

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

- a. Let A be a square matrix such that not all entries are zero. All entries of AA might be equal to zero.
- b. If B has a column of zeros and the product AB is defined then AB must have a column of zeros.
- c. If A has a row of zeros and the product AB is defined then AB must have a row of zeros.

Question 2. (4 marks) Find all matrices A where

$$A + 3A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 \\ -10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a & b+3c \\ c+3b & 4d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12 = 4a \Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$4 = 4d \Rightarrow d = 1$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 2 = b + 3c$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -10 = 3b + c$$

$$-3\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}:$$

$$-16 = -8c$$

$$2 = c$$

$$\text{sub into } \textcircled{1} \quad 2 = b + 3(2) \Rightarrow b = -4 \quad \therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 3. (3 marks) Prove: If AB and BA are both defined, then AB and BA are square matrices.

Suppose A is a $m \times n$ matrix and

B is a $p \times q$ matrix

since AB is defined then $n = p$

since BA is defined then $m = q$

$\therefore B$ is a $n \times m$ matrix which implies that $A_{m \times n} B_{n \times m}$ is an $m \times m$ matrix
 $B_{n \times m} A_{m \times n}$ is an $n \times n$ matrix

¹ From or modified from a John Abbott final examination