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**TEST 2 (B)**  
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**Question 1. (10 marks)**Solve the matrix equation. (Note:  $X$  is a matrix, not a scalar)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $X$  is a  $2 \times 2$  MATRIX

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a+3c & -b+3d \\ -a & -b \\ 2a+4c & 2b+4d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

By observation we get

$$\begin{array}{lll} a=1 & -a+3c=8 & -b+3d=4 \\ b=2 & -1+3c=8 & -2+3d=4 \\ & 3c=9 & 3d=6 \\ & c=3 & d=2 \end{array}$$

check

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 14 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 2. (10 marks)**

The following system of linear equations has a unique solution. Find the solution using the inverse of the coefficient matrix. (Note: No other method will earn you any points)

$$x + y + z = 4$$

$$x + y - 3z = 8$$

$$-3x + y + z = -4$$

$$Ax = b$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$   $b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} : \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 4R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \quad R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & 0 & 4 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 & -1/4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 0 & -1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & -1/4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (x, y, z) = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 0 & -1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & -1/4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (7, 3, -1) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 3.** (10 marks)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find elementary matrices  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$  that satisfy the following.

$$(i) E_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(ii) E_2 A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iii) E_3 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -6 & -6 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(i) \quad R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(ii) \quad R_1 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iii) \quad -3R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question 4. (10 marks)**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluate the determinant of  $A$  by **reducing the matrix to row echelon form.**

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 + 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 + 3R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -14 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -\frac{1}{4}R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 3 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_4 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_4 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -16 & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_4 + 16R_3 \rightarrow R_4 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{2} \end{bmatrix} = B$$

$$\det B = -9/2$$

$$\det B = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \det A$$

$$\det A = -9/2 (2) (-4)$$

$$= \boxed{126}$$

**Question 5.** (10 marks)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det A = 2$  and  $\det B = -2$ .

Compute the following.

(i)  $\det(-2AB^T)$

(ii)  $\det((3B)^{-1}(2A)^T)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & \det(-2AB^T) \\
 &= (-2)^3 \det A \det B^T \\
 &= (-2)^3 \det A \det B \\
 &= -8(2)(-2) \\
 &= \boxed{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & \det((3B)^{-1}(2A)^T) \\
 &= \det\left(\frac{1}{3}B^{-1}2A^T\right) \\
 &= \det\left(\frac{2}{3}B^{-1}A^T\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \det B^{-1} \det A^T \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \frac{1}{\det B} \det A \\
 &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{-2}\right)(2) \\
 &= \boxed{-\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 6.** (10 marks)

Given  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ . State whether or not the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. If the statement is false give an example otherwise simply state that the statement is true.

(a)  $\det(AB) = \det(BA)$

TRUE

(b)  $\det(A+B) = \det A + \det B$

FALSE

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -3 \quad \det B = -1 \quad \det(A+B) = -7$$

$$\det A + \det B = -4$$

$$\det(A+B) = -7 \neq -4$$

(c)  $\det(2A) = 2\det A$

FALSE

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det A = -1$$

$$2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det 2A = -4$$

**Question 8.** (10 marks)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\det A = 5$ . Find  $\det B$  where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a-g & b-h & c-i \\ 2d+2a & 2e+2b & 2f+2c \\ -4g & -4h & -4i \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a-g & b-h & c-i \\ 2d+2a & 2e+2b & 2f+2c \\ -4g & -4h & -4i \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{4}R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} a-g & b-h & c-i \\ 2d+2a & 2e+2b & 2f+2c \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \quad R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2d+2a & 2e+2b & 2f+2c \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2d & 2e & 2f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$\det A = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \det B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= -4(2) \det A \\ &= -8(5) = -40 \end{aligned}$$

$\det B = -40$

**Question 7.** (10 marks)

Prove that if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(\text{adj}A) = (\det A)^{n-1}$

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