

Q1: If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $F = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the following:

(a)  $\text{tr}(BB^T + A^2 + 3I_2)$  (6 marks)

$$BB^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3I_2 = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(BB^T + A^2 + 3I_2) &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 23 & 7 \\ 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 23 + 11 = 34 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\text{adj}(F)$  in details (4 marks)

$$\text{adj}(F) = \text{adj} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q2: Put the following matrix in the reduced row echelon form (R.R.E.F.):

(4 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-3R_{12} \\ -4R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -5 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{5R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{4}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{31} \\ (-1)R_{32}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Q3: Find the inverse of the following matrix by using elementary row operations and then find the cofactor  $C_{32}$ :

(5 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[A | I] &= \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13} \\ (-1)R_{14}}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
\text{So } &\xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-3)R_{31}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
&\xrightarrow{(-4)R_{41}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 10 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I | A^{-1}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,

$$C_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Q4: Solve the following linear system By Gaussian Elimination:

(4 marks)

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 4$$

We will solve the system by reducing the augmented matrix of the system in the row echelon form (R.E.F.) and then solving the corresponding system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} [A | b] &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
x_3 &= 1 \\
x_2 + 4x_3 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow x_2 &= -4x_3 = -4(1) = -4, \\
x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 2 \\
\Rightarrow x_1 &= -2x_2 + x_3 + 2 \\
-2(-4) + 1 + 3 &= 11,
\end{aligned}$$

Q5: (a) Prove that if a square matrix  $A$  has a row of zeros, then  $|A|=0$ .

(1 mark)

Suppose  $A$  is of order  $n$  and the row of zeros is the row number  $i$ . Computing the determinant using the cofactor expansion, we get that:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n 0 C_{ij} = 0$$

(b) Prove that if  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then  $A^2$  is symmetric.

(1 mark)

$$(A^2)^T = (AA)^T = A^T A^T = AA = A^2$$

or

Since  $A$  is symmetric and commutes with itself, then  $AA = A^2$  is symmetric.