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Your PRINTED NAME indicates you have read through Chapters 1 and 2 of my notes: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Problem 1** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Calculate the following if possible (otherwise, explain why it can't be done)

(a.)  $A + A^2$

(b.)  $B + B^2$

(c.)  $A + BB^T$

(d.)  $A + B^T B$

**Problem 2** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 3^n & 3^n - 2^n \\ 0 & 2^n \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Problem 3** A standard notation is that  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in context. We could write  $I = I_2$  to emphasize the size if needed. Calculate  $I(a, b)$  and  $[a, b]I$ .

**Problem 4** Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$  and  $N = \begin{bmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(a.) Calculate  $MN$ . Relate your result to the product of the complex numbers  $(a + ib)(x + iy)$ .

(b.) Calculate  $M^{-1}$  given that at least one of  $a$  or  $b$  is nonzero. Relate your result to cartesian form of  $1/(a + ib)$ .

**Problem 5** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Choose appropriate sized standard basis and **square** matrix units for the following calculations to make sense and calculate:

(a.)  $Ae_2$

(b.)  $e_1^T A$

(c.)  $AE_{12}$

(d.)  $E_{12}A$

**Problem 6** Suppose  $A$  is a symmetric matrix and  $B$  is nilpotent of order 3. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $M$  symmetric? Is  $M^2$  symmetric? Is  $M^3$  symmetric. Comment on  $M^k$ , for which  $k$  can we be certain  $M^k$  a symmetric matrix?

**Problem 7** Let  $A, B, N, S$  be invertible square matrices. Solve the following equation for  $X$ :

$$(BA)^{-1}XS^{-1} = (NA)^2$$

**Problem 8** Prove Proposition 2.2.6 part (2.) in my notes.

**Problem 9** Prove the column-by-column multiplication rule for  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  and  $B \in R^{n \times p}$ . That is, if  $B = [B_1|B_2|\cdots|B_p]$  then show

$$AB = [AB_1|AB_2|\cdots|AB_p].$$

**Problem 10** Let  $A, B$  be matrices over  $R$  which can be multiplied. Prove  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .

**Problem 11** For each system below, find a matrix  $A$  and a vector of variables  $v$  such that the systems below are equivalent to  $Av = b$ . Also, state the augmented coefficient matrix for each system.

a.)  $x + y = 2, \quad x - y = 1.$

b.)  $a - b = 1 + c, \quad b = 3 - c.$

c.)  $x_1 + x_2 = 1, \quad x_2 + x_3 = 0, \quad x_3 + x_4 = 1, \quad x_4 + x_5 = 0.$

**Problem 12** Solve each system in the previous problem and write the solution **set** with proper **set** notation. Feel free to use any reasonable method to find the solution. Assume these are equations over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Problem 13** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Define  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix}$ . Order variables in the order  $x, y, z, w$  and find the augmented coefficient matrix for the linear system  $AX + XB = I$ .

*I realize some of you have not taken Math 231, but, that is no reason to avoid questions of geometry! If anything, that is a reason we should do more of it in here. Towards that end, here are two geometry problems which I'd like you to solve with algebra. Do not take a geometric approach to the following two problems. Thanks!*

**Problem 14** The equation of a plane has the form  $Ax + By + Cz = D$  when the normal to the plane is  $\langle A, B, C \rangle$ . Suppose the points  $(1, 2, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3, 3)$  and  $(0, 0, 2)$  are on a given plane. Find the possible normals for the given plane.

**Problem 15** Consider the points  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(3, 4)$ ,  $(8, 6)$ . Show these points are not on a line. We define a **line** in the plane to be the solution set of  $Ax + By = C$  where  $A, B, C$  are constants where at least one of  $A, B$  is nonzero.

**Problem 16** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use row reduction to calculate  $\text{rref}(A)$ .

**Problem 17** Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use row reduction to calculate  $\text{rref}(B)$ .

**Problem 18** Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Calculate  $\text{rref}(M)$  and  $\text{rref}(M^T)$  via row reduction.