



MATH 3333 PRACTICE PROBLEM SET 2

Problem 1. Suppose A and B are two matrices of the same size and X is a column vector such that AX and BX are defined.

State whether following statements are true or false. If true, briefly justify the statement. If false, provide a counterexample.

- (a) If $A + B = \mathbf{0}$ then at least one of A and B should be $\mathbf{0}$.

Solution: False. We can take A to be any non zero matrix and B to be $-A$. For an example if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $A + B = 0$ but neither A nor B is a zero matrix.

- (b) If $A = B^T$ then A and B are both square matrices.

Solution: False. There are many examples. Take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$A = B^T$ but neither are square.

- (c) If A is symmetric and $A = 2B^T$ then B is also symmetric. **Solution:** True. We have $A = 2B^T$

$$\Rightarrow A^T = (2B^T)^T = 2(B^T)^T = 2B$$

Since A is symmetric, $A^T = A$. So from the last equation, we have $A = 2B$

Since it is given, $A = 2B^T$, this means $2B = 2B^T \Rightarrow B = B^T \Rightarrow B$ is symmetric.

- (d) If A and B are symmetric then so is $2A - 5B$. **Solution:** True. Since A and B are symmetric, we have $A^T = A$ and $B^T = B$. So $(2A - 5B)^T = 2A^T - 5B^T = 2A - 5B$. Hence $2A - 5B$ is symmetric.

- (e) If A and B are skew-symmetric then so is $2A - 5B$. **Solution:** True. Since A and B are symmetric, we have $A^T = -A$ and $B^T = -B$.

So $(2A - 5B)^T = 2A^T - 5B^T = 2(-A) - 5(-B) = -(2A - 5B)$. Hence $2A - 5B$ is skew-symmetric.

- (f) If A is a square matrix then $A + A^T$ is always symmetric. **Solution:** True.
 $(A + A^T)^T = A^T + (A^T)^T = A^T + A = A + A^T$

- (g) If A is a square matrix then $2A + 3A^T$ is always symmetric. **Solution:** False. To see this we can take the transpose of $2A + 3A^T$.
 $(2A + 3A^T)^T = 2A^T + 3(A^T)^T = 2A^T + 3A$ which is not equal to $2A + 3A^T$ in general.

As a counter example, take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $2A + 3A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which is not symmetric.

Problem 2. Suppose A is a matrix and X is a column vector such that AX is defined. State whether following statements are true or false. If true, briefly justify the statement. If false, provide a counterexample.

(a) If AX has a zero entry then A has a row of zeros. **Solution:** False. One counter example is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) If A has a row of zero then AX should have a zero entry. **Solution:** True. If row i of A is all zero then the dot product between that row and X will be zero. Hence the entry i of the column vector AX will be 0.

(c) If $AX = 0$ and $X \neq 0$ then $A = 0$. **Solution:** False. One counter example is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) If $V = AX$ then V is in the range of T_A where T_A is the transformation induced by A . **Solution:** True. $T_A(X) = AX$. If $V = AX$ then $T_A(X) = V$. Hence V is in the range of T_A .

(e) If $V = AX$ then V is in $\text{col}(A)$. **Solution:** True. If $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

then $V = AX = x_1A_1 + x_2A_2 + \dots x_nA_n$ where A_i means the column i of A . (see class notes on Sep. 1) Hence V is a linear combination of the columns of A . Hence it's in $\text{col}(A)$.

Problem 3. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $V = [1 \quad -2 \quad 2]^T$

Compute the following whenever they are defined.

(a) AV **Solution:** Undefined

(b) A^TV **Solution:** $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

(c) $A(A^TV)$ **Solution:** $\begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ -41 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) $BV + 6A$ **Solution:** Undefined

(e) $-2A^TV + BV$ **Solution:** $-2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$

Problem 4. In each case, determine all values of s and t such that the given matrix is symmetric.

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} s & t \\ st & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution: If this matrix is symmetric, then $st = t$. This implies either $t = 0$ or if not $s = 1$. So the matrix is symmetric in the following cases.

- $t = 0$ and s can be anything.
- $t \neq 0$ and $s = 1$

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} s & 2s & st \\ t & -1 & s \\ t & s^2 & s \end{bmatrix}$

Solution: We have the following equations. $2s = t, st = t$ and $s = s^2$ $s = s^2 \Rightarrow s = 0$ or $s = 1$. **Case 1 : $s=0$** In this case, the first equation becomes $t = 0$. $s = 0, t = 0$ satisfies the second equation.

Case 2 : $s=1$. In this case, the second equation becomes $2 = t$. Then $s = 1, t = 2$ satisfies the second equation.

Hence the matrix is symmetric for following values of s and t .

- $s = 0, t = 0$
- $s = 1, t = 2$

Problem 5.

