

## Step-1

When a matrix  $P$  has left inverse, it is given by,

$$P_{\text{left}}^{-1} = (P^T P)^{-1} P^T$$

In this case,  $A$  is a 3 by 5 matrix and therefore,  $A^T$  is a 5 by 3 matrix. This gives  $A^T A$  to be a 5 by 5 matrix. Therefore,  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  too will be a 5 by 5 matrix. Finally,  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  will be a 5 by 3 matrix. Thus,  $A_{\text{left}}^{-1} A$  will be a 5 by 5 matrix and thus, it cannot be an identity matrix.

Therefore,  $A$  cannot have a left inverse.

## Step-2

When a matrix  $P$  has right inverse, it is given by,

$$P_{\text{right}}^{-1} = P^T (P P^T)^{-1}$$

In this case,  $A$  is a 3 by 5 matrix and therefore,  $A^T$  is a 5 by 3 matrix. This gives  $A A^T$  to be a 3 by 3 matrix. Therefore,  $(A A^T)^{-1}$  too will be a 3 by 3 matrix. Finally,  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$  will be a 5 by 3 matrix. Thus,  $A A_{\text{right}}^{-1}$  will be a 3 by 3 matrix. Since  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ , and  $e_3$  are in the column space of  $A$ , it is clear that  $A$  can have a right inverse.