

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531**. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1. (5 marks) Consider the matrices A, B, C , all square and of the same size. Assume that the linear systems $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have only the trivial solution and that C is row equivalent to B . Prove that AC can be written as a product of elementary matrices.

Since $Ax=0$ and $Bx=0$ have only the trivial solution then A and B are invertible by the equivalence theorem.

Since C is row equivalent to $B \exists E_i$ s.t. $C = E_n \cdots E_2 E_1 B$

$\therefore AC = A E_n \cdots E_2 E_1 B$ is invertible since it is a product of invertible matrices by * and since elementary matrices are invertible.

It follows by the equivalence theorem that AC can be written as a product of elementary matrices since AC is invertible.

Question 2.

a. (4 marks) Find the inverse of the matrix A using the inversion algorithm:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A|I] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -11 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -9 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim 2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim -R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim -5R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -10 & -9 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -10 & -9 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. (2 marks) Solve for x, y, z , where $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ using the A^{-1} found in part a.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} A A^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A^{-1} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -10 & -9 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

c. (2 marks) Find two elementary matrices E_1 and E_2 which satisfy $E_2 E_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

from part a)

$$E_1: I \sim 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_1$$

$$E_2: I \sim 2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_2$$