- (a) Consider the function
- $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
- given by

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a matrix A such that $f = T_A$

$$\textbf{Solution: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Consider the function
- $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
- given by

$$g(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a matrix B such that $g = T_B$

$$\textbf{Solution: } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) Suppose
- $h : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
- is given by
- $h = g \circ f$
- . Compute
- $h(X)$
- where
- $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$
- and then find

a matrix C such that $h = T_C$.

$$\textbf{Solution: } \text{Take } X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } h(X) = g(f(X)) = g\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) How is
- C
- related to
- A
- and
- B
- ?
- Solution:**
- $C = BA$

Problem 6. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ is given by $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ -x_1 + 7x_2 \\ 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (a) Find two column vectors v_1 and v_2 in \mathbb{R}^4 such that range of f is the span $\{v_1, v_2\}$.

Solution: $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ -x_1 + 7x_2 \\ 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Hence we can take $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (b) If $V = 7v_1 + 11v_2$ then find a column vector $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = V$

Solution: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$

Problem 7. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and T_A be the transform it induces. That is the function $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is given by $T_A(X) = AX$. Prove the following statements.

- (a) T_A is an injective function if and only if the linear system $AX = b$ has a unique solution for any $m \times 1$ column vector b in $\text{col}(A)$.

Solution: Take any b in $\text{col}(A)$. We proved in the class, range of T_A (set of outputs of T_A) is the $\text{col}(A)$. So b is an output of T_A .

T_A is injective

\Leftrightarrow There is only one input maps to any output.

\Leftrightarrow For any b in $\text{col}(A)$ there is only one X such that $T_A(X) = b$

\Leftrightarrow For any b in $\text{col}(A)$ there is only one X such that $AX = b$

\Leftrightarrow For any b in $\text{col}(A)$ the linear system $AX = b$ has a unique solution.

- (b) T_A is a surjective function if and only if any $m \times 1$ column vector b is in the column space of A . **Solution:** If you have not seen the term "surjective" before : A map is surjective if the range of the map (the set of outputs) is equal to the target space (co-domain).

T_A is surjective

\Leftrightarrow The range of T_A is the co-domain \mathbb{R}^m

\Leftrightarrow Any $m \times 1$ column vector b is in the range of T_A

\Leftrightarrow Any $m \times 1$ column vector b is in the column space of A

- (c) If T_A is both injective and surjective, what can you say about the solutions to the linear system $AX = b$ for any $m \times 1$ column vector b ? **Solution:** Combining (a) and (b), we can say if T_A is both injective and surjective, then the linear system $AX = b$ has a unique solution for any $m \times 1$ column vec

Problem 8. Find the inverse using elementary row operations.

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_1 \rightarrow -R_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2/2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 5R_3 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_3 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hence the inverse of the given matrix is } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Solution:} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \text{ and } R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \text{ and } R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 7R_3, \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3 \text{ and } R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -16 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 & -7 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 16R_4, \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_4 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 & 9 & -16 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow -R_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 & 9 & -16 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence the inverse of the given matrix is } \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 & 9 & -16 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 9. Solve the system of linear equations given below using your answers to the previous problem.

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 1 \\ & 2x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ & x_2 - x_3 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: The linear system can be written as $AX = b$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In problem 8(a), we saw A has an inverse.

$$\text{Hence the solution for this system can be given as } X = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad & x_1 + 7x_3 + 5x_4 = 0 \\ & x_2 + 3x_3 + 6x_4 = 1 \\ & x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 + 2x_4 = 2 \\ & x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 + x_4 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: The linear system can be written as $AX = b$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In problem 8(b), we saw A has an inverse.

Hence the solution for this system can be given as

$$X = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -7 & 9 & -16 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 10. Let A be a 4×4 matrix. The following elementary row operations are applied on A to obtain the matrix B .

First row operation : $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$

Second row operation : $R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2$

- (1) Find two elementary matrices E_1 and E_2 such that $E_2E_1A = B$

Solution: By performing the first row operation on 4×4 identity we obtain

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and performing the second row operation on 4×4 identity yields $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

For E_1 and E_2 as above, we have $E_2E_1A = B$

- (2) Find two elementary matrices E_3 and E_4 such that $E_4E_3B = A$

Solution: If $E_2E_1A = B$ then we multiply both sides from left, first by E_2^{-1} and then by E_1^{-1} . So we have $A = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}B$.

Inverse of an elementary matrix is also an elementary matrix. Hence we can take $E_3 = E_2^{-1}$ and $E_4 = E_1^{-1}$.

To compute what these inverses are, we need to perform 'inverse' row operations on I .

The 'inverse' of the second row operation is $R_3 \leftrightarrow R_2$. Hence $E_3 = E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The 'inverse' of the first row operation is $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1$. Hence $E_4 = E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (3) If $B = I$ then compute A .

Solution: In part (2) we showed $A = E_4E_3B$.

$$\text{If } B = I \text{ then } A = E_4E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$