

1. (2 points) Find the complex number  $z$  satisfying

$$(2 + 3i)z = (1 - 2i)(3 + 2i).$$

A.  $z = \frac{2}{13} - \frac{29}{13}i$

B.  $z = \frac{2}{13} + \frac{29}{13}i$

C.  $z = 2 - 29i$

D.  $z = 2 + i$

E.  $z = 2 - i$

F.  $z = \frac{2}{13} - \frac{1}{13}i$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{(1-2i)(3+2i)}{2+3i} = \frac{(3-4i^2) - 6i + 2i}{2+3i} \\ &= \frac{7-4i}{2+3i} = \frac{(7-4i)(2-3i)}{(2+3i)(2-3i)} = \frac{1}{4+9} (14 + 12i^2 - 8i - 21i) \\ &= \frac{1}{13} (2 - 29i) \end{aligned}$$

My answer:     A    

2. (2 points) Find all complex solutions  $z$  of the equation

$$z^2 - 6z + 34 = 0.$$

A. There are two solutions :  $z = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i$  and  $z = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{2}i$

B. There are two solutions :  $z = 3 + 5i$  and  $z = 3 - 5i$

C. There are two solutions :  $z = 1 + \frac{5}{2}i$  and  $z = 1 - \frac{5}{2}i$

D. There are two solutions :  $z = 2 + 5i$  and  $z = 2 - 5i$

E. There is only solution :  $z = 1 + \sqrt{2} + 5i$

F. There is only one solution :  $z = 1 - \sqrt{2} + 5i$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= z^2 - 6z + 34 = (z-3)^2 - 9 + 34 = (z-3)^2 + 25 \\ \Leftrightarrow (z-3)^2 &= -25 \quad \Leftrightarrow z = 3 \pm 5i \end{aligned}$$

My answer:     B

3. (2 points) Find the area of the triangle with vertices

$$A(2, 1, -3), B(1, 2, -1), \text{ and } C(1, 1, 0).$$

- A.  $\sqrt{91}$   
 B.  $\sqrt{91}/2$   
 C.  $\sqrt{91}/4$   
 D.  $\sqrt{11}/8$   
 E.  $\sqrt{11}/4$   
 F.  $\sqrt{11}/2$

$$\vec{AB} = [1 \ 2 \ -1]^T - [2 \ 1 \ -3]^T = [-1, 1, 2]^T$$

$$\vec{AC} = [1 \ 1 \ 0]^T - [2 \ 1 \ -3]^T = [-1, 0, 3]^T$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \left[ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right]^T$$

$$= [3, 1, 1]^T$$

$$\text{Area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}\| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{9+1+1} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{11}$$

F

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. (2 points) Which of the following is an equation for the plane containing the point  $A(1, 1, 2)$  and the line with scalar equations  $x = 3 + 2t$ ,  $y = t$ ,  $z = 1$ ?

- A.  $x + 3y - 2z = 1$   
 B.  $x + 5y - 3z = 0$   
 C.  $2x + y = 3$   
 D.  $2x + 3y + z = 7$   
 E.  $3x + z = 3$   
 F.  $x - 2y + 4z = 7$

We take two points on the line, say  $B(3, 0, 1)$  (for  $t=0$ ) and  $C(5, 1, 1)$  (for  $t=1$ ). Hence

$A(1, 1, 2)$ ,  $B(3, 0, 1)$  and  $C(5, 1, 1)$  lie in the plane.

So  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$  is a normal of the plane:

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = ([3, 0, 1]^T - [1, 1, 2]^T) \times ([5, 1, 1]^T - [1, 1, 2]^T) = [2, -1, -1]^T \times [4, 0, -1]^T$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \left[ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right]^T =$$

$$= [1, -2, 4]^T$$

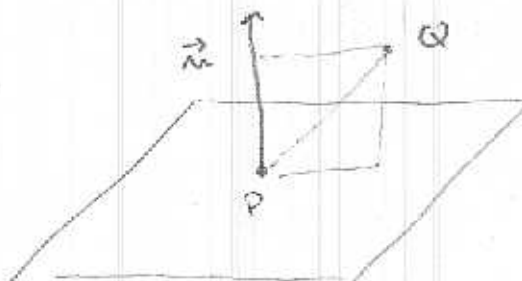
So the plane has the equation  $x - 2y + 4z = k$  where  $k$  is a constant. Since  $A$  lies in the plane:  $k = 1 - 2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 = 7$   
 Thus  $x - 2y + 4z = 7$  is the equation of the plane.

F

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. (2 points) What is the shortest distance from the point  $Q(1, -1, 1)$  to the plane with equation  $3x + y - z = 3$ ?

- A.  $2\sqrt{11}$   
 B.  $2/\sqrt{11}$   
 C.  $2\sqrt{3}$   
 D.  $2/\sqrt{3}$   
 E.  $2/11$   
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The shortest distance is the length of the vector  $\text{proj}_{\vec{n}}(\vec{PQ})$  where  $P$  is some point in the plane, say  $P(1, 0, 0)$

Then  $\vec{PQ} = [1, -1, 1]^T - [1, 0, 0]^T = [0, -1, 1]^T$ ,  $\vec{n} = [3, 1, -1]^T$ , so

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{n}}(\vec{PQ}) = \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \vec{n} = \frac{[0, -1, 1] \cdot [3, 1, -1]}{9 + 1 + 1} \vec{n} = -\frac{2}{11} [3, 1, -1]^T$$

$$\text{Hence } \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}}(\vec{PQ})\| = \frac{2}{11} \|[3, 1, -1]^T\| = \frac{2}{11} \sqrt{9+1+1} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{11}}{11} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{11}}$$

B

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. (2 points) Which of the following lines goes through the two points  $P(1, -2, 2)$  and  $Q(2, 0, -1)$ ?

