

**Boğaziçi University**  
**ECONFIN - MATHEMATICS WAIVER EXAM**

**Solutions**

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**You have 80 minutes! Good Luck!!**

**NAME:**

1. (20 pts) Consider the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute each of the the following. If it is not computable, explain why.

(a)  $A B C$

**Solution:**

$$A B C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 8 \\ 21 & 16 \\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)  $(A^T) (B^T) C$

**Solution:**

Not computable. The number of columns in  $B^T$  is not equal to the number of rows in  $C$ .

(c) Inverse of  $D$

**Solution:**

$$D^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(D)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$(A + C)^T + B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. (10 pts) Find the determinant of the following matrix

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

**Solution:**

$$\det(D) = 0 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (-3) \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-3) = -12$$

3. (10 pts) Solve the following system of equations for  $x, y, z$ , using Cramer's Rule.

$$x + 2y - z = 7$$

$$2y - z = 5$$

$$x - y + 4z = 3$$

**Solution:**

Denote the system as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,  $\det A = 7$ .

By Cramer's Rule,

$$x = \frac{1}{7} \det \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} 14 = 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{7} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} 21 = 3$$

$$z = \frac{1}{7} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} 7 = 1$$

4. (20 pts) Differentiate the following functions with respect to  $x$ .

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3+2}{1-x^2}$

**Solution:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{3x^2(1-x^2) - (x^3+2)(-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{3x^2 - x^4 + 4x}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

(b)  $f(x) = (5x^2 - 3)^2(\ln(x^3))$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \ln(x^2) \cdot [2(5x^2 - 3) \cdot 10x] + 3x^2 \frac{1}{x^3} \cdot (5x^2 - 3)^2 \\ &= (5x^2 - 3) \left[ \ln(x^2) \cdot 20x + \frac{3}{x} (5x^2 - 3) \right] \end{aligned}$$

5. (10 pts) Find the total differential of the following function and evaluate it when  $x = 2$  and  $dx = 0.02$ .

$$y = 3x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 - 1$$

**Solution:**

Note that  $dy = (12x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x)dx$ . Then when  $x = 2$  and  $dx = 0.02$  we get  $dy = (12 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 2) \cdot 0.02 = 92 \cdot 0.02 = 1.84$

6. (14 pts) Solve the following integrals. Use integration by parts if needed.

(a)  $\int (\frac{1}{x} + 2e^{-x} + x^4)dx$

**Solution:**

$$\int (\frac{1}{x} + 2e^{-x} + x^4)dx = \ln(x) - 2e^{-x} + \frac{x^5}{5} + C$$

(b)  $\int_1^e 2x \ln(x)dx$

**Solution:**

$$\int_1^e 2x \ln(x)dx = \int_1^e u dv$$

where  $u = \ln(x)$  and  $dv = 2x dx$ .

So,  $du = (1/x)dx$  and  $v = \int 2x dx = x^2$

Then, by integration by parts we get

$$\int_1^e 2x \ln(x)dx = \int_1^e u dv = uv - \int_1^e v du = [x^2 \ln(x)]_1^e - \int_1^e x^2 \frac{1}{x} dx = [e^2 \ln(e) - 1^2 \ln(1)] - \int_1^e x dx$$

Then,

$$\int_1^e 2x \ln(x)dx = e^2 - \int_1^e x dx = e^2 - [\frac{x^2}{2}]_1^e = e^2 - [e^2/2 - (1/2)] = \frac{e^2+1}{2}$$

7. (16 pts) Suppose that a person has the utility function,  $u(x, y) = x^{1/2}y^{1/2}$ , where  $x$  is the amount of good  $x$  and  $y$  is the amount of good  $y$ . The consumer's budget constraint is  $2x + y = 100$ . Using the Lagrange method find the optimal amounts of consumption for both goods that maximize the utility. Check second order test to verify the extremum points are indeed maximum.

**Solution:**