

Q1: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the following:

(a) $B+3C^T$ (2 marks)

(b) $BC+10I_2$ (2 marks)

(c) $\text{tr}(A^2)$ (2 marks)

(d) $\text{adj}(A)$ **in details** (2 marks)

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

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

Q3: Find the inverse of the following matrix by using elementary row operations and then find its determinant: (5 marks)

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

Q4: Solve the following linear system By Gauss-Jordan Elimination: (4 marks)

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

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

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

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

(1 mark)

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

(1 mark)

(c) If A is an invertible matrix of size $n \times n$, then find:

(i) $\det(B)$, where B is the reduced row echelon form (R.R.E.F.) of A .

(ii) the solution of the linear system $Ax=0$.

(2 marks)

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Q1(a):

$$\begin{aligned} B + 3C^T &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 9 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 27 & 12 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 & 3 \\ 29 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Q1(b):

$$\begin{aligned} BC + 10I_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -11 & -5 \\ 13 & 30 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -5 \\ 13 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Q1(c):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(A^2) &= \text{tr}(AA) = \text{tr} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \text{tr} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 7 + 4 = 11 \end{aligned}$$

Q1(d):

Adjoint A is equal to the transpose of the matrix of cofactors C from A , where

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

Such that

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

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

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

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

So

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and then

$$\text{adj}(A) = C^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q2:

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

The last matrix is the reduced row echelon form of A .

Q3:

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

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

Now,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13} \\ (-1)R_{14}}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(1)(1)(1) = 1$$

Q4:

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

$$\begin{aligned}
[A | b] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right] \\
&\xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{23}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
&\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{(-4)R_{21} \\ (1)R_{31}}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
&\xrightarrow{(-2)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
&\Rightarrow x_1 = 11, x_2 = -4, x_3 = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Q5(a):

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:

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

Q5(b):

From a theorem, we have that

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

But A is symmetric, so

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

Hence

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

Q5(c): (i)

Since A is invertible, we have from Equivalence Theorem that $B = I_n$.

Hence, $\det(B)=1$.

Q5(c): (ii)

Since A is invertible, we have from Equivalence Theorem that $x=0$.

OR

Since A is invertible, we have that $x = A^{-1}0 = 0$