

Math 54-1  
Quiz 4, July 8, 2010

Your name: Key

Please write your name **on each sheet**. Show your work clearly and in order, including intermediate steps in the solutions and the final answer.

1. (4 pt) Find

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftarrow R_1/2 \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_2/3 \end{array}$$

$$2 \cdot 3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\underline{\underline{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1}} \quad 6 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -6.$$

2. (6 pt) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ -1 & -t \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find all values of  $t$  for which the matrix  $A$  is invertible.

(b) For  $t$  such that  $A$  is invertible, find  $A^{-1}$  and use it to solve the equation

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a)  $A$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 1 - t^2 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow t \notin \{1, -1\}.$

(b) Assume that  $t \neq \pm 1$ . Then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} -t & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1-t^2} \begin{bmatrix} -t & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-t^2} \begin{bmatrix} -t & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1-t^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1-t \\ 1-t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1+t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$