

**MTH 101 - Symmetry**  
Assignment 1

1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) List the row vectors and column vectors of  $A$ .
- (b) Let  $A_i$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row vector. Then compute the product  $A_2 X$ .
- (c) In the notation  $A = (a_{ij})$ , what are the entries  $a_{23}$ ,  $a_{31}$ .
- (d) Compute  $AX$  and find all the solutions for  $AX = 0$ .

2. Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. List the row vectors and column vectors of  $A$ .

3. Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices with entries from  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $E_{cr}^r : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a function that scales the  $r^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix by  $c$  and maps the other row vectors to themselves. Then given a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , determine the matrix  $E_{cr}^r(A)$ .

4. Let  $E_{k+cr}^k : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the function that replaces the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix with the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix plus  $c$  times the  $r^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix and maps the other row vectors to themselves. Then given a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , determine the matrix  $E_{k+cr}^k(A)$ .

5. Let  $E_s^r : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the function that interchanges the  $r^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix with the  $s^{\text{th}}$  row vector of the matrix and maps the other row vectors to themselves. Then given a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , determine the matrix  $E_s^r(A)$ .

6. Determine the matrices

$$E_