 2) \end{matrix} \begin{vmatrix} a & 3d & g \\ b & 3e & h \\ c & 3f & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}C_2 \rightarrow C_2$$

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

$$= -30 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -30(2)$$

$$= -60$$

Bonus. (3 marks) Let A and B be $m \times n$ and $n \times m$ matrices, respectively. If $m > n$, show that AB is not invertible.