

Math 122-002 201730  
Practice Assignment # 3

1. The scores of three players in a tournament have been lost. The only information available is that the sum of score for players 1 and 2 is 20, the sum of the scores of players 2 and 3 is 15, and the sum of the scores for players 1 and 3 is 17.

- (a) Show that the individual scores can be recovered. Find them!  
(b) If we had four players, and we know the combined scores of 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 3 and 4, and 4 and 1, can the scores be recovered?

2. Find  $a$  such that the system has nontrivial solutions. 
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + z = 0 \\ x + ay - 3z = 0 \\ -x + 6y - 5z = 0 \end{cases}$$

3. Without solving the system (“by inspection”), determine whether each homogeneous system has nontrivial (that is, nonzero) solutions. Justify your answers.

(a) 
$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 - 6x_4 = 0 \\ 8x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 + 1000x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ 5x_2 + 8x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(c) 
$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

4. Suppose that  $A, B, C, D$  are matrices of sizes  $3 \times 4$ ,  $2 \times 3$ ,  $3 \times 3$  and  $2 \times 4$  respectively. Decide whether the given expression is defined; if it is, give the size of the resulting matrix

- (a)  $AB$  (d)  $BD$   
(b)  $BA$  (e)  $DAC$   
(c)  $BA + C$  (f)  $D + B$

5. The *transpose* of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is the matrix  $A^T$  obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$ . This means that the first row of  $A^T$  is the first column of  $A$ , etc. In symbols,  $(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$ .

Now consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and compute the given expression where possible:

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| (a) $AB + C^T$ | (d) $(B + C)A$ |
| (b) $(BA)^T$   |                |
| (c) $ACB$      | (e) $A(B + C)$ |