

- (1) (3 points each)  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. Circle your answer: true or false.
- (a) True False  $\det A = \det(A^{-1})$ .
  - (b) True False  $\det A = \det(A^T)$ .
  - (c) True False  $\det A = 1$  if  $A = I_n$ .
  - (d) True False  $\det A = 1$  is impossible if  $A \neq I_n$ .
  - (e) True False  $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$ .
  - (f) True False If  $E$  is the elementary matrix that interchanges rows  $i$  and  $j$  (where  $i \neq j$ ), then  $\det E = -1$ .

- (2) (12 points) A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  has the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$  where  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Problem: Evaluate  $T(\mathbf{x})$  where  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution.** The general formula we use is about coordinate vectors:

$$[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

We are given  $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , so we should find  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ . It's easy to see (if someone tells you; or see below) that  $\mathbf{x} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ; that means the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Applying the general formula,

$$[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we reverse the coordinate process, extracting the vector  $T(\mathbf{x})$  whose coordinate vector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . That vector is  $4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . In other words,  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

How to find the coordinate vector  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ? We need  $a_1, a_2$  such that  $a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We can set up a linear system with augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

giving the solution  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1$ .