

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1.¹ (3 marks) Show that if A and B are square matrices such that AB is invertible, then A can be written as a product of elementary matrices.

Since AB is invertible we have $AB(AB)^{-1} = I$. Let $C = B(AB)^{-1}$ then by a theorem seen in class A is invertible and $A^{-1} = C$. Since A is invertible it can be expressed as a product of elementary matrices by the equivalence theorem.

Question 2.¹ Given the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

a. (3 marks) Find A^{-1} .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \sim \frac{1}{5}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \sim \begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

b. (2 marks) Express A^{-1} as a product of elementary matrices, if possible. Justify your work!

$$\begin{aligned} & E_3 E_2 E_1 A = I \quad \text{where } I_3 \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_1 \\ & E_3 E_2 E_1 A A^{-1} = I A^{-1} \quad I_3 \sim \frac{1}{5} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_2 \\ & E_3 E_2 E_1 = A^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_3 \sim \begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \parallel \\ E_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. (2 marks) Express A as a product of elementary matrices, if possible. Justify your work!

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Since } A^{-1} = E_3 E_2 E_1 \quad \text{where } I_3 \sim R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 = E_1 = E_1^{-1} \\ & (A^{-1})^{-1} = (E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} \quad I_3 \sim 5R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_2^{-1} \\ & A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} \quad I_3 \sim \begin{array}{l} R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_3^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

note that the inverse of elementary matrices are elementary matrices.

¹From a past Dawson final examination

Question 3. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

a. (3 marks) If A and B are row equivalent matrices, then the linear systems $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have the same solution set.

True, since A and B are row equivalent $A \sim B$ elem row op $\sim B$.
 Suppose we apply Gauss-Jordan on the augmented matrix $[B|0]$
 we have $[B|0] \sim I$ elem. row. op $\sim [R|0]$. and it follows that
 $[A|0] \sim I$ elem row op $\sim [B|0] \sim I$ elem row op $\sim [R|0]$

Hence $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ since they have the same reduced augmented matrices.

b. (3 marks) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and S is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix. If x is a solution to the linear system $(S^{-1}A)Sx = b$, then Sx is a solution to the linear system $Ay = Sb$. True,

Since x is a solution of $S^{-1}ASx = b$ it satisfies the system. So

$$S^{-1}ASx = b$$

$$S S^{-1}ASx = Sb$$

$$I ASx = Sb$$

$$ASx = Sb$$

$\therefore Sx$ satisfies the system $Ay = Sb$

c. (3 marks) Every elementary matrix is invertible.

True, Suppose E is an elementary matrix, it is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on I . If we perform Gauss-Jordan on E we obtain its RREF which is I since Gauss-Jordan would consist of performing the inverse row op. on E . Hence E is invertible by the equivalence thm.

Bonus. (3 marks) Find the formula for the n -th power of this matrix. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$