

Q1: If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $P(x) = 2x^2 - x - 2$ , then find the following:

(a)  $\text{tr}(P(A))$ . (4 marks)

(b)  $\text{adj}(BC^T)$ . (3 marks)

(c) the inverse of A. (3 marks)

(a)  $P(A) = 2A^2 - A - 2I$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{tr}(P(A)) = 3 + 12 = 15 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\text{adj}(BC^T) =$

$$\text{adj} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{adj} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Such that

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \det[6] = (-1)^2(6) = 6$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \det[6] = (-1)^3(6) = -6$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \det[4] = (-1)^3(4) = -4$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \det[1] = (-1)^4(1) = 1$$

So

$$\text{Cof} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and then

$$\text{adj}(BC^T) = \text{Cof}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) the inverse of A

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A) = \frac{1}{-4} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q2: Solve the system by Gauss-Jordan elimination:

$$x + 2y + z = 0$$

$$2x + 7y + 5z = 3$$

$$2x + 5y + 3z = 1$$

(4 marks)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & | & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{(-2)R}_{13}]{\text{(-2)R}_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{(-1)R}_{23}]{\text{(-2)R}_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x = z - 2 = t - 2$$

$$y = -z + 1 = -t + 1$$

Q3: Find the determinant of the following matrix, then find the cofactor  $C_{43}$ :

(5 marks)

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ (-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13} \\ \\ \\ (-1)R_{14} \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ R_{34} \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1(1)(2)(1) = -2$$

$$C_{43} = (-1)^{4+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ (-1)R_{12} \\ \\ (-1)R_{13} \end{matrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(1) = -1$$

Q4: (a) Prove that if A is an invertible matrix, then  $AA^T$  is also invertible. (1 mark)

If A is invertible, then  $A^T$  is invertible. Hence,  $AA^T$  is invertible, since the product of two invertible matrices is invertible.

(b) Prove that the inverse of any invertible matrix A is unique. (1 mark)

If B and C are two inverses of A, then

$$C = CI = C(AB) = (CA)B = IB = B$$

Hence, the inverse is unique.

(c) If A and B are two symmetric matrices of order 2 such that  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find BA. (1 mark)

Since A, B and AB are symmetric so  $AB=BA$  and hence  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) If  $E = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & a \\ e & a & e \\ a & a & a \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $\det(E)$ . (1 mark)

Since the first and the third columns are the same,  $\det(E)=0$ .

(e) Prove that if A is an invertible symmetric matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric. (1 mark)

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

So  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.

(f) If A is an invertible matrix of size  $3 \times 3$  and  $|A|=2$ , then find  $|2(A^T)^{-1}|$ . (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned} \det\left(2(A^T)^{-1}\right) &= 2^3 \det\left((A^T)^{-1}\right) = 8 \det\left((A^{-1})^T\right) \\ &= 8 \det\left(A^{-1}\right) = 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 4 \end{aligned}$$