

MTH 3331 Practice Test #1 - Solutions

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } A + B &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+(-1) & 2+1 & 1+0 \\ 2+0 & 1+1 & 3+1 \\ 0+1 & 0+(-1) & 1+(-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b) } A^T + B^T = (A + B)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } AC &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 0 & 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 4 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 0 & 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 4 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 0 & 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 15 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(d) CA is undefined. (Recall: The number of columns of the first matrix must equal the number of rows of the second matrix.)

$$\text{(e) } CD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 \\ 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 \\ 0 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(f) } BC &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 0 & (-1) \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 0 & 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 0 & 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(g) $A + D$ is undefined. (Recall: In order to add two matrices, they must be the same size.)

(h) AD is undefined. (Recall: The number of columns of the first matrix must equal the number of rows of the second matrix.)

2. ~

- (a) $(A^T)^T = A$ Reason: To form A^T , we take the i^{th} row of A and make it the i^{th} column of A^T . (or equivalently, we take the i^{th} column of A and make it the i^{th} row of A^T .) To form $(A^T)^T$, we take the i^{th} column of A^T (which is, as you recall, the i^{th} row of A) and make it the i^{th} row of $(A^T)^T$. This means that the i^{th} row of A and the i^{th} row of $(A^T)^T$ are equal. Hence, $(A^T)^T = A$.
- (b) Recall: $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ and $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$.
Therefore, $[A(B + C)]^T = (B + C)^T A^T = (B^T + C^T) A^T = B^T A^T + C^T A^T$

3. When we transform the system of equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4x & -7y & +3z = 9 \\ -2x & & +z = 5 \\ 8x & +3y & +2z = 2 \end{array}$$

to the form: $\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & A & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, the “coefficient matrix” A , is always such that the entries in the first column are the coefficients of x , the entries in the second column are the coefficients of y , and the entries in the third column are the coefficients of z .

Hence, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and our system appears in matrix form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Observe: For any square $(n \times n)$ matrix A ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{(A - I)(A^2 + A + I)}_{\text{distributive law}} = A \cdot (A^2 + A + I) - I \cdot (A^2 + A + I) \\ & = A \cdot A^2 + A \cdot A + A \cdot I - I \cdot A^2 - I \cdot A - I \cdot I \text{ (distributive law again.)} \\ & = A^3 + A^2 + A - A^2 - A - I = A^3 - I \end{aligned}$$

5. Observe: for $(n \times n)$ matrices A and B , we have:

$$\underbrace{(A - B)(A^2 + AB + B^2) = A(A^2 + AB + B^2) - B(A^2 + AB + B^2)}_{\text{distributive Law}} =$$

$$A \cdot A^2 + A \cdot AB + A \cdot B^2 - B \cdot A^2 + B \cdot AB + B \cdot B^2$$

(distributive law again.)

$$= A^3 + A^2B + AB^2 - BA^2 - BAB - B^3$$

Since multiplication of matrices is not commutative in general, this can't be simplified. For example, we can't rewrite BAB as AB^2 or B^2A .

6. If matrices A, B, C are such that A is nonzero and $AB = AC$, it is not necessarily true that $B = C$. For example, consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \neq C, \text{ and yet } AB = AC = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The reason that this can happen is that some properties of real numbers don't hold for matrices. In particular, $AB = 0_{n \times n}$ does not imply that either $A = 0$ or $B = 0$. This prevents us from showing that $AB = AC \Rightarrow B = C$. If we try to show this, here's what happens:

$$AB = AC \Rightarrow \underbrace{AB - AC = 0}_{\text{distributive law}} \Rightarrow A(B - C) = 0. \text{ At this point,}$$

we can't conclude that $B - C = 0$, and therefore, it doesn't follow that $B = C$.

For problems 7 to 10 we consider the **main diagonal** of an $n \times n$ matrix. The **main diagonal** is the set of elements $\{a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots, a_{nn}\}$ shown below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & & \\ & a_{22} & & & \\ & & a_{33} & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

7. An Upper Triangular Matrix is a $(n \times n)$ matrix that has zeros for entries below the

main diagonal.
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & \cdots & & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & & & \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

8. A Lower Triangular Matrix is a $(n \times n)$ matrix that has zeros for entries above the main diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ & a_{22} & 0 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & a_{33} & & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

9. A Diagonal Matrix is a $(n \times n)$ matrix that has zeros for entries above and below the main diagonal. (A Diagonal Matrix is both upper and lower triangular.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

10. The multiplicative identity for $n \times n$ matrices, denoted I , is the $n \times n$ matrix whose main diagonal elements are 1 and whose other elements are 0.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

11. For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4A + 2B - C = 4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4-2-7 & 4+2-6 & 0+2-3 \\ 8+2-2 & 4-2-1 & 0+2-0 \\ 4+4-9 & 4+6-8 & 4+8-5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & -1 \\ 8 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

12. To compute the multiplicative inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

form the augmented matrix $[A \mid I]$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{3} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{3} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{1}{3} & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \\ & \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

When the left half of the augmented matrix has been transformed into the identity matrix, the right half of the augmented matrix will have been transformed into the inverse of A .

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

13. ~

$$(a) AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

This tells us that B is the multiplicative inverse of A . (i.e. $B = A^{-1}$)

$$(b) A+E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-1 & -1+1 & 0+0 \\ -1+1 & 2-1 & -1+1 \\ 0+0 & -1+1 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(c) BA + BE = B(A + E) = BI = B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

14. Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(a) AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot (-2) \\ 3 \cdot (-2) + 6 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 4 + 6 \cdot (-2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. $AB = 0_{2 \times 2}$

(b) Problem 14.a tells us that the axiom:

$$AB = 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } A = 0 \text{ or } B = 0$$

does not hold for matrices.

15. Simplify (i.e. State in terms of A, B , and C only):

$$\begin{aligned} [(A^T + B^T) \cdot C^T]^T &= (C^T)^T \cdot (A^T + B^T)^T = C \cdot ((A^T)^T + (B^T)^T) = C \cdot (A + B) \\ &= CA + CB \end{aligned}$$