

Question 1.¹ (5 marks) Given that A and B are invertible with $B = B^T$, solve for matrix X , if possible. Your answer should be expressed as a single term.

$$B^TAX - A = (B - I)(B + I)A$$

Question 2. Determine whether the following statements are true or false for any $n \times n$ matrices A and B . If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

1. (3 marks) The sum of two invertible matrices of the same size must be invertible.

2. (3 marks) A square matrix A is *idempotent* if $A^2 = A$. If A is idempotent then A is singular or $A = I$. *Hint: Its true! And prove it by contradiction.*

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