Exam 2

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Do not use calculators or decimal notation.

[**1**] Use Cramer's rule to solve for z in the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[**2**] Find a basis for the subspace V of $\mathbb{R}^4$ defined by the following system of equations. Extend this basis to a basis for all of $\mathbb{R}^4$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

[**3**] Find a 3×3 matrix A such that

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[**4**] Find the characteristic polynomial, and a system of eigenvalues and eigenvectors, for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

[**5**] For each of the following matrices, find the determinant. What is the general pattern?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$