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**FINAL EXAMINATION SOLUTION**  
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1. Solve the system:

$$\begin{aligned} x & - z + 2u + w = 2 \\ -2x + y + 2z - u & = -7 \\ x + y - z + 3u + w & = -1 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & & & \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & -7 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 & -1 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 + 2R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & -3 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & -3 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 & & & \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-\frac{1}{2})R_3}$$

$$x = s + t + 2$$

$$y = t - 3$$

Thus,  $z = s$  where  $s$  and  $t$  are any numbers.

$$u = -t$$

$$w = t$$

2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ x & 1 & x \\ x & x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find all values of  $x$  so that  $A$  is not invertible.

**Solution:**

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ x & 1 & x \\ x & x & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 - xR_1 \\ R_3 - xR_1 \end{array} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ 0 & 1-x^2 & x-x^2 \\ 0 & x-x^2 & 1-x^2 \end{vmatrix} = (1-x)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ 0 & 1+x & x \\ 0 & x & 1+x \end{vmatrix} = (1-x)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1+x & x \\ x & 1+x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(1-x)^2(2x+1).$$

$A$  is not invertible exactly when  $\det A = (1-x)^2(2x+1) = 0$ , that is,  $x = 1$  or  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

(b) Is it true that if  $A$  is not invertible then the system  $AX = 0$  has no solutions? Explain.

**Solution:** It is not true that if  $A$  is not invertible then the system  $AX = 0$  has no solutions, because for any matrix  $A$  the homogeneous system  $AX = 0$  always has a solution, namely,  $X = 0$ .

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find an invertible matrix  $U$  such that  $UA = B$ .

**Solution:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{E_1 \\ R_2 - 2R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Thus, } U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{-1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Express  $U^{-1}$  as a product of elementary matrices.

$$U = E_3E_2E_1, \text{ so } U^{-1} = (E_3E_2E_1)^{-1} = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

$$c_A(x) = \det(A - xI) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-x & -4 \\ 1 & -2-x \end{vmatrix} = (3-x)(-2-x) + 4 = x^2 - x - 2 = (x+1)(x-2) = 0$$

when  $x = -1$  or  $x = 2$ .

Thus, the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

To find the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$ , we solve the system  $(A + I)X = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - 4R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

The eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  are  $X = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $t$  is any number.

To find the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $2$ , we solve the system  $(A - 2I)X = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $2$  are  $X = t \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $t$  is any number.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Compute  $A^7$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} A^7 &= PD^7P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^7 \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 128 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 128 & -128 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 513 & -516 \\ 129 & -132 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 171 & -172 \\ 43 & -44 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find  $\det A$ .

**Solution:**  $\det A^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 + 2R_2 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -2$ , and so

$$\det A = \frac{1}{\det A^{-1}} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

(b) Find  $\det(A^{-1} + 2adj A)$ .

**Solution:**  $\det(A^{-1} + 2adj A) = \det(A^{-1} + 2(\det A)A^{-1}) = \det\left(A^{-1} + 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)A^{-1}\right) = \det 0 = 0$ .

6. Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Prove the following statements:

(a) If  $A$  is not invertible then  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that  $A$  is not invertible, then the homogeneous system  $AX = 0$  has a non-trivial solution, that is there exist a nonzero column  $X$  so that  $AX = 0 = 0X$ , which implies that  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

(b) If  $A$  is diagonalizable then  $A^T$  is also diagonalizable.

**Solution:** Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable. Then there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . Now,  $P^T A^T (P^{-1})^T = (P^{-1}AP)^T = D^T = D$ . Thus,

$$P^T A^T (P^{-1})^T = D. \quad (*)$$

Let  $Q = (P^{-1})^T = (P^T)^{-1}$ . then  $Q^{-1} = P^T$  and  $(*)$  becomes  $Q^{-1}A^TQ = D$  which implies that  $A^T$  is diagonalizable.

7. For the following, express your answers in the form  $a + bi$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

(a) Compute  $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{10}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{10} &= \left(2e^{i(-\frac{\pi}{3})}\right)^{10} \\
&= 2^{10} e^{i(-\frac{10\pi}{3})} \\
&= 2^{10} \left(\cos\left(-\frac{10\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{10\pi}{3}\right)\right) \\
&= 2^{10} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \\
&= -512 + 512\sqrt{3}i
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find all complex numbers  $z$  so that  $z^4 = -16$ .

