## Solutions

1.d – find the cross product of the two vectors which gives -10i - 2j - 14k, which reduces to 5i + j + k.

2. A - 
$$\sin\theta \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos\theta \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (-\sin\theta) \begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (1-\sin\theta) \begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$
  
 $\sin\theta(1-\cos\theta) + \sin\theta(\sin\theta+\cos\theta) + (1-\sin\theta)(\sin\theta+1) = 1 + \sin\theta.$ 

3. A - 
$$A_{old} = 0.5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 & 1 \\ 11 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 20 \text{ and } A_{new} = 0.5 \begin{vmatrix} -8 & 18 & 1 \\ -17 & 41 & 1 \\ -24 & 50 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 40$$
, so the difference is 20.

4. B - 
$$\cos\theta = \frac{3 \cdot 11 + 7 \cdot 12 + (-9)13}{\left(\sqrt{3^2 + 7^2 + 9^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{11^2 + 12^2 + 13^2}\right)} = 0 \rightarrow 90^\circ$$

5. A-
$$(30+18)i+(0+18\sqrt{3})j=48i+18\sqrt{3}j \rightarrow 6(8i+3\sqrt{3}j)=6\sqrt{64+27}=6\sqrt{91}$$

6. D - 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ x & x & 6 \\ x & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \rightarrow -x^2 - 13x - 18 = 6 \rightarrow x^2 + 13x + 24 = 0 \rightarrow (13)^2 - 2(24) = 169 - 48 - 121$$

7. A - 
$$(a \bullet c)b = (21)(3i - 4j) \rightarrow \sqrt{21^2(25)} = 21 \bullet 5 = 105$$

8. A – note that  $M^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$ . Therefore, simplifying the equation in question

we have  $3I + M = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The sum of these elements is 8.

9.d – solving for z gives 
$$z = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-12}{-4} = 3.$$

10. D - ,  $\langle A + 3B, -A - 2B \rangle = \langle 1, 2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle A, B \rangle = \langle -8, 3 \rangle = (a + b)^2 = 25$ 

11. C – properties of matrices and their determinants.

12. C - 3(-1)-2(4)+2(1) = -9 
$$\rightarrow 3x - 2y + z = -9$$
  
13. B-  $BA^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 15 \\ -10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -50 & 70 \\ -5 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$   
14. A -  $\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2i + 2j + 3k - (-4k + 3i - j) = -i + 3j + 7k$ 

15. C - 
$$W = (50)(10)\cos 30^\circ = 250\sqrt{3}$$

16. A -  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/7 & 3/7 & 2/7 \\ -2/7 & 9/7 & 6/7 \\ -1/7 & 1/7 & 3/7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since we are looking for the element in row 3, column 2, that would be 1/ be  $1/_{7}$ .

17. A - 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 31 \end{bmatrix} = (22 - 31)^2 = 81$$

18. B – just shift the line left 3 and down 2.

**19.** C - 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 45 & -\sin 45 \\ \sin 45 & \cos 45 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

20. C – reduced row echelon form requires an identity matrix on the left and the solutions on the Right.

1	0	0	1	
0	1	0	-2	
0	0	1	3	

21. D – the trace is just the sum of the numbers along the main diagonal.

22. E - 
$$\cos \theta = \frac{6}{6\sqrt{10}} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{10} \to \sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{10}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{10}$$
  
23. A -  $\frac{1}{x} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \to \frac{2}{x} = \frac{2}{5} \to x = 5$ 

24. B – just a simple linear combination.

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25. A – the rank of the matrix is the order of the highest order non-zero determinant which can be formed by deleting rows and/or columns. Therefore this matrix has an order of 2.

26. B - V = 
$$\frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -31 \\ 1 & 0 & 21 \\ 3 & -1 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} (6) = 1$$

27. B - 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 1,3$$

28. A – solving the determinant gives the sum rule for cosine.

29. D – matrices do not have the same dimensions.

30. A – a skew matrix has the property  $A^{T} = -A$ , the only one that satisfies this condition is a.

## Tiebreaker answers

1.Since 2 times the first row is equal to the  $4^{th}$  row, the determinant is 0.

2. The trace is the sum of the elements on the main diagonal, which would be 9.

3. A plane has coefficients equal to the cross product of the two vectors. The cross product is x-2y+3z. Plugging in any of the three points gives you the constant, so the equation of the plane is x-2y+3z = -4.