

1. TRUE or FALSE:

- (a) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with nonzero determinant and  $AB = AC$  then  $B = C$ .
- (b) A square matrix with zero diagonal entries is never invertible.
- (c) A linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is one-to-one if and only if its standard matrix has nonzero determinant.
- (d) Every spanning subset of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  contains a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (e) A linearly independent subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has at most  $n$  elements.
- (f) Every subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  contains infinitely many vectors.
- (g) The system of linear equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is in the column space of  $A$ .

2. Indicate if each of the following is a linear subspace:

- (a) The set of all vectors parallel to a fixed vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- (b) All the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $x_1 + x_3 = 1$ .
- (c) The intersection of two subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (d) The set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with two equal components.

3. Determine if each of the following matrices is invertible? If not, explain why. If so, compute its inverse.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 & -2 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Compute the determinant of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 12 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 & 12 \\ 2 & 8 & 14 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Suppose  $A = (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_n)$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ . For each of the following statements, indicate whether they are true or false and justify your answer.

- (a) If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then the set  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  is linearly dependent.
- (b) If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is a linear combination of  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1}\}$ .
- (c) If  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1}\}$  is linearly independent and  $\det(A) = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{a}_n$  is a linear combination of  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1}\}$ .
- (d) If the system of linear equations  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution, then the determinant of the matrix  $B = (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \mathbf{b})$ , obtained from replacing the last column of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{b}$ , is zero.
- (e) There exists a vector  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  which is not in the span of  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1}\}$ .
- (f) If  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1}\}$  is linearly independent then there exists a vector  $\mathbf{c}$  such that the determinant of the matrix  $C = (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_{n-1} \mathbf{c})$ , obtained from replacing the last column of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{c}$ , has nonzero determinant.

6. Given a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $A$  is the matrix  $A = (\mathbf{a}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n)$ , we write

$$\det(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) = \det(A)$$

- (a) Suppose that  $\det(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}) = 2$  for a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find:

$$\det(\mathbf{w} + 2\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}, 3\mathbf{u})$$