

**Math 290 ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**MIDTERM EXAM – IB**

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[I] (8pts) (1) The system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 1, \\2x + 2y &= 2\end{aligned}$$

- is consistent, the (general) solution is  $(x, y) = (\underline{\hspace{1cm}}, \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .
- is inconsistent.
- (Check one).

(2) True or false :

“ A system of homogeneous linear equations consisting of three equations, and three variables  $x, y, z$ , always has a non-trivial solution . ”

- True       False      (Check one).

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[II] (8pts) The matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- is in reduced row echelon form.
- is in row echelon form, not in reduced row echelon form.
- is not in row echelon form.

(Check one).

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[III] (8pts)

$$(1) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} \cdot \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \cdot \boxed{3} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{3} \cdot \boxed{1} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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[IV] (12pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$(1) \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} \cdot \boxed{4} + \boxed{4} \cdot \boxed{1} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{4} \cdot \boxed{1} + \boxed{1} \cdot \boxed{4} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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[V] (12pts)

(1) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$AB = BA$         $AB \neq BA$       (Check one).

**Justification.**  $B = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$   $A$       (Fill in a concrete number).

(2) For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 9 \\ 863 & 1375 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$AB = BA$         $AB \neq BA$       (Check one).

**Justification.**  $A = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$   $I$       (Fill in a concrete number),

where  $I$  is the \_\_\_\_\_ matrix.

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[VI] (12pts)

$$(1) \quad \text{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

$$(2) \quad \underline{\text{True or false}} : \quad \text{“ For } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix},$$

we always have  $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$ . ”

True       False      (Check one).

**Justification.**      From

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} ap + br & * \\ * & cq + ds \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} ap + cq & * \\ * & br + ds \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = \underbrace{\boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}}}_{\parallel ?},$$

$$\text{Tr}(BA) = \overbrace{\boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}}}.$$

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[VII] (10pts) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(1) \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{a}} & \boxed{\phantom{b}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{c}} & \boxed{\phantom{d}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(2) \quad A + A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{a}} & \boxed{\phantom{b}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{c}} & \boxed{\phantom{d}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$A + A^T$  is symmetric.

$A + A^T$  is not symmetric.

(Check one).

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[VIII] (15pts)

- (1) True or false: “  $(AB)C = A(BC)$  always holds true, as far as  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are in right sizes so that  $AB$  and  $BC$  are defined. ”

True       False      (Check one).

- (2) True or false:

“ Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies  $A^{50} = I$ . Then  $A$  is non-singular, and  $A^{-1} = A^{49}$ . ”

True       False      (Check one).

(3)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{200} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{\phantom{000}} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}$

(no justification necessary).

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[IX] (15pts) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + \phi) & -\sin(\theta + \phi) \\ \sin(\theta + \phi) & \cos(\theta + \phi) \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1) Write out  $AB$  in terms of  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\sin \phi$  and  $\cos \phi$ .

$AB$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} & - \left( \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \right) \\ \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(2) Read off the four entries of  $C = AB$ , and write out the consequence.

$$\cos(\theta + \phi) = \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} - \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}},$$

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}} + \boxed{\phantom{0}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{0}}.$$

(3) True or false: “ For the above  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $AB = BA$  holds. ”

True

False

(Check one).

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[X] (Extra 15pts) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ .

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\phantom{0}}^2 + \boxed{\phantom{0}}^2 + \boxed{\phantom{0}}^2 = \boxed{\phantom{0}}.$$

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{ab} & \boxed{b^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{ac} & \boxed{bc} & \boxed{c^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(3) \quad A = I - 2\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{2a^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{2ab} & \boxed{2b^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{2ac} & \boxed{2bc} & \boxed{2c^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-a^2 + b^2 + c^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{-2ab} & \boxed{a^2 - b^2 + c^2} & \boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ \boxed{-2ac} & \boxed{-2bc} & \boxed{a^2 + b^2 - c^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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([X] continued)

(4) For  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$ , write out  $A$  in (3):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} \\ \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} \\ \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} & \frac{\boxed{\phantom{0000}}}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(5) Let  $A$  be as in (3). Find  $A^2$ . Use the result of (1).

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= AA = (I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)(I - 2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) \\ &= II - I(2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) - (2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)I + (2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)(2\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) \\ &= I - 2(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) - 2(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) + 4(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{u})\mathbf{u}^T) \\ &= \boxed{\phantom{0000}} - 4(\boxed{\phantom{0000}}\boxed{\phantom{0000}}^T) + 4(\boxed{\phantom{0000}}(\boxed{\phantom{0000}})\boxed{\phantom{0000}}^T) \\ &= \boxed{\phantom{0000}} - 4(\boxed{\phantom{0000}}\boxed{\phantom{0000}}^T) + 4(\boxed{\phantom{0000}}\boxed{\phantom{0000}}^T) \\ &= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}. \end{aligned}$$