

# MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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ASSIGNMENT 4

MATH 2050

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**Due: Monday, February 26th, 2018. SHOW ALL WORK.**

**Note:** You should complete the worksheets for Sections 2.1 and 2.2 before you work on this assignment.

1. Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 5 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 & 4 \\ -6 & 13 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Compute the products  $AB$ ,  $BA$ ,  $B^T A$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $B^2$  and  $B^T B$ , if possible. If a product does not exist, explain why not.

(b) Solve the equation  $\frac{1}{4}X - 2A = C^T$ .

2. In general, matrix multiplication is not commutative; that is, given matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $AB \neq BA$ . However, prove that if  $A$  commutes with  $A + B$  then  $A$  must commute with  $B$ .

3. Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Write the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  as a system of linear equations.

(b) Find  $A^{-1}$  and use it to solve the equation.

(c) Use your result from part (b) to write  $\mathbf{b}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

(d) Explain why we would not be able to use the method of part (b) to solve the equation  $Z\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use another method to write  $\mathbf{b}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $Z$ .

4. Solve the matrix equation  $AX + 4B = C$  for the  $2 \times 3$  matrix  $X$ , given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 \\ -9 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices such that

$$BA^{-1}X^T B = BA^T.$$

Find an expression for  $X$  in terms of  $A$  and  $B$ .