

For all questions below, the answer E. NOTA means “None of these answers”.

1. Write the system  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 8 \\ x - 2y = -3 \end{cases}$  as a matrix equation:

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

2. Determine the product  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 9 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 9 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ -9 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

3. What is  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ ?

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

4. The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is  $\det(A) = k$  for some real value  $k$ . Consider the matrix  $B = kAA^T A^{-1}$ . Which of the following equals  $\det(B)$  in terms of  $k$ ?

A.  $k^4$       B.  $k^n$       C.  $k^{n+1}$       D.  $k^{n+2}$       E. NOTA

5. Which matrix is not singular?

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

6. Find the value of  $k$  so that the system is inconsistent:  $\begin{cases} 2x + ky = 4 \\ -3x - 2y = -6 \end{cases}$

- A.  $k = 3$       B.  $k = -3$       C.  $k = \frac{4}{3}$       D.  $k = -\frac{4}{3}$       E. NOTA

7. The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the quadratic equation  $A^2 + \alpha A + \beta I = 0$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are integers and  $I$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. Determine the value of  $\alpha + \beta$ .

- A. -14      B. 11      C. 14      D. 20      E. NOTA

8. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & -1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$ . What is  $A^7$ ?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 64\sqrt{3} & -64 \\ 64 & 64\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -64\sqrt{3} & 64 \\ -64 & -64\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 128\sqrt{3} & -128 \\ 128 & 128\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$   
D.  $\begin{bmatrix} -128\sqrt{3} & 128 \\ -128 & -128\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

9. Which matrix is written in reduced row echelon form?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

10. Find the area of the triangle with vertices at  $(-2, 1, 3)$ ,  $(1, 5, 4)$ , and  $(5, 2, 5)$ .

- A.  $5\sqrt{3}$       B.  $\frac{15\sqrt{3}}{2}$       C. 44      D. 88      E. NOTA

11. Find the sum of the solutions to the equation:  $\begin{vmatrix} -3 & x+3 \\ 2-x & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 8$

- A. -5      B. -1      C. 1      D. 4      E. NOTA

12. In  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , each entry  $a, b, c, d$  is independently and randomly assigned a value of 0 or 1 with equal probability. What is the probability that  $M$  is invertible?

- A.  $\frac{1}{8}$       B.  $\frac{1}{4}$       C.  $\frac{3}{8}$       D.  $\frac{1}{2}$       E. NOTA

13. Solve for matrix  $A$ :  $2A + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -2 & -4 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

14. Let  $S$  be the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries. Consider the following properties:

- I.  $AB = BA$       II.  $(AB)C = A(BC)$       III.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ .

Which of these properties are true for all matrices  $A, B, C$  in  $S$ ?

- A. I only      B. II only      C. II and III only      D. I and III only      E. NOTA

15. Using Cramer's Rule,  $x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}}$  is the solution for  $x$  in a  $2 \times 2$  system involving  $x$  and  $y$ . What is this  $2 \times 2$  system of equations?

- A.  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 3 \\ -x + 5y = 5 \end{cases}$       B.  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 4 \\ -x + 5y = 1 \end{cases}$       C.  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 4 \\ 3x + 5y = 1 \end{cases}$       D.  $\begin{cases} 4x + 3y = 2 \\ x + 5y = -1 \end{cases}$       E. NOTA

16. Which of the following 3-D vectors has a magnitude that is a positive integer?

- A.  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$       E. NOTA

17. Which of the following is a unit vector in the *opposite direction* of  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

- A.  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{9} \\ -\frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{2}{9} \end{pmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix}$       E. NOTA

18. Find the *sum* of all values of  $x$  that make  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & x & -3 \\ x & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & x+1 \end{bmatrix}$  not invertible.

- A. 1                      B. 0                      C. -1                      D. -6                      E. NOTA

19. If  $\vec{u} = \langle 2, -3 \rangle$  is perpendicular to both  $\vec{v} = \langle x, -2 \rangle$  and  $\vec{w} = \langle -1, 2y \rangle$ , find the value of  $xy$ .

- A. -2                      B. -1                      C. 0                      D. 1                      E. NOTA

20. Which matrix below is idempotent?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

21. Which matrix below is nilpotent?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 & 2 \\ 15 & -9 & 6 \\ 10 & -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & -2 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

22. Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{u} = \langle 3, -1 \rangle$  and  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 1 \rangle$ .

- A.  $30^\circ$                       B.  $40^\circ$                       C.  $45^\circ$                       D.  $60^\circ$                       E. NOTA

23. Let  $\vec{u} = \langle -1, 4 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{v} = \langle 3, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{w} = \langle -2, 1 \rangle$ . If  $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} + c\vec{w} = \vec{0}$  for some non-zero  $a, b, c$ , compute the distance from the origin to the line  $ax + by = c$ .

- A. 0                      B. 1                      C.  $\sqrt{2}$                       D. 2                      E. NOTA

24. If the trace of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is 3, what is the trace of  $5A$ ?

- A. 3                      B. 12                      C. 15                      D. 240                      E. NOTA

25. Given  $|\vec{v} + \vec{w}| = m$  and  $|\vec{v} - \vec{w}| = n$ , find the dot product,  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$ , in terms of  $m$  and  $n$ .

- A.  $\frac{1}{4}(m^2 - n^2)$       B.  $\frac{1}{4}(m^2 + n^2)$       C.  $\frac{1}{4}(m - n)$       D.  $\frac{1}{4}(m - n)^2$       E. NOTA

26. Which vector is linearly independent to  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$       D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$       E. NOTA

27. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 7 \\ x & 5 & z \\ y & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric, find the sum  $x + y + z$ .

- A. 5      B. 6      C. 8      D. 10      E. NOTA

28. Find the product  $xyz$  in the system  $\begin{cases} x + y = 8 \\ x + z = 11. \\ y + z = 13 \end{cases}$

- A. 88      B. 104      C. 143      D. 150      E. NOTA

29. Which of the following must be true for any two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  with real entries?

- A.  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$       B.  $(A + B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$   
C.  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B)$       D.  $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$   
E. NOTA

30. Suppose  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  is not the zero vector and  $c$  is some real number.  
Find the product of all possible values of  $c$ .

- A. -6      B. -2      C. -1      D. 1      E. NOTA