## MATH 221 PRACTICE PROBLEMS

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1. Find A if: (a) 
$$2A - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} - 3A^T \end{pmatrix}^T$$
; (b)  $2A^T + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 3A \end{pmatrix}^T$ 

- 2. Find A in terms of B if: (a)  $(2A B)^T = A^T + (3B)^T$ ; (b)  $(B^T 3A)^T = 5A^T + 6B$
- 3. Show that every  $1 \times 3$  matrix A can be written in the form

$$A = a \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] + b \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] + c \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

for some scalars a, b and c. What can you say about  $3 \times 1$  matrices?

- 4. If A = -A where A is an  $m \times n$  matrix, show that A = 0.
- 5. If A is a symmetric matrix, show that cA is also symmetric for any scalar c.
- 6. Show that  $(-A)^T = -A^T$  for any matrix A.
- 7. If A and B are symmetric, show that A B is also symmetric.
- 8. A square matrix A is called **skew-symmetric** if  $A^T = -A$ .
  - (a) Show that every  $2 \times 2$  skew-symmetric matrix has the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for some scalar b.
  - (b) If A and B are skew-symmetric, show that A+B and cA are skew-symmetric for any scalar c.
- 9. Show that any square matrix A can be written in the form A = S + W where S is symmetric and W is skew-symmetric. [Hint: First verify the identity  $A = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^T) + \frac{1}{2}(A A^T)$ .]
- 10. In each case find the solution of the system whose augmented matrix has been carried to the following matrix R by row operations.

(a) 
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (b)  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

11. In each case find the rank of the given matrix, possibly in terms of the parameter a.

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -5 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
(c) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 7 & -3 & a \end{bmatrix}$$
(d) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & -8 & 7 \\ -2 & 4 & a+9 & a-7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 12. If a system of 5 equations in 7 variables has a solution, explain why there is more than one solution.
- 13. Suppose a system of 4 equations in 4 variables has a leading 1 in each row of the row-echelon form of its augmented matrix. Must there be a unique solution? Explain.
- 14. The graph of a linear equation ax + by + cz = d is a plane in space. By examining the possible positions of three planes in space, explain geometrically why 3 equations in 3 variables must have zero, one or infinitely many solutions.
- 15. If A is carried to B by a row operation, show that B can be carried back to A by another row operation, and describe the new operation in terms of the original one.
- 16. Find a sequence of row operations carrying  $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 + c_1 & b_2 + c_2 & b_3 + c_3 \\ c_1 + a_1 & c_2 + a_2 & c_3 + a_3 \\ a_1 + b_1 & a_2 + b_2 & a_3 + b_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$
- 17. The graph of the equation  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$  is a circle for any choice of the numbers a, b and c. Find the circle through the three points (1, 2), (3, -1) and (0, -1).
- 18. Find the quadratic equation  $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2$  which passes through the points (0,1), (1,2) and (2,9). [This is called the **interpolating polynomial** for the three data points. It is used to find data points between given ones, and in plotting curves on computer monitors.]
- 19. In each case find all values of a for which the system has nontrivial solutions, and determine all solutions in each case.

(a) 
$$x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$
  
 $x_1 + ax_2 - 3x_3 = 0$   
 $-x_1 + 6x_2 - 5x_3 = 0$ 

(b) 
$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$
  
 $x_1 + 3x_2 + 6x_3 = 0$   
 $2x_1 + 3x_2 + ax_3 = 0$ 

(c) 
$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$$
  
 $ax_2 - 2x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 + x_2 + ax_3 = 0$ 

(d) 
$$ax_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$
  
 $x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 + x_2 + ax_3 = 0$ 

- 20. Consider the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Show that the only choice of numbers x, y and z such that xA + yB + zC = 0 is x = y = z = 0. Because of this we say that the set  $\{A, B, C\}$  of matrices is **linearly independent**. We will have more to say about this important notion in Chapter 4.
  - (b) Is the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  linearly independent? Support your answer.
- 21. Show algebraically that there is a line through any two points in the plane. [Hint: Use the fact that every line has equation ax + by + c = 0 where a, b and c are not all zero.]

