

1. (5 points) For exactly \$1 at Trader Joe's, you can buy either (a) 1 apple, 1 banana, and 1 orange, (b) 2 bananas and 3 oranges, or (c) 1 apple and 2 oranges. How much for just one apple?

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + z & = & 1 \\ & 2y + 3z & = 1 \\ x & & + 2z = 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ Row Reduce

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/5 \end{array} \right]$$

$x = 3/5$ , so an apple costs \$0.60

2. (5 points) For what value(s) of  $a$  is the following system of equations consistent?

$$\begin{array}{l} x + 2y = 1 \\ 2x + 4y = a \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{Reduce}]{\text{Row}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a-2 \end{array} \right]$$

For the system to be consistent, you need  $a=2$

3. (5 points) Suppose  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $AB + AC = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If possible, find  $B + C$ .

$$A^{-1}(AB + AC) = B + C.$$

$$\text{So } B + C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (5 points) Calculate the inverse of  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Row  
Reduce

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

5. (6 points) Consider the following systems of equations:

- I. A  $4 \times 5$  homogeneous system.  $\infty$   
 II. A  $4 \times 2$  consistent system.  $1$  or  $\infty$   
 III. A  $3 \times 4$  system.  $0$  or  $\infty$

(An  $m \times n$  system of equations has  $m$  equations and  $n$  variables.)

Answer the following:

(a) Which of these WILL ALWAYS have at least one solution?

- a) I only      b) II only      c) III only      d) I and II only  
 e) I and III only      f) II and III only      g) I, II, and III      h) None of these

(b) Which of these MAY have infinitely many solutions?

- a) I only      b) II only      c) III only      d) I and II only  
 e) I and III only      f) II and III only      g) I, II, and III      h) None of these

(c) Which of these WILL ALWAYS have infinitely many solutions?

- a) I only      b) II only      c) III only      d) I and II only  
 e) I and III only      f) II and III only      g) I, II, and III      h) None of these

6. (4 points) Answer each of the following

(a) Suppose  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are nonsingular matrices, and  $C^{-1} = AB$ . Which one of the following is equal to  $A^{-1}$ ?

- a)  $CB$       b)  $B^{-1}C$       c)  $BC$       d)  $C^{-1}B$

$$A^{-1}C^{-1} = B \Rightarrow A^{-1} = BC$$

(b) True or false: If  $AC = BC$ , then  $A = B$ .

False: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. (5 points) Is the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  linearly dependent or independent?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Reduce}]{\text{Row}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So it is linearly independent

8. (5 points) Let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  be a set of four vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Prove that the set is linearly dependent. (Do not use the theorem that states a set of more than  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  is linearly dependent.)

$a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + a_3\vec{v}_3 + a_4\vec{v}_4 = \vec{0}$  is a system of equations with four variables and three equations so it must have more than one solution.

9. (5 points) Let  $N$  be a square matrix with  $N^2 = \mathcal{O}$ . Prove that  $N$  is singular. (Remember that  $N^2$  means  $N$  times  $N$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  is the zero matrix.)

Let  $\vec{x}$  be a non zero vector.

Since  $N^2 = \mathcal{O}$ ,  $N^2\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

If  $N\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  then  $N$  is singular.

If not, then  $N(N\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$  which means that  $N$  is singular.

^ Non-zero vector.