

# Math 33A Midterm 1

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QUESTION 1

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- ✓ - **0 pts** Everything correct
- **1 pts** Minor mistakes
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- **2.5 pts** Incorrect/Incomplete conclusion
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QUESTION 2

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- ✓ - **0 pts** Correct
- **1 pts** minor error
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- **3 pts** Incorrect RREF
- **10 pts** Click here to replace this description.

QUESTION 3

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- ✓ - **0 pts** Correct
- **1 pts** Small computation error
- **3 pts** Incorrect TST
- **3 pts** Incorrect geometric interpretation part (c)
- **10 pts** Blank

QUESTION 4

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- ✓ - **0 pts** (a) Correct:  $\$T\left[\begin{array}{c} 8 \\ 3 \end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 13 \end{array}\right] \$\$$
- **2 pts** (a) Incorrect
- ✓ - **0 pts** (b) Correct:  $\$A\left[\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{array}\right] \$\$$

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QUESTION 5

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Part (a)

- ✓ - **0 pts** Everything correct
- **2 pts** Incorrect/incomplete explanation
- **2 pts** Incorrect answer/example
- **3 pts** No solution
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Part (b)

- ✓ - **0 pts** Everything correct
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Part (c)

- ✓ - **0 pts** Everything correct
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- **3 pts** No solution
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Part (d)

- ✓ - **0 pts** Everything correct

- **2 pts** Incorrect/incomplete explanation
- **3 pts** No solution
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Part (e)

- ✓ - **0 pts** **Everything correct**
- **2 pts** Incorrect/incomplete example/explanation
- **3 pts** No solution
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## 2021 Spring

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Q1. (10 points) Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ k \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $k$  is a number.

(a) Determine the value of  $k$  such that  $\vec{v}_3$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .

Save the equation,  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ k \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

This becomes augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & k \end{array} \right] = A$ . Find  $\text{ref}(A)$ .

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & k \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 1 & k \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3+k \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3+k \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & k-5 \end{array} \right]$$

In order for the system to be consistent,  $k-5$  must equal 0, else we get a contradiction. Only when the system has a solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ . Thus,  $\boxed{k=5}$  for  $\vec{v}_3$  to be a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  &  $\vec{v}_2$ .

(b) Let  $k$  be as in the previous part. Find all solutions of the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{v}_1 + x_2 \vec{v}_2 + x_3 \vec{v}_3$$

and then write your solution in parametric form.

we get the augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 3 & 8 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 8 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

reduced row echelon form  $\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

so:  $\begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 = -1 \\ x_2 + 4x_3 = 2 \end{cases}$

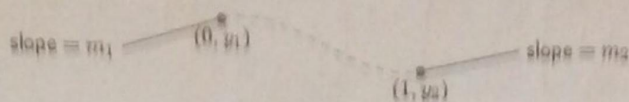
if we let  $x_3$  be  $t$ ,  $x_1 = t - 1$ , and  $x_2 = 2 - 4t$ .

Thus, solution is  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t-1 \\ 2-4t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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Q3. (10 points) In computer graphics, we are often interested in finding a curve that interpolates a given set of points in a reasonably smooth way. For instance, consider the situation where we are given two line segments in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with known slopes and endpoints as in the figure below, and suppose we want to find a curve joining them.



One method often employed in this problem is to find a polynomial

$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

such that

$$\begin{cases} f(0) = y_1 \\ f(1) = y_2 \\ f'(0) = m_1 \\ f'(1) = m_2 \end{cases} \quad (\circ)$$

where  $y_1, y_2, m_1, m_2$  are numbers and  $f'(t) = a_1 + 2a_2t + 3a_3t^2$  is the derivative of  $f(t)$ .

(a) By regarding  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$  as variables, write down the linear system  $(\circ)$  in matrix form.

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= a_0 = y_1 \\ f(1) &= a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = y_2 \\ f'(0) &= a_1 = m_1 \\ f'(1) &= a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = m_2 \end{aligned}$$

In augmented matrix form, the linear system is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & y_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & m_2 \end{array} \right]$$

(b) Solve the system (\*) for  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ . In other words, determine the formulas for  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$  in terms of  $y_1, y_2, m_1, m_2$ .

Convert to ref.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & y_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & m_2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & y_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & m_2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & y_2 - y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & m_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & y_2 - y_1 - m_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & m_2 - m_1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & y_2 - y_1 - m_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (m_2 - m_1) - 2(y_2 - y_1 - m_1) \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & m_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & y_2 - y_1 - m_1 - ((m_2 - m_1) - 2(y_2 - y_1 - m_1)) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (m_2 - m_1) - 2(y_2 - y_1 - m_1) \end{array} \right]$$

From the ref, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= y_1 \\ a_1 &= m_1 \\ a_2 &= 3y_2 - 3y_1 - 2m_1 - m_2 \\ a_3 &= m_2 + m_1 + 2y_1 - 2y_2 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find a polynomial  $f(t)$  of degree at most 3 such that

$$f(0) = 2, \quad f(1) = 2, \quad f'(0) = 3, \quad f'(1) = -2.$$

We have  $y_1 = 2, y_2 = 2, m_1 = 3, m_2 = -2$ .

Using part (b), we get:  $a_0 = 2$ .

$$a_1 = 3.$$

$$a_2 = 6 - 6 - 6 + 2 = -4.$$

$$a_3 = 1 + 4 - 4 = 1.$$

$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3.$$

$$f(t) = 2 + 3t - 4t^2 + t^3$$

## 2 Question 2 10 / 10

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Q3. (10 points) Consider the following linear transformations:

- $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  reflects any vector about the line  $y = x$ .
- $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  rotates any vector through an angle of  $45^\circ$  in the counter-clockwise direction.

