

Question 1. (2 marks) Determine whether the following statement is true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

The sum of two invertible matrices of the same size must be invertible.

False,
Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, both are invertible matrices since $ad-bc = 1 \neq 0$.
But $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which is not invertible.

Question 2. (3 marks) Show that if a square matrix A satisfies the equation $A^2 + 2A + I = 0$, then A must be invertible. What is the inverse?

We are given $A^2 + 2A + I = 0$
 $I = -A^2 - 2A$
which implies $I = A(-A - 2I)$ and $I = (-A - 2I)A$
∴ A is invertible and $A^{-1} = -A - 2I$

Question 3. (5 marks) Solve for X given that it satisfies

$$(2A + X^T)^{-1} = I$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left((2A + X^T)^{-1} \right)^{-1} = I^{-1}$$

$$2A + X^T = I$$

$$X^T = I - 2A$$

$$X^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$