

Question 1.¹ (1 mark each) Complete each of the following sentences with MUST, MIGHT, or CANNOT.

- Let A be a square matrix. If $A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{y}$ for distinct \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , then A _____ be invertible.
- If the 3×3 coefficient matrix A has a RREF with two leading ones, then the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ _____ be inconsistent when $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$.
- If A , B , and C are square matrices such that $ABC^2 = I$ and A is invertible then matrix B _____ be invertible.
- If A is a square matrix and $A^4 - 2A^2 + A = I$, then A _____ be invertible.
- If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices such that $AB = B$, then A _____ be an identity matrix.
- Given an $n \times n$ matrix A . If the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent for some $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ _____ have non-trivial solutions.
- If E_1 and E_2 are two elementary matrices, then E_1E_2 _____ be equal to E_2E_1 .
- The expression $(I - A)(I + A)$ _____ be equal to $I - A^2$.
- For any invertible matrix A , the number of leading ones of the RREF of A _____ be the same as the number of leading ones of the RREF of A^2 .
- If E_1 , E_2 are elementary matrices, then E_1E_2 _____ also be an elementary matrix.
- If matrix AB is invertible, then A _____ be invertible

Question 2.¹ (2 marks) Suppose \mathbf{u} is a solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and \mathbf{v} is a solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Show that $\mathbf{w} = 3\mathbf{u} - 4\mathbf{v}$ is a solution to $A\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{b}$.

Question 3. (1.5 marks) Illustrate **all** relative positions of lines in an inconsistent linear system of three lines.

Question 4. (4 marks) Find **all** 2×2 symmetric matrices A such that $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^T - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T = \mathbf{0}$

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Question 5.¹ (5 marks) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & a & a \\ a & a & a \\ a & a & a^2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a^2 - 2a \end{bmatrix}$. Find the value(s) of a , if possible, for which the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has:

- a. a unique solution,
- b. infinitely many solutions,
- c. no solution.

Question 6. (5 marks) Consider the matrix equation $E_1^{-1}E_2 = (E_3 - \text{tr}(I_5)A)^{-1}$ where $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Solve for A .

Question 7. (5 marks) Find elementary matrices E_1, E_2 and E_3 which satisfy the following equation: $E_3 E_2 E_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$

Question 8. (3 marks each) A square matrix A is *idempotent* if $A^2 = A$.

- a. Prove that if A and B are idempotent and are commutative, then AB is idempotent.
- b. Prove that if A is idempotent then either A is singular or $A = I$. *Hint: Prove by contradiction.*

Question 9. (5 marks) Given A an $n \times n$ invertible matrix. Show that the reduced row echelon form B is I_n if and only if $(AB)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

Bonus Question. (5 marks) Enumerate all the solution(s) of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

given that the numbers are \mathbb{Z}_3 instead of \mathbb{R} . Operations on the numbers of \mathbb{Z}_3 can be defined by the following Cayley tables:

+	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

\times	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1