

Assignment 12

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The link to the solution is

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

Abstract—This documents solves a problem based on Row Echelon form.

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 assume,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.2)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} ac & ad \\ bc & bd \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.5)$$

Reducing equation (2.0.5)

$$\begin{pmatrix} ac & ad \\ bc & bd \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - \frac{a}{b}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} ac & ad \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.0.7)$$

Since one of the row of \mathbf{C} is zero i.e. the rows are linearly dependent, we can say that the matrix is non invertible