

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  $AB + BA$  is defined, then  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same size.

True, since  $AB + BA$  is defined  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same dimension, say  $m \times n$ .  
 since  $AB$  is defined and has dimension  $m \times n$  it implies that  $A$  has  $m$  rows  
 and  $B$  has  $n$  col

since  $BA$  is defined and has dimension  $m \times n$  it implies that  $A$  has  $n$  col  
 and  $B$  has  $m$  rows

In addition #col of  $B = \#$  rows of  $A$   $\therefore m = n$

$\therefore A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices.

**Question 2.** (6 marks) Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} 2kx + (k+1)y &= 2 \\ x + y + z &= 0 \\ kx + (2k-1)y &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 2k & k+1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ k & 2k-1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2k & k+1 & 0 & 2 \\ k & 2k-1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Find the value(s) of  $k$ , if any, such that the system has:

- no solutions, justify.
- a unique solution, justify.
- infinitely many solutions, justify.

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} -2kR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -kR_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-k & -2k & 2 \\ 0 & k-1 & -k & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \begin{array}{l} R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-k & -2k & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3k & 3 \end{array} \right] \sim \begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{3}R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-k & -2k & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & k & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

If  $k=0$  then  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$  leading entry in constant column, so no solution.

If  $k=1$  then  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \frac{1}{2}R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  #leading entries in var.  $<$  #var, so  $\infty$ -many solutions.

If  $k \neq 0, 1$  then #leading entries in var col = #var, so unique solution.

**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  $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$ .

False,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$   $(AB)^T = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 11 \\ -5 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 \\ 11 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 19 \\ 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $(AB)^T \neq B^T A^T$

**Question 3.** (6 marks) Find all matrices  $A$  such that  $A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \text{trace} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T \Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x + 5y - 2z & 3x + 7y - 3z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $2x + 5y - 2z = 1$   
 $3x + 7y - 3z = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim 2R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 6 & 14 & -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim -3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim 5R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim -R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Let  $z = t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 3 + t$   
 $y = -1$

$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 3+t & -1 & t \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$