

Assignment 13

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The link to the solution is

<https://github.com/Adarsh1310/EE5609>

Abstract—This documents solves a problem based on invertible matrix.

1 PROBLEM

Suppose \mathbf{A} is a 2×1 matrix and \mathbf{B} is 1×2 matrix. Prove that $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ is non invertible.

2 SOLUTION

Let's take \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} to be non zero vectors. Now, we know that for \mathbf{C} to be non invertible $\mathbf{Cx} = 0$ should have a non trivial solution. So,

$$\mathbf{Cx} = 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{ABx} = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

Here, we know that \mathbf{B} is 1×2 matrix and \mathbf{x} is 2×1 matrix then \mathbf{Bx} will result to a scalar constant k .

$$\implies \mathbf{Ak} = 0 \quad (2.0.3)$$

For (2.0.3) to be true k should be zero. We also know that \mathbf{B} is 1×2 matrix i.e. rows are less than column hence,

$$\mathbf{Bx} = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

will have a non trivial solution. Hence, using (2.0.3) and (2.0.4) we can say,

$$\mathbf{ABx} = 0 \quad (2.0.5)$$

will have a non trivial solution so, \mathbf{C} is non invertible.