- A.  $\mathbf{p} = [1 \ -2 \ 2]^T + t[2 \ 0 \ -1]^T$   
 B.  $\mathbf{p} = [3 \ -2 \ 1]^T + t[1 \ 2 \ -3]^T$   
 C.  $\mathbf{p} = [3 \ -2 \ 1]^T + t[2 \ 0 \ -1]^T$   
 D.  $\mathbf{p} = [2 \ 0 \ -1]^T + t[1 \ 2 \ 1]^T$   
 E.  $\mathbf{p} = [3 \ 2 \ -4]^T + t[1 \ 2 \ -3]^T$   
 F.  $\mathbf{p} = [3 \ 2 \ -4]^T + t[1 \ 2 \ 1]^T$

A direction vector of the plane is  $\vec{PQ} = [2, 0, -1]^T - [1, -2, 2]^T = [1, 2, -3]^T$ ,  
 so only B or E are possible.

Check if  $P$  lies on the line in (B):

$$[1, -2, 2]^T \stackrel{?}{=} [3, -2, 1]^T + t[1, 2, -3]^T = [3+t, -2+2t, 1-3t]^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3+t = 1 & t = -2 \\ -2+2t = -2 & t = 0 \\ 1-3t = 2 & t = -\frac{1}{3} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{no solution}$$

Check if  $P$  lies on the line in (E):

$$[1, -2, 2]^T = [3, 2, -4]^T + t[1, 2, -3]^T = [3+t, 2+2t, -4-3t]^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3+t = 1 & t = -2 \\ 2+2t = -2 & t = -2 \\ -4-3t = 2 & t = -2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{(E) is correct.}$$

E

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. (2 points) Find the matrix  $A$  satisfying

$$(2A^T - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix})^T = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first row of  $A$  is

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

B.  $[3 \ -1 \ 2]$ .

C.  $[4 \ 6 \ 2]$ .

D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

E. There does not exist such a matrix.

F.  $[4 \ 0 \ -8]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= 2(A^T)^T - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T = 2A - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow A &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 & 4 \\ 5 & 16 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 5/2 & 8 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. (2 points) In the matrix  $D$  below, replace  $\alpha$  by the last digit of your student number. Consider the matrices

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

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -2 \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Among the matrices  $A, B, C, D, E$ , the matrix/matrices in reduced row-echelon form is/are

B only

A not because of position (2,2)

C \_\_\_\_\_ (12) or (15)

D \_\_\_\_\_ (31)

E \_\_\_\_\_ (21)

My answer:     B

9. (5 points) Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -5 & 3 & 4 & -\beta \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\beta$  is the second last digit of your student number, and determine its rank.

*Answer:* After exchange of the first and second row we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 3 & 4 & -\beta \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(1)}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 & -4 & -\beta \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \stackrel{(2)}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & -24 & 5 - \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{(3)}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 - \beta \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{for } \beta = 5 : \quad \stackrel{(4)}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{for } \beta \neq 5 : \quad \stackrel{(5)}{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Explanations:

- (1) Subtract multiples of row 1 from the rows below.
  - (2) Subtract multiples of row 2 from the rows below.
  - (3) Exchange row 3 and row 4; divide the new row 3 by -2 and subtract a multiple from row 4.
  - (4) create a 0 in the position (23)
  - (5) Divide by  $5 - \beta$  and create a 0 in the position (25).
- The rank is 3 for  $\beta = 5$  and 4 for  $\beta \neq 5$ .

**Marking:** 4 points for correct reduction; 1 point for rank based on the rref the student obtained

**Answer:** The reduced row echelon form is

**The matrix has rank:**

10. (7 points) Determine the values of  $a$  for which the linear system

$$\begin{array}{rccccrc} 3x & - & 6y & + & 5z & = & 9 \\ & & ay & - & 3z & = & 0 \\ & & & & a(a-1)z & = & a \end{array}$$

has (i) infinitely many solutions, (ii) a unique solution, (iii) no solution.

In case (i) determine all solutions.

*Answer:* If  $a = 0$  the system becomes

$$\begin{array}{rccccrc} 3x & - & 6y & + & 5z & = & 9 \\ & & & & - & 3z & = & 0 \\ & & & & & & 0 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

which is a system with infinitely many solutions, namely

$$x = 2t + 3, \quad y = t \text{ free parameter,} \quad z = 0.$$

We can therefore in the following assume that  $a \neq 0$  and can then divide the last equation by  $a$ . The new system is

$$\begin{array}{rccccrc} 3x & - & 6y & + & 5z & = & 9 \\ & & ay & - & 3z & = & 0 \\ & & & & (a-1)z & = & 1 \end{array}$$

For  $a = 1$  the last equation is  $0z = 1$ . Hence the system becomes inconsistent. For  $a \neq 1$  and  $a \neq 0$  the system is uniquely solvable. We get

$$z = \frac{1}{a-1}, \quad y = 3z = \frac{3}{a-1}, \quad x = \frac{1}{3} \left( 9 + 6y - 5z \right) = 3 + \frac{13}{3(a-1)}.$$

(It was not required to find the unique solutions)

**Marking:** 2 points for each case, with explanation; 1 point for finding all solutions in case (i)

**Answer: Case (i):**

**Case (ii):**

**Case (iii)**

**All solutions in case (i):**