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1a) (5 marks) Solve the following linear system.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 + 4x_4 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + 19x_3 + 8x_4 = 4 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 + 16x_3 + 6x_4 = 8 \end{cases} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 19 & 8 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 16 & 6 & 8 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} -2R_1 \\ -3R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -8 & -6 & 2 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} 3R_2 \\ \end{matrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_4 = \text{parameter} \\ x_3 = 2 + 6x_4 \\ x_2 = -3x_3 = -3(2 + 6x_4) = -6 - 18x_4 \\ x_1 = 2 - 4x_4 - 8x_3 - 2x_2 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad = 2 - 4x_4 - 16 - 48x_4 + 12 + 30x_4 \\ \boxed{x_1 = -2 - 16x_4} \end{array} \right.$$

1b) (2 marks) Find a particular solution where  $x_2 = 12$

$$12 = -6 - 18x_4 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_4 = -1}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_4 = -1 \\ x_3 = -4 \\ x_2 = 12 \\ x_1 = 14 \end{array} \right.$$

2. (4 marks) For which values of  $k$  the system will have

$$\begin{cases} x + y + 2z = k \\ 3x + y + 7z = 3k + 4 \\ 4x + 2y + (k+7)z = 5k \end{cases}$$

a) Exactly one solution, b) No solution, c) Infinitely many solutions

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & k \\ 3 & 1 & 7 & 3k+4 \\ 4 & 2 & k+7 & 5k \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-3R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & k \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 3k+4 \\ 4 & 2 & k+7 & 5k \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-4R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & k \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 3k+4 \\ 0 & -2 & k-1 & k \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & k \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 3k+4 \\ 0 & -2 & k-1 & k \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & k \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 3k+4 \\ 0 & 0 & k-2 & k-4 \end{array} \right)$$

a)  $k-2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{k \neq 2}$

b)  $k-2 = 0$  and  $k-4 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{k=2}$

c)  $k-2 = 0$  and  $k-4 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Not possible}}$

3. (3 marks) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $(n \times n)$  matrices such that  $B = I - A$  and  $A^2 = A$ . Show that  $AB = BA = 0$ .

$$AB = A(I - A) = A - A^2 = A - A = 0$$

$$BA = (I - A)A = A - A^2 = A - A = 0$$

4. (3+3+4 marks) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a) Find  $\text{tr}(ACB - 2I_2) = 5$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} AC &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ ACB &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 11 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ ACB - 2I &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}}$$

b) Find  $\det(CB)$

$$= \frac{1}{-3 - 4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} CB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Find the matrix  $X$  such that  $(X^T + 2I_2)^{-1} = A$

$$X^T + 2I_2 = A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^T = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{X = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}$$

5. (4+3 marks) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ .

a) Find  $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b) Use  $\text{adj}(A)$  to solve the system  $AX = b$ .

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \text{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. (4 marks) Evaluate the determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ -4 & 4 & -6 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$\approx \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \cdot 2 = -4$$

7. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $(2 \times 2)$ matrices, where  $\det(A) = 2$ ,  $\det(B) = 3$ . Find

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) (2 marks)} \quad \det((2A)^{-1}B^2) &= |(2A)^{-1}| |B^2| = \frac{1}{|2A|} |B| |B| \\ &= \frac{3^2}{2^2 |A|} = \frac{3^2}{2^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) (2 marks)} \quad \det(2A^{-1} + 7\text{adj}(A)) &= |2A^{-1} + 7A^{-1}| |A| \\ &= |(2 + 7 \cdot 2) A^{-1}| = 16^2 \frac{1}{|A|} = \frac{16^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) (3 marks)} \quad \det(B^T A^{-3} (2BA)^2) &= |B^T| |A^{-3}| |(2BA)^2| \\ &= |B| \frac{1}{|A^3|} |2BA| |2BA| = \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 |B| |A| |2^2| |D| |A|}{|A|^3} \\ &\approx \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2^4 3^2 \cdot 2^2}{2^3} = 3^3 2^5 \end{aligned}$$

8. (4+4 marks) Let  $\vec{u} = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (-1, 2, k)$ ,  $\vec{w} = (3, 1, 2)$ .

a) For which values of  $k$  the vectors  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{u} - \vec{v}$  are perpendicular

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (0, 4, 3+k)$$

$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} = (2, 0, 3-k)$$

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{v})(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = (3+k)(3-k) = 0$$

$$\boxed{k = \pm 3}$$

b) Find  $\text{Proj}_{2\vec{w}}(\vec{u} + \vec{w})$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{w} = (4, 3, 5) \quad 2\vec{w} = (6, 2, 4)$$

$$\text{proj}_{2\vec{w}}(\vec{u} + \vec{w}) = \frac{(\vec{u} + \vec{w})(2\vec{w})}{\|2\vec{w}\|^2} 2\vec{w}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 4}{6^2 + 2^2 + 4^2} (6, 2, 4)$$

$$\frac{50}{56} (6, 2, 4)$$

9. (3 marks) Let  $\vec{u} = (-1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (-1, 2, 1)$ . Find a unit vector perpendicular to the vectors  $\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{v}$

$$2\vec{v} = (-2, 4, 2) \quad \vec{u} + 2\vec{v} = (-3, 6, 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{w} &= \vec{v} \times (\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}) = (-1, 2, 1) \times (-3, 6, 5) \\ &= (4, 2, 0)\end{aligned}$$

unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{w}$

$$\frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(4, 2, 0)$$

10. (4 marks) Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\vec{u} = (1, -1, 0)$ , and  $\vec{v} = (0, 1, -1)$

$$A_{\square} = \|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\| = \|(1, 1, 1)\| = \sqrt{3}$$

11a) (3 marks) Find the line of intersection of the planes  $x - y + z = -1$  and  $2x - y + 3z = 1$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) - 2R_1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$l: \begin{cases} z = t & (\text{parameter}) \\ y = 3 - t \\ x = -1 - t + y = -1 - t + 3 - t = 2 - 2t \end{cases}$$

12b) (3 marks) Find the parametric equations of the line passing through the point  $A(2, 1, 1)$  and parallel to the line of intersection of the planes  $x - y + z = -1$  and  $2x - y + 3z = 1$  in part a)

$$\vec{v} = (-2, -1, 1)$$

$$A(2, 1, 1)$$

$$l: (2 - 2t, 1 - t, 1 + t)$$

12. (4 marks) Find the equation of the plane containing the lines

$$\begin{cases} x = 1+t \\ y = t \\ z = 1-t \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x = 2-s \\ y = 1+s \\ z = s \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{n} = (1, 1, -1) \times (-1, 1, 1) = (2, 0, 2)$$

$$P_0 = (1, 0, 1) \quad (t=0)$$

$$p: 2(x-1) + 2(z-1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + 2z - 4 = 0$$

13. (4 marks) Find the intersection of the plane  $2x + y + 2z = 11$  and the line

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 - 2t \\ y = 2 - t \\ z = 3 + 3t \end{cases}$$

where  $t$  is a real number.

$$2(1-2t) + (2-t) + 2(3+3t) = 11$$

$$-4t - t + 6t + 2 + 2 + 6 = 11$$

$$t = 1$$

Intersection point  $P(-1, 1, 6)$

14. (3+3 marks) Given  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = 5$ . Find

$$\text{a) } \vec{w} \cdot (2\vec{v} \times 3\vec{u}) = \begin{vmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ 2v_1 & 2v_2 & 2v_3 \\ 3u_1 & 3u_2 & 3u_3 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -6 \cdot 5 = -30$$

$$\text{b) } (\vec{v} \times \vec{u}) \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = 0$$

15. (4 marks) Find the equation of the plane containing the points  $A(2, 0, -1)$ ,  $B(0, 1, 2)$  and perpendicular to the plane  $2x + y + z = 1$ .

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times (2, 1, 1) = (-2, 1, 3) \times (2, 1, 1) = (-2, 8, -4)$$

$$P_0 = A(2, 0, -1)$$

$$P: -2(x-2) + 8y - 4(z+1) = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$-2x + 8y - 4z = 0$$

16. (4 marks) Find the distance between the point  $A(2, -1, 1)$  and the line  $\begin{cases} x = 1 + t \\ y = 2 - 3t \\ z = 1 + 2t \end{cases}$

$$B(1, 2, 1) \quad (t=0)$$

$$C(2, -1, 3) \quad (t=1)$$

$$d = \frac{\|\vec{BA} \times \vec{BC}\|}{\|\vec{BC}\|}$$

$$\vec{BA} = (1, -1, 0)$$

$$\vec{BC} = (1, -3, 2)$$


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$$\vec{BA} \times \vec{BC} = (-2, -2, -2)$$

$$d = \frac{\sqrt{3 \cdot 2^2}}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{14}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{14}} \dots$$

17. (8 marks) Maximize the profit function  $P = 15x_1 + 50x_2 - 45x_3$  subject to

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \leq 3 \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 1 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 \leq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c|c} & & & \text{Ratios} & \\ \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{matrix} & \left| \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right. & & \begin{matrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \\ X \end{matrix} & \\ \hline \begin{matrix} -15 & -50 & 45 \end{matrix} & \left| \begin{matrix} 0 \end{matrix} \right. & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c|c} & & & \text{Ratios} & \\ \begin{matrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \end{matrix} & \left| \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \right. & & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ X \\ X \end{matrix} & \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 35 & 0 & -5 \end{matrix} & \left| \begin{matrix} 50 \end{matrix} \right. & & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 30 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} & \left| \begin{matrix} 55 \end{matrix} \right. & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 0 \\ x_2 &= 2 \\ x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 15 \cdot 0 + 50 \cdot 2 - 45 \cdot 1 \\ &= 100 - 45 = 55 \end{aligned}$$

18. (7 marks) Minimize the cost function  $C = 12x_1 + 40x_2 + 30x_3$  subject to

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \geq 2 \\ -x_1 - x_2 - 3x_3 \geq -1 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \geq -2 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 40 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 30 \\ \hline -2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right] \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ \hline 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 24 \end{array} \right] \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 28 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -4 & 1 & 1 & 22 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 40 \\ & & & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \text{Min} \end{array} \right]$$