(a) Find the matrices of  $T$  and  $S$ , respectively.

(That is, find the matrix  $A$  such that  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$  and the matrix  $B$  such that  $S(\vec{x}) = B\vec{x}$ .)

for  $T$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$  becomes  $\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$  after reflection  
 so  $A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & * \\ x & * \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 we see that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . So, matrix of  $T$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A$ .  
 For matrix  $B$ , rotation matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $\theta = \pi/4$ , matrix  
 of  $S$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Find the matrix  $C$  of the composition  $T \circ S \circ T$ .

(That is, find the matrix  $C$  such that  $(T \circ S \circ T)(\vec{x}) = C\vec{x}$ .)

let  $A$  be matrix of  $T$ ,  $B$  be matrix of  $S$ , matrix  $C = ABA$ .  

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
  

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) You are given that the composition  $T \circ S \circ T$  reduces to one of the geometric transformations discussed in class. Interpret the transformation  $T \circ S \circ T$  geometrically.

let  $\theta = -\pi/4$ . So,  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\pi/4) & -\sin(-\pi/4) \\ \sin(-\pi/4) & \cos(-\pi/4) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Geometrically, the transformation  $T \circ S \circ T$  represents a rotation through an angle  $45^\circ$  in the clockwise direction.

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✓ - 0 pts Correct

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- 3 pts Incorrect TST

- 3 pts Incorrect geometric interpretation part (c)

- 10 pts Blank

Q4. (10 points) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $A$  be the matrix of  $T$ , i.e.,  $A$  is the matrix such that  $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ .

(a) Compute  $T \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

By linearity,  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}}.$$

(b) What is the matrix product  $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Briefly explain why.

$A$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix, we have  $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $A \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . The columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are represented by  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , two column vectors. By Thm. 2.3.2 in the textbook,  $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & A \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}.$$

The reason why  $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is because of Thm. 2.3.2 in textbook, which states that we can multiply  $A$  by columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , which are  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and combine the resulting vectors. Since we know  $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  from the problem statement, we can combine the two resulting  $3 \times 1$  column vectors into a single matrix.

4. c). We have  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$   
and  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . By linearity properties, we find  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$   
and  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

$$\text{so } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \\ 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 12 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 22 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= 2T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Using same logic as in part (a), we get that  
the matrix  $A$  is

$$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -8 & 22 \\ 8 & -17 \end{bmatrix}}$$

#### 4 Question 4 10 / 10

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Q5. (15 points) For each of the following problems, determine whether a matrix with the given properties exists or not. If such a matrix exists, then provide an example and briefly explain why your choice of matrix has the desired properties. Otherwise, use the results from class to explain why there is no such matrix.

(a) A  $3 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that the system  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has a unique solution. Such matrix exists

Unique sol. means  $\text{rank} = n = 2$ .  
 Such matrix exists and let  $A$  be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . The rank of  $A$  equals  $2 = n$ , so we have a Unique solution. The last row becomes  $0=0$ , which is not a contradiction.

So, a matrix exists with the following description and an example is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

No such matrix exists.

let  $A$  be  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+2b & 3a+6b \\ c+2d & 3c+6d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we get the following system of equations.

$\begin{cases} a+2b=1 \\ 3a+6b=-1 \\ c+2d=2 \\ 3c+6d=-2 \end{cases}$  We get a contradiction as if  $(a+2b)=1$ ,  $3a+6b$  can't possibly equal  $-1$ , as  $3a+6b=3(a+2b)=3(1) \neq -1$ .  
 Thus, there is no such matrix  $A$  such that  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(c) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \neq I_2$  but  $A^5 = I_2$ .

(Here,  $A^5 = AAAAA$  denotes the product of five  $A$ 's, and  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.)

Such matrix exists

We want to find what transformation, repeated five times, is equal to an identity transformation. We see that if we rotate an object  $72^\circ$  ~~clockwise~~ counter clockwise five times, this is equal to a  $360^\circ$  ccw rotation. So, let  $A$  be the rotation matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(72^\circ) & -\sin(72^\circ) \\ \sin(72^\circ) & \cos(72^\circ) \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^5 = I_2$ . So such matrix  $A$  exists and is equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(72^\circ) & -\sin(72^\circ) \\ \sin(72^\circ) & \cos(72^\circ) \end{bmatrix}$ .

(d) An invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A$  is also invertible. No such matrix exists

let  $A$  be  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  for unknown constants  $a, b, c, d$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+3c & b+3d \\ 3a+9c & 3b+9d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Determinant} = 3(b+3d)(a+3c) - (b+3d) \cdot 3 \cdot (a+3c) = 0$$

Since the determinant always equals 0 regardless of  $A$ ,  
no such  $A$  exists such that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} A$  is also invertible.

(e) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that  $kI_2 - A$  is invertible for all  $k$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Such matrix exists Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Thus, } kI_2 - A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ -1 & k-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ -1 & k-2 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible when  $\det(kI_2 - A) \neq 0$ , so we have  
the equation  $(k-2)^2 + 1 = 0$ .

$(k-2)^2 = -1$ ,  $\rightarrow$  this equation has no <sup>real</sup> solution, so, for no  
value of  $k$  is ~~this~~ the determinant  $\begin{bmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ -1 & k-2 \end{bmatrix}$  equal to 0,

and  $\begin{bmatrix} k-2 & 1 \\ -1 & k-2 \end{bmatrix}$  is always invertible for all  $k$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence,

if we let  $A$  be  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we get that  $kI_2 - A$  is invertible

for all  $k$ .

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Part (c)

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Part (d)

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Part (e)

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