

Exam III  
Administered: Thursday, November 14, 2013  
28 points

For each problem part:    0 points if not attempted or no work shown,  
   1 point for partial credit, if work is shown,  
   2 points for correct numerical value of solution

**Problem 1. (14 points)**

Consider the matrix and vector:

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underline{\underline{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 8 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Report the following information.

- (a) the determinant of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$
- (b) the rank of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$
- (c) the rank of the augmented  $\underline{\underline{Ab}}$  matrix
- (d) the number of solutions to  $\underline{\underline{Ax}} = \underline{\underline{b}}$
- (e) the inverse of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  if it exists
- (f) a solution to  $\underline{\underline{Ax}} = \underline{\underline{b}}$ , if it exists
- (g) the eigenvalues of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$

**Problem 2. (6 points)**

Use the Newton-Raphson method with numerical approximations to the derivative to find the molar volume(s) of ammonia from the van der Waals equation of state at  $T = 500$  K and  $p = 1013250$  bar. The van der Waals equation of state is given by

$$P = \frac{RT}{V - b} - \frac{a}{V^2}$$

where,  $R = 8.314$  J/mol/K. The van der Waals constants for ammonia are  $a = 0.4253$  m<sup>6</sup>/mol<sup>2</sup>,  
 $b = 3.737 \times 10^{-5}$  m<sup>3</sup>/mol. The critical temperature of ammonia is  $T_c = 430.6$  K.

**Problem 3. (8 points)**

Use the multivariate Newton-Raphson method with numerical approximations to the derivative to find the solution near [1,1,1] to this set of non-linear algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 7 \\ f_2 &= x_1^3 - 4x_2^3 + 10x_3^3 - 10 \\ f_3 &= x_2 - \exp(x_3) \end{aligned}$$