8. Consider the points  $A(2, 1, -2)$ ,  $B(4, 1, 0)$  and  $C(6, 3, 0)$ .

(a) Find the internal angles of the triangle with vertices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the angles at  $A, B, C$  respectively.

Since  $\alpha$  is the angle between  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$ ,  $\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{\|\vec{AB}\| \|\vec{AC}\|} = \frac{[2, 0, 2]^T \cdot [4, 2, 2]^T}{\sqrt{8}\sqrt{24}} = \frac{12}{8\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and so  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

Similarly,  $\beta$  is the angle between  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$ ,  $\cos \beta = \frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{\|\vec{BA}\| \|\vec{BC}\|} = \frac{[-2, 0, -2]^T \cdot [2, 2, 0]^T}{\sqrt{8}\sqrt{8}} = \frac{-4}{8} = \frac{-1}{2}$  and so  $\beta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ .

Lastly,  $\gamma = \pi - (\alpha + \beta) = \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$

(b) Find an equation of the plane containing the points  $A, B$  and  $C$ .

**Solution:** A normal of the plane is  $\vec{n} = \frac{1}{4}\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \frac{1}{4}[2, 0, 2]^T \times [4, 2, 2]^T = [1, 0, 1]^T \times [2, 1, 1]^T = [-1, 1, 1]^T$  and so an equation of the plane is  $-x + y + z = -3$ .

9. Let  $P_1$  be the plane with equation  $x + 2y - z = 2$  and  $P_2$  be the plane with equation  $2x - y + z = 2$ . Let  $L$  be the line of intersection of the planes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

(a) Is the point  $A(1, 1, 1)$  on both of the planes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ ? Explain.

**Solution:** Yes, the point  $A(1, 1, 1)$  is on both of the planes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  because its coordinates satisfy both equations of the two planes.

(b) Find an equation of the line  $L$ .

**Solution:** Since  $L$  lies in both planes, it is perpendicular to both of the normals  $\vec{n}_1$  and  $\vec{n}_2$  of the planes, we can choose a direction of the line to be  $\vec{d} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = [1, 2, -1]^T \times [2, -1, 1]^T = [1, -3, -5]^T$ , and from part (a), a point on  $L$  is  $A(1, 1, 1)$ . Thus an equation of  $L$  is  $[x, y, z]^T = [1, 1, 1]^T + t[1, -3, -5]^T$

(c) Find the shortest distance between the point  $B(4, -3, -3)$  and the line  $L$ , also find the point  $Q$  on the line  $L$  that is closest to  $B$ .

**Solution:**  $Q$  on the line  $L$ , so the coordinates of  $Q$  is  $Q(1 + t, 1 - 3t, 1 - 5t)$  and therefore,  $\vec{BQ} = [t - 3, 4 - 3t, 4 - 5t]^T$ . Since  $Q$  is the point on the line  $L$  that is closest to  $B$ , we have  $\vec{BQ} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$ , that is,  $(t - 3) - 3(4 - 3t) - 5(4 - 5t) = 0$  which gives  $t = 1$ . Thus the coordinates of  $Q$  is  $Q(2, -2, -4)$  and the shortest distance between the point  $B(4, -3, -3)$  and the line  $L$  is  $\|\vec{BQ}\| = \|[ -2, 1, -1]^T \| = \sqrt{6}$ .

10. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation such that  $T\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the matrix of  $T$ ; that is, find a matrix  $A$  so that  $T\vec{v} = A\vec{v}$  for all  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Solution:** Since  $T\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = A\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we get  $A \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and so,

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

(b) Is  $T$  invertible? If  $T$  is invertible, find the matrix of  $T^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**  $T$  is invertible because its matrix is invertible (note that  $\det A = -3$ ), and the matrix of  $T^{-1}$  is

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

(c) Is there a vector  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $T\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ? If so, find  $\vec{a}$ .

**Solution:** Yes, in fact,  $\vec{a} = T^{-1}(T\vec{a}) = T^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$

**End of Examination**