

**Instruction:** The questions are taken from Exercise Sets 6.1 through 6.4 of the text. Write your answers clearly and show all relevant work and details.

**Section 6.1:**

1. (6 pts.) For each of the following linear systems obtain a solution by graphical methods if possible, and explain the solutions (or lack of) from a geometrical standpoint:

$$(a) \begin{cases} 2x - y = 3 \\ 3x + y = 7 \end{cases} \quad (b) \begin{cases} x + 3y = 3 \\ 2x - y = 2 \\ 3x + 2y = 4 \end{cases} \quad (c) \begin{cases} 2x - y = 3 \\ x + 3y = 1 \\ 3x + 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

2. (3 pts.) Use Gaussian elimination and backward substitution and two-digit chopping arithmetic **in every step of calculation** to solve the following linear system of equations written in augmented matrix format. Do not reorder equations (i.e., no pivoting). The exact solution is  $[2, -1, 1]$ . Show all steps of your work.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 4 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

**Section 6.2:**

3. (3 pts.) Use Gaussian elimination and backward substitution, plus maximal-column pivoting and 2-digit chopping, to solve the following linear system of equations written in augmented matrix format. Show all steps of your work.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 2 & 3 & -6 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 & 5 \\ 10 & 20 & 30 & -20 \end{array} \right]$$

4. (3 pts.) Use Gaussian elimination and backward substitution, plus scaled-column pivoting and 2-digit chopping, to solve the same linear system of equations as in Question 3. Show all steps of your work.

**Section 6.3:**

5. (4 pts.) Determine if the following matrix is non-singular and find its inverse if exists (use exact values in all computations, i.e., use fractions instead of decimal values):

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

6. (3 pts.) Use appropriate theorems and rules to prove that if  $XA = AY = I$ , where  $A$ ,  $X$ , and  $Y$  are  $n \times n$  matrices and  $I$  denotes the identity matrix of size  $n \times n$ , then  $X = Y$ , and therefore both  $X$  and  $Y$  are equal to  $A^{-1}$ , the inverse matrix for  $A$ . Explain each step of your proof.

**Hint: Consider the matrix product  $(XA)Y$ .**

**Section 6.4:**

7. (4 pts.) Compute the determinant of the matrix in Question 5.
8. (4 pts.) Use Cramer's rule (p. 387 of the Text) and two-digit chopping arithmetic to solve the linear system in Question 2.