

100	90's	80's	70's	60's	60
0	4	4	4	2	3

Assessment 4  
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Math 220

mean = 76.6%  
median = 74.9%

Name: Key

*As for everything else, so for a mathematical theory:  
beauty can be perceived but not explained.*

Arthur Cayley  
1821 - 1895 (English mathematician)

**No work = no credit**  
**Non CAS Calculators allowed**

Warm-ups (1 pt each):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\begin{bmatrix} 13 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

1.) (1 pt) According to Cayley (above), in what sense do we understand the beauty of mathematics? Answer using complete English sentences.

*We can sense beauty but can't articulate it.*

2.) (4 pts) Calculate  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 6 \\ 11 & 4 \\ -4 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$

3.) (4 pts) Calculate  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -5 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 & 11 & 1 \\ 11 & 41 & -13 & 4 \\ 9 & -12 & -19 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$3 \times 2$                        $2 \times 4$                        $3 \times 4$

4.) (4 pts) Is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  singular? If possible, find  $A^{-1}$ .

*A is singular.*

7 5.) (2 pts) How many rows does  $B$  have if  $BC$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix?

$$(BC)_{3 \times 4} = B_{3 \times n} C_{n \times 4}$$

*B has  
3 rows*

6.) (8 pts) Explaining linear algebra in words

a.) Explain the process for finding the inverse of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

① augment  $A$  w/  $I$       ② in the result  $[I|A^{-1}]$   
 ③ row reduce  $[A|I]$  the right side is  $A^{-1}$ .

b.) Interpret the linear transformation  $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{3} & \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$  geometrically. What  
 (assuming the left reduces to  $I$ ).

would the inverse  $T^{-1}$  of this transformation accomplish? Answer using complete sentences.

$T$  rotates  $\vec{x}$   $\frac{\pi}{3}$  radians C.C.W.

$T^{-1}$  rotates  $\vec{x}$   $\frac{\pi}{3}$  radians C.W. (opposite direction)

c.) In general, how do you prove an if and only if claim "A if and only if B"?

$(\Rightarrow)$  Assume A       $(\Leftarrow)$  Assume B  
 show B.                      show A.

d.) In general, how do you a uniqueness claim: "A uniquely satisfies condition C"?

Assume A and B satisfy condition C  
 and show  $A = B$ .

7.) (4 pts) Prove the following:

Claim: If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has the unique solution  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

Proof:

existence.

Let  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and invertible  $n \times n$   $A$  be given.

solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} \Rightarrow I\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

$\therefore A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a solution.

uniqueness

suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has two solutions  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\Rightarrow A\vec{u} = A\vec{v} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow A^{-1}A\vec{u} = A^{-1}A\vec{v} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{u} = \vec{v} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{u} = \vec{v}$

Q.E.D.