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Permitted aids: No printed or written aides allowed. Permitted calculator is HP30S or CITIZEN SR-270X.

The midterm exam has **6** double sided pages and consists of two parts: Problems 1 to 4 are multiple choice. In this part every problem has 5 alternatives and only one of these is correct. Check off the correct alternative. In problem 5 to 9 you must give arguments for all your answers. Each problem counts equally. Write your answer directly on these pages. You must write your candidate number on **each** sheet.

Good luck!

Problem 1

Suppose that A is a 2×2 -matrix and that A^{-1} is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then A is equal to

$$\boxed{\text{A}} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\boxed{\text{D}} \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boxed{\text{E}} \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2

Given the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y - z &= -15 \\ 5x + 3y + 2z &= 0 \\ 3x + y + 3z &= 11 \\ -6x - 4y + 2z &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

The reduced row-echolon form of the augmented matrix is:

$$\boxed{\text{A}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right], \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right], \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right],$$

$$\boxed{\text{D}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 45 \\ 0 & 1 & -11 & 40 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{array} \right], \quad \boxed{\text{E}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Problem 3

Let A , B and C be $n \times n$ -matrices. Then one of the following is valid:

- A If $AB = AC$, then $B = C$.
- B If A is invertible, then $AB = AC$.
- C If A is invertible and $BA = CA$, then $B = C$.
- D For each pair of $n \times n$ -matrices A and B we have that $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$.
- E If $\det(A) = 0$, then A is invertible.

Problem 4

If the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & 3 \\ -5 & 5 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Then $\det(A)$ is equal to:

- A 0, B 27, C -13, D 2, E 161.

Problem 5

Solve the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} x & + & y & + & z & = & 3 \\ x & - & y & & & = & 0 \\ 2x & & & + & z & = & 3 \end{array}$$

How many solutions does it have?

Problem 6

a) Determine A^{-1} if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

b) Use that $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ to solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + 2y & & = 4 \\ & y + 3z & = 1 \\ 2x & & - z = 0 \end{array}$$

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c) Use Cramer's rule to solve the system of linear equations given in b).

Problem 7

Show that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

is the equation for a straight line in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 , and that the points $(1, 2)$ and $(0, 1)$ are incident with it.

Problem 8

a) Show that if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A^2 = 0$ (the zero-matrix).

b) Compute A^2 and A^3 if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

- c) Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix such that $A^k = 0$ for a natural number k . Show that A is not invertible.

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- d)** Let A be a square matrix such that $A^4 = 0$. Show that $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + A^3$, where I is the identity matrix.

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For which values of α will the following system have no solutions? Exactly one solution? Infinitely many solutions?

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 3x & - & 2y & & +z & = & 1 \\ -x & + & y & & -\alpha z & = & 0 \\ 2x & - & y & + & (\alpha - 1)^2 z & = & \alpha \end{array}$$