

**Math 290 ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**PRACTICE FINAL (for In-Class)**

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[I] (20pts)

(1)  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$

(2)  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$

(3)  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$   
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([I] continued)

$$(4) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot 3 \\ 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 3 \\ 3 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 2 & 3 \cdot 3 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$$

$$(5) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$$

$$(6) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$$

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[II] (20pts)

(1) Observe

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \boxed{a_{12}} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \boxed{a_{24}} \\ \boxed{a_{31}} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & \boxed{a_{43}} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$a_{12} \ a_{24} \ a_{31} \ a_{43}$

- ☐ is an elementary product. ( Check one. )  
☐ is not an elementary product.

(2) Observe

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a_{11}} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & \boxed{a_{22}} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \boxed{a_{33}} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$a_{11} \ a_{22} \ a_{33}$

- ☐ is an elementary product. ( Check one. )  
☐ is not an elementary product.

(3) The number of elementary products of the general  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$

$$= \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} \cdot \boxed{1} = \boxed{\phantom{00}}.$$

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[III] (8pts) (1) The number of inversions for the permutation

$$(4, 2, 5, 3, 1)$$

is calculated as

$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} + \boxed{\phantom{00}} = \boxed{\phantom{00}}.$$

contribution
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total  
from 4
from 2
from 5
from 3

(2) Hence, the permutation in (1) is \_\_\_\_\_.

( Fill in either “even” or “odd” . )

(3) In the formula defining the determinant

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{bmatrix},$$

☐  $+ a_{14} a_{22} a_{35} a_{43} a_{51}$  appears as a term. ( Check one. )  
☐  $- a_{14} a_{22} a_{35} a_{43} a_{51}$

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[IV] (12pts)

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} - a \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ b & c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{co-factor expansion}) \\ &= 1 \cdot \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &\quad - a \cdot \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &\quad + a^2 \cdot \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &= bc \cdot \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) - a \left( c + b \right) \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &\quad + a^2 \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &= \left[ bc - (c + b)a + a^2 \right] \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \\ &= \left( \boxed{b} - \boxed{a} \right) \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right) \left( \boxed{\phantom{00}} - \boxed{\phantom{00}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 16 & 81 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

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[V] (20pts) (1) Give the definition of an orthogonal matrix.

“ A square matrix  $A$  is said to be orthogonal, when

holds. ”

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(2) For an arbitrary orthogonal matrix  $A$  (with real numbers as entries),

$\det A =$  \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ .

(3) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal, and  $ad - bc = -1$ , then

$A^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Proof for (3):**  $A$  is written as  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ .

Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \hline \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \hline \boxed{\phantom{00}} & \boxed{\phantom{00}} \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \text{by } a^2 + b^2 = 1. \right] \end{aligned}$$

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[VI] (20pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . (1) True or false :

(1a)  $A + A^T$  is a symmetric matrix.

☐ True. ☐ False. (Check one.)

(1b)  $AA^T$  is a symmetric matrix.

☐ True. ☐ False. (Check one.)

(1c)  $AA^T = A^T A$ .

☐ True. ☐ False. (Check one.)

(2) Let

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

Agree that this is a symmetric matrix. Suppose  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers.

True or false :

*“A is diagonalized by an orthogonal matrix. Namely, there exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is a diagonal matrix.”*

☐ True. ☐ False. (Check one.)

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[VII] (20pts) Diagonalize the given matrix  $A$ . If not feasible, then say 'not feasible'.

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