

# 5.5.5

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## Question

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , then which of the following is true?

- 1)  $A^{-1} = B$       2)  $A^{-1} = 6B$       3)  $B^{-1} = B$       4)  $B^{-1} = \frac{1}{6}A$

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## Solution

Given the matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

We will find the inverse of A using Gauss-Jordan elimination method.

The augmented matrix  $[A|I]$  is given by:

$$[A|I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (2)$$

Performing elementary Row Operations

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad (3)$$

Swap rows  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (4)$$

$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -2 & 1 & -5 \end{array} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{6}R_3:$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \end{array} \right] \quad (6)$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3 \text{ and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_3:$$

$$[I|A^{-1}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \end{array} \right] \quad (7)$$

Hence,the Inverse Matrix  $A^{-1}$  is given by

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

By factoring out a scalar,The relation with B is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6}B \quad (9)$$

Now Pre-multiplying both side by A:

$$AA^{-1} = A \left( \frac{1}{6}B \right) \quad (10)$$

$$I = \frac{1}{6}AB \quad (11)$$

$$6I = AB \quad (12)$$

Now Post-multiplying both sides by  $B^{-1}$ :

$$6IB^{-1} = ABB^{-1} \quad (13)$$

$$6B^{-1} = A \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{A} \quad (15)$$