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I. Determine whether the following statements are always true or sometimes false, and justify your answer with a logical argument or a counter example:

(a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two square matrices such that  $AB = \mathbf{0}$ . If  $A$  is invertible then  $B = \mathbf{0}$ .

True                       False

Justification:

(b) If  $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

True                       False

Justification:

(c) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices, then

$$(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2.$$

True                       False

Justification:

(f) The equation  $\sqrt{2}x_1 - 6x_2 + 3x_3 = \pi$  is a linear equation.

True                       False

Justification:

**II. Choose the correct answer:**

(a) If  $A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -27 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A^2$  is equal to:

i.  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 27 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

ii.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

iii.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

iv.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A^{-2}$  is equal to:

i.  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

ii.  $\begin{bmatrix} 11 & -7 \\ -\frac{7}{2} & \frac{9}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ .

iii.  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 28 \\ 14 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$ .

iv.  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c) The homogeneous system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 5x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

has:

i. No solution.

ii. One solution.

iii. Three solutions.

iv. Infinitely many solutions.

(d) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A$  is invertible if:

i.  $x = y$  and  $x \neq 0$ .

ii.  $x \neq y$  or  $x \neq -y$ .

iii.  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ .

iv.  $x \neq y$  and  $x \neq -y$ .

III. Solve the following system by Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 &= 1 \\2x_1 + 6x_2 + 14x_3 + 4x_4 &= 4 \\x_1 - 12x_2 - 11x_3 - 16x_4 &= -3\end{aligned}$$

IV. What conditions must  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ , and  $b_3$  satisfy in order for the following system of linear equations to be consistent:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 &= b_1 \\-4x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 &= b_2 \\-4x_1 + 7x_2 + 4x_3 &= b_3\end{aligned}$$

V. Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine whether  $A$  is invertible, and if so, find its inverse?

Good Luck