

# Test 1

This test is graded out of 44 marks. No books, notes, watches or cell phones are allowed. You are only permitted to use the Sharp EL-531XG or Sharp EL-531X calculator. Give the work in full; – unless otherwise stated, reduce each answer to its simplest, exact form; – and write and arrange your exercise in a legible and orderly manner. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

**Question 1.** Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 10 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a. (5 marks) Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $A$ .
- b. (1 mark) Suppose that  $A$  is the augmented matrix of a linear system. Write the corresponding system of linear equations. Use part a. to find the solution of the system.
- c. (2 marks) Suppose that  $A$  is the coefficient matrix of a homogeneous linear system. Write the corresponding system of linear equations. Use part a. to find the solution of the system.
- d. (2 marks) **True** or **False**:  $A$  is expressible as a product of elementary matrices. Justify.
- f. (1 mark) **True** or **False**: The row echelon form of  $A$  is unique. (*do not justify!*)
- g. (1 mark) **True** or **False**:  $A$  is invertible. (*do not justify!*)

**Question 2.** Consider the matrices:

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}, \quad B = [b_{ij}]_{2 \times 3}, \quad C = [c_{ij}]_{3 \times 2}, \quad D = [d_{ij}]_{2 \times 2}, \quad E = [e_{ij}]_{3 \times 6}$$

where  $a_{ij} = i - j$ ,  $b_{ij} = (-1)^i 2 + (-1)^j 3$ ,  $c_{ij} = i + j$ ,  $d_{ij} = (ij)^2$ ,  $e_{ij} = i + j$ . Evaluate the following if possible, justify.

a. (2 marks)  $AB$

b. (2 marks)  $AE$

Consider the matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluate the following if possible, justify.

a. (2 marks)  $\text{trace}(C)BA - \text{trace}(D)EE^T$

b. (2 marks)  $C(BA + 2I)$

**Question 3.** Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  denote  $n \times n$  matrices.

a. (2 marks) Prove or disprove: If  $AB = AC$  then  $B = C$ .

b. (2 marks) Prove or disprove: If  $A$  is invertible and  $AB = AC$  then  $B = C$ .

**Question 4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote  $n \times n$  invertible matrices.

a. (2 marks) Show that  $A^{-1} + B^{-1} = A^{-1}(A + B)B^{-1}$

b. (3 marks) If  $A + B$  is also invertible, show that  $A^{-1} + B^{-1}$  is invertible and find a formula for  $(A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}$ . (Hint: use part a.)

**Question 5.** Given the  $5 \times 5$  *Hilbert matrix* and its inverse

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix}, \quad H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & -300 & 1050 & -1400 & 630 \\ -300 & 4800 & -18900 & 26880 & -12600 \\ 1050 & -18900 & 79380 & -117600 & 56700 \\ -1400 & 26880 & -117600 & 179200 & -88200 \\ 630 & -12600 & 56700 & -88200 & 44100 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} \\ 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix}.$$

a. (2 marks) Show that  $H$  is row equivalent to  $A$  by finding two elementary matrices  $E_i$  such that  $E_2 E_1 H = A$ .

b. (3 marks) Find the inverse of  $A$ . (Hint: use part a.)

**Question 6.**<sup>1</sup> (5 marks) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & a & a \\ a & a & a \\ a & a & a^2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a^2 - 2a \end{bmatrix}$$

- For what value(s) of  $a$  does the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have no solution?
- For what value(s) of  $a$  does the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have a unique solution?
- For what value(s) of  $a$  does the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  have infinitely many solutions?

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<sup>1</sup>From a John Abbot Final Examination

**Question 7.** (5 marks) Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$E_3(\text{trace}(E_1)X^T + E_2A) = A$$

solve for  $X$ , if possible.

**Bonus Question.** (5 marks)

Prove: If  $E$  is an elementary matrix then  $E^T$  is an elementary matrix.