- 22. Every plane in space has equation ax + by + cz + d = 0 where a, b and c are not all zero. Show algebraically that there is a plane through any three points in space. [Hint: Preceding exercise.]
- 24. Find the augmented matrix, in reduced row-echelon form, of a system of equations in the variables x, y and z which has the following solutions: x = 1 2t, y = -3 + t and z = t.

- 27. Find (if possible) conditions on the numbers a, b and c so that the following set of linear equations has no solution, a unique solution, or infinitely many solutions.

28. Find conditions on a such that the system

has zero, one or infinitely many solutions.

- 29. Either prove the following statement or give an example showing that it it false: If there is more than one solution to a system of linear equations, the augmented matrix A of the system has a row of zeros.
- 31. Find the augmented matrix, in reduced row-echelon form, of a system of three equations in five variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_5$ , with solutions  $x_1 = 2t s 2$ ,  $x_2 = 3$ ,  $x_3 = s$ ,  $x_4 = 6 t$ , and  $x_5 = t$ .

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- 32. Simplify the following expressions where A, B and C represent matrices.
  - (a) A(3B-C) + (A-2B)C + 2B(C+2A)
  - (b) A(B+C-D) + B(C-A+D) (A+B)C + (A-B)D
  - (c) AB(BC CB) + (CA AB)BC + CA(A B)C
  - (d)  $(A B)(C A) + (C B)(A C) + (C A)^2$
- 33. If A is a real symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $A^2 = 0$ , show that A = 0. Give an example to show that it is essential that A is symmetric.
- 34. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $AA^T = 0$ , show that A = 0. [Remark: More generally, if A is any matrix such that  $AA^T = 0$ , then necessarily A = 0.]
- 35. If A is any matrix, show that  $AA^T$  is a symmetric matrix.
- 36. If A and B are matrices that both commute with a matrix C, show that the matrix 2A 3B also commutes with C.
- 37. Find the matrix A if  $\begin{bmatrix} A^T 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 38. Find the matrix A if  $[A-2I]^{-1}=A^{-1}\begin{bmatrix}0&1\\-1&3\end{bmatrix}$ .
- 39. If A is a square matrix and AX = 0 for some matrix  $X \neq 0$ , show that A has no inverse.
- 40. If  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and AU = 0 for some matrix A, show that necessarily A = 0.
- 41. If A and B are  $n \times n$  matrices such that AB and B are both invertible, show that A is also invertible using only Theorem 3 §1.5.
- 42. If A and B are  $n \times n$  matrices and AB = cI where  $c \neq 0$ , show that BA = cI. Is it true if c = 0?
- 43. Let A be a square matrix which satisfies  $A^3 2A^2 + 5A + 6I = 0$ . Show that A is invertible, and find a formula for  $A^{-1}$  in terms of A.
- 44. If  $E^2 = E$  and A = I 2E, show that  $A^{-1} = A$ .
- 45. Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 46. If the first row of a square matrix A consists of zeros, show that A does not have an inverse.
- 47. If A is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, show that AX = B has a unique solution for any  $n \times k$  matrix B.

48. If 
$$det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} = 5$$
, find  $det \begin{bmatrix} a+2x & b+2y & c+2z \\ x+p & y+q & z+r \\ 3p & 3q & 3r \end{bmatrix}$ .

- 49. Find the values of the number c such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & c \\ c & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has an inverse.
- 50. Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and use it to solve  $\begin{cases} x & -y & -2z = 3 \\ -x & +z = 0 \\ 2x & +y & = 1 \end{cases}$
- 51. Assume that det(A) = 3 where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $det(-2B^{-1})$  where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & a+2p & p-3x \\ 2y & b+2q & q-3y \\ 2z & c+2r & r-3z \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 52. Show that there is no real  $3 \times 3$  matrix A such that  $A^2 = -I$ .
- 53. Show that  $det\begin{bmatrix} p+x & q+y & r+z \\ a+x & b+y & c+z \\ a+p & b+q & c+r \end{bmatrix} = 2 det\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 54. Show that  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & p & q \\ x & 1 & b & r \\ x^2 & x & 1 & c \\ x^3 & x^2 & x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (1 ax)(1 bx)(1 cx)$  for any choice of p, q and r. [Hint:

Begin by eliminating x from column 1.]

55. In each case evaluate det A by inspection.

(a) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 3-a & a+1 \\ b & 3-b & b+1 \\ c & 3-c & c+1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+b & 2b & c+b \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

- 56. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & 2c \\ b+d & 2d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $\det A = 2$ , find  $\det(A^2B^TA^{-1})$ .
- 57. Evaluate  $det\begin{bmatrix} x-1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & x-2 \\ -2 & x & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  by first adding all other rows to the first row. Then find all values of x such that the determinant is zero.
- 58. If A is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and  $A^2 = 3A$ , what are the possible values of det(A)?

- 59. If  $det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = -3$ , compute  $det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 0 \\ c+5 & -5 & 3a \\ d-2 & 2 & 3b \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 60. If A and B are  $n \times n$  where n is odd, and if AB = -BA, show that either A or B has no inverse.
- 61. If A is  $4 \times 4$  and det A = 2, find  $det(15A^{-1} 6 adj A)$ .
- 62. In each case: (1) Find the values of the number c such that A has an inverse, and (2) Find  $A^{-1}$  for those values of c.

(a) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} c & c & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ c & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & c & 3 \\ c & 2 & c \\ 5 & c & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

63. If det A = 3, det B = -1 and det C = 2, compute the determinant of:

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & X & Y \\ 0 & B & Z \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & X & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 \\ Y & Z & C \end{bmatrix}$$

- 64. If A is  $2 \times 2$  and B is  $3 \times 3$ , show that  $det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ A & X \end{bmatrix} = detA \ detB$ . [Hint: First left multiply by  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_2 \\ I_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .]
- 65. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues and eigenvectors for A, and find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .
- 66. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues and eigenvectors for A, and find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .
- 67. Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable.
- 68. If  $A^k = 0$  for some  $k \ge 1$ , show that 0 is the only eigenvalue of A.
- 69. If A is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix and every eigenvalue of A is zero, show that A = 0.
- 70. If  $A^2 = A$ , show that 0 and 1 are the only eigenvalues of A.
- 71. If A is a diagonalizable matrix, and if every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of A satisfies  $\lambda^2 = \lambda$ , show that  $A^2 = A$ .
- 72. If A is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix, show that  $A^2$  is also diagonalizable.
- 73. If A is a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix, show that  $A^T$  is also diagonalizable.

- 74. Determine whether  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable.
- 75. Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable.
- 76. If A is diagonalizable and  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , show that  $A = B^2$  for some matrix B. [Hint: If  $P^{-1}AP = D = diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , take  $B = PD_0P^{-1}$  where  $D_0 = diag(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n})$ .]
- 77. If A is diagonalizable and has only one eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , show that  $A = \lambda I$ .
- 78. If A is diagonalizable with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  (possibly not all distinct), show that  $det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$ . [Remark: This holds for any square matrix, diagonalizable or not.]
- 79. Find  $A^{-1}$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 80. Find a quadratic equation with real coefficients that has 2-3i as a root. What is the other root?
- 81. Show that w = 3 2i is a root of  $x^2 6x + 13$ . What is the other root? Justify your answer.
- 82. Show that  $z = (1+i)^n + (1-i)^n$  is a real number for each  $n \ge 1$  by first finding the conjugate  $\bar{z}$ .
- 83. If  $z \neq 0$  is a complex number, show that  $1/z = \frac{1}{|z|^2}\bar{z}$ .
- 84. If zw is real and  $z \neq 0$ , show that  $w = r\bar{z}$  for some real number r.
- 85. Show that  $|z + w|^2 + |z w|^2 = 2(|z|^2 + |w|^2)$  for all complex numbers z and w. [Hint:  $|z|^2 = z\bar{z}$ .]
- 86. Find the point  $\frac{1}{5}$  the way from P(2, -1, 5) to Q(3, 0, 4).
- 87. Find the two trisection points between P(1,2,3) and Q(8,-2,0).
- 88. Let A, B and C denote the vertices of a triangle. If E is the midpoint of side BC, show that  $\overrightarrow{AE} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC})$ . [Hint: Start by writing  $\overrightarrow{AE} = \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BE}$ .]
- 89. The unit cube has three of its vertices O(0,0,0), A(1,0,0), B(0,1,0) and C(0,0,1). Show that, of the four diagonals of the unit cube, no two are perpendicular.
- 90. In each case write the vector  $\vec{v}$  as a sum  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$  where  $\vec{v}_1$  is parallel to  $\vec{d}$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{d}$ . (a)  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T$  and  $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . (b)  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^T$  and  $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .
- 91. If  $\|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{w}\|^2 = \|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\|^2$  where  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$ , show that  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are orthogonal.

- 92. Find the scalar equations of the line through the point P(3, -1, 2) which is parallel to the line  $[x \ y \ z]^T = [2 5t \ 3 \ 2t]^T$  where t is arbitrary.
- 93. Find the scalar equations of the line through the points  $P_1(1,0,-2)$  and  $P_2(2,1,-1)$ .
- 94. Find the point of intersection of the line  $[x\ y\ z]^T = [2\ -1\ 3]^T + t[1\ -1\ -4]^T$  and the plane 3x + y 2z = 4.
- 95. Find the equation of the plane through the point P(1, 1, -2) which contains the line  $[x \ y \ z]^T = [3 \ -1 \ 0]^T + t[1 \ 1 \ -1]^T$ .
- 96. Determine the equation of the line through the point P(1, -1, 0) which is perpendicular to the plane x + y 2z = 3.
- 97. Find the equation of the plane through the point  $P_0(2,3,-1)$  which is parallel to the plane with equation 4x 3y + z = 4.
- 98. Find the point Q on the line with equation  $[x \ y \ z]^T = [1 \ 2 \ 0]^T + t[2 \ -1 \ 1]^T$  which is closest to the point P(0,1,2).
- 99. Find the shortest distance from the point P(1,0,2) to the plane 5x 7y + 2z = 3.
- 100. Find the shortest distance from the point P(1,0,2) to the line  $[x\ y\ z]^T = [1\ -1\ 0]^T + t[2\ 1\ 1]^T$ .
- 101. Consider the plane through the point  $P_{\circ}(1,-1,0)$  which is parallel to the plane with equation 2x 3y + 2z = 4. Does this plane pass through the origin? Support your answer.
- 102. Consider the points A(2,2,1), B(1,1,0) and C(2,3,-3).
  - (a) Are these points the vertices of a right-angled triangle? Justify your answer.
  - (b) Find the cosine of the interior angle of the triangle at vertex C.
- 103. Find the area of the triangle with vertices A(1,0,0), B(0,1,0) and C(0,0,1).
- 104. Consider the transformation T defined as follows:

Rotation through  $\pi/2$  followed by reflection in the line y=x.

Determine the effect of T, that is determine if it is a rotation (and find the angle) or a reflection or projection in some line through the origin (and find the line).

- 105. Find the reflection of the point  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  in the line y = -3x.
- 106. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation with  $T\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Find the matrix of T and give a formula for  $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (b) Compute  $T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .