

## Sample Solutions for Sample Questions 5

1. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then the inner product of  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  is

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n.$$

2. singular :  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

nonsingular :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3.  $|\vec{u}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{3 + 3 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ (or } 30^\circ)$$

4. If  $a = 0$

$$A \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $A$  is nonsingular  $\Leftrightarrow$   ~~$cd \neq 0$~~   $cb \neq 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = ad - bc \neq 0.$

If  $a \neq 0$

$$A \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - b \cdot \frac{c}{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $A$  is nonsingular  $\Leftrightarrow a(d - b \cdot \frac{c}{a}) \neq 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \underset{\det(A)}{ad - bc} \neq 0.$

5.

$$\text{Suppose } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall that  $\det(A) = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh,$

Observation 1. If  $a = d = g = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 0.$

Observation 2. Let  $A'$  be obtained from  $A$   
by swapping  $\times$  two rows. Then  ~~$\det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$~~   
 $\det(A') = -\det(A).$   
(so  $\det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A') \neq 0.$ )

Observation 3. Let  $A'$  be obtained from  $A$   
by swapping two rows.

Then  $A$  is nonsingular  $\Leftrightarrow A'$  is nonsingular.

[5. continued].

Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

~~Case 1~~ Claim:  $A$  is nonsingular  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$

Case 1: Suppose  $a = d = g = 0$ .

Then  $A$  is singular and  $\det(A) = 0$ .

So the claim is true.

Case 2: Suppose one of  $a, d, g$  is nonzero.

By Observations 2, 3,

we may assume  $a \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & e - \frac{d}{a}b & f - \frac{d}{a}c \\ 0 & h - \frac{g}{a}b & i - \frac{g}{a}c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \text{ is nonsingular} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e - \frac{d}{a}b & f - \frac{d}{a}c \\ h - \frac{g}{a}b & i - \frac{g}{a}c \end{pmatrix} \text{ is nonsingular}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \cdot \left[ \left( e - \frac{d}{a}b \right) \left( i - \frac{g}{a}c \right) - \left( f - \frac{d}{a}c \right) \left( h - \frac{g}{a}b \right) \right] \neq 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow aei - dbi - egc + \frac{dgc}{a} - afh + dch + fgb - \frac{dcgb}{a} \neq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0.$$

6. I do not know the answer.

But I can do  $k=7$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & ? & ? \end{pmatrix}.$$

~~Yes~~ Please let me know if you can do  $k < 7$ .

7.  $\bar{j}=1$ . Solve  $A\vec{v}_1 = \vec{e}_1$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -6 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & -9 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ & & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ & & & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 19 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ & & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ & & & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & & & & 12 \\ & 1 & & & 7 \\ & & 1 & & 5 \\ & & & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

When you try to solve  $A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{e}_2$ ,  
you will notice the left hand side  
is doing the same process;  
only the right hand side is different.

[7. continued]

So solve everything together.

$$\left( A \mid \begin{matrix} \vec{e}_1 \\ \vec{e}_2 \\ \vec{e}_3 \\ \vec{e}_4 \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & -9 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ & & 1 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ & & & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 19 & -3 & 3 & -7 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ & & 1 & 0 & 5 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ & & & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & & & & 12 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ & 1 & & & 7 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ & & 1 & & 5 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ & & & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 & \vec{v}_4 \end{matrix}$

