

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are 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.** (1 mark per blank)<sup>1</sup> Complete each of the following sentences with MUST, MIGHT, or CANNOT.

- a. If  $A$  is a product of elementary matrices, then  $\det(A)$  cannot equal zero.
- b. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and let  $B$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. If the leading ones of the RREF of  $A$  is equal to those of the RREF of  $B$ , then  $\det(A)$  might equal zero and  $\det(B)$  must equal zero.

**Question 2.**<sup>1</sup> (1 mark per blank) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be invertible  $n \times n$  matrices. Complete each of the following sentences with MUST, MIGHT, or CANNOT.

- a.  $A + B$  might be invertible.
- b.  $A^T A$  must be invertible.

**Question 3.** (1 mark per blank) Given  $A$  an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $k$  a non-zero scalar.

- a. If  $A$  is an elementary matrix obtained by interchanging two rows then  $\det(A) = \underline{-1}$ .
- b. If  $A$  is the reduced row echelon form of an invertible matrix then  $\det(A) = \underline{1}$ .
- c. If  $A$  is a singular matrix then  $\det(A) = \underline{0}$ .
- d. If  $A$  is an elementary matrix obtained by adding  $k$  times one row to another then  $\det(A) = \underline{1}$ .
- e. If  $A$  is an elementary matrix obtained by multiplying one row by  $k$  then  $\det(A) = \underline{k}$ .
- f. If  $A$  is the identity matrix multiplied by  $k$  then  $\det(A) = \underline{k^n}$ .

**Question 4.**<sup>1</sup> Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $\det(A) = 5$  and  $\det(2A^T) = 40$ .

- a. (3 marks) Find  $n$ .
- b. (2 marks) Find  $\det(\text{adj}(3A))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\det(3A))^{n-1} \\ &= (3^n \det(A))^{n-1} \\ &= (3^3 \cdot 5)^{3-1} \\ &= (3^3)^2 \cdot 5^2 \\ &= 3^6 \cdot 5^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad 2^n \det(A^T) &= 40 \\ 2^n \det(A) &= 40 \\ 2^n (5) &= 40 \\ 2^n &= 8 (= 2^3) \\ n &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 5.**<sup>1</sup> (5 marks) Given that  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = 10$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3g+a & 3h+b & 2 & 3i+c \\ d+2a & e+2b & 3 & f+2c \\ a & b & 4 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- a. (5 marks) Find  $\det(A)$ .
- b. (3 marks) Using Cramer's Rule find  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  for  $Ax = b$  where  $b = [2a \ 3a \ 4a \ 5a]^T$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad |A| &= \underbrace{a_{41}c_{41}}_0 + \underbrace{a_{42}c_{42}}_c + \underbrace{a_{43}c_{43}}_0 + \underbrace{a_{44}c_{44}}_0 \\ &= 5(-1)^{4+3} \begin{vmatrix} 3g+a & 3h+b & 3i+c \\ d+2a & e+2b & f+2c \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -5 \begin{vmatrix} 3g & 3h & 3i \\ d & e & f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \text{ after } \begin{matrix} -R_3+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -2R_3+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{matrix} \\ &= -5(3) \begin{vmatrix} g & h & i \\ d & e & f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \text{ after } \frac{1}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ &= -5(3)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 15(10) = 150 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad |A_1| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2a & 3h+b & 2 & 3i+c \\ 3a & e+2b & 3 & f+2c \\ 4a & b & 4 & c \\ 5a & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ since } b_1 = a c_3 \\ \therefore x_1 &= \frac{|A_1|}{|A|} = \frac{0}{150} = 0 \\ |A_3| &= \begin{vmatrix} 3g+a & 3h+b & 2a & 3i+c \\ d+2a & e+2b & 3a & f+2c \\ a & b & 4a & c \\ 0 & 0 & 5a & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a |A| \text{ after } \frac{1}{a}R_3 \rightarrow R_3, \text{ note if } a=0 \text{ then } |A_3|=0 \text{ and } x_3=0 \\ &= a(150) \\ \therefore x_3 &= \frac{|A_3|}{|A|} = \frac{a(150)}{150} = a \end{aligned}$$

**Question 6.** (2 marks) Prove: If the entries in each row of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  add up to zero, then the determinant of  $A$  is zero.

Let  $x = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T$ , then  $Ax = 0$  hence a non-trivial solution. So by the equivalence thm,  $\det(A) = 0$ .

<sup>1</sup> From or modified from a John Abbott final examination



Question 7. ~~Given~~ Given  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

a. (5 marks) Find  $\det(A)$ .

b. (2 marks) Find  $\text{adj}(A)$ .

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \det(A) A^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-36} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A^{-1}| = \underbrace{a_{12}C_{12}}_0 + \underbrace{a_{22}C_{22}}_0 + a_{32}C_{32} + \underbrace{a_{42}C_{42}}_0$$

$$= a_{32}C_{32}$$

$$= -2(-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ after } R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$= 2 [a_{41}C_{41} + a_{21}C_{21} + a_{31}C_{31}]$$

$$= 2(1)(-1)^{4+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-16) = -36$$

$$\det(A) = \frac{1}{\det(A^{-1})} = \frac{1}{-36}$$

Question 8.1 (3 marks each) Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

a. If  $A$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix where  $n$  is even then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

b. If  $A$  is a skew-symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix where  $n$  is odd then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

a) False,

$I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric  
since  $I_2^T = I_2$ ,  $n=2$  (even)  
but  $\det(I_2) = 1$ .

b) True,

since  $A$  is skew-symmetric

$$A^T = -A$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(-A)$$

$$\det(A) = (-1)^n \det(A)$$

$$\det(A) = -\det(A) \text{ since } n \text{ is odd}$$

$$\therefore \det(A) = 0$$

Bonus Question. (2 marks) Find  $\det(A)$  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

×	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1