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**MATH 251**  
**Assignment 3**

1. (2 marks) Suppose  $A$  is a  $2 \times 4$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix. Find the size of matrix  $C$  in each equation, assuming the matrix operations are well-defined.

(a)  $ACB = I_2$

(b)  $4A^T - 3C = O$

2. (2 marks) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $A^2 = 2A$ , then find  $a$ .

3. (3 marks) Evaluate (if possible)  $B^T B + 4A^2 - 3I_2$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ -5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 9 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4. (3 marks) Write  $D$  as a linear combination of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (if possible), where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -8 \\ -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. (3 marks) Determine whether  $AB$  is in  $\text{span}(A, B)$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6. (3 marks) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , then solve the following equation for  $X$ .

$$XAA^T + B - 3I_2 = O$$

7. (2 marks) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 7 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (a) Find an elementary matrix  $E$  satisfying the equation  $EA = B$ .
- (b) Find an elementary matrix  $E$  satisfying the equation  $EA = C$ .

8. (1 mark) Find the inverse of  $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

9. (3 marks) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $A^{-1}$  and  $A$  each as a product of two elementary matrices.

10. (3 marks) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find  $A^{-1}$  using the Gauss-Jordan method for computing the inverse.
- (b) Use  $A^{-1}$  to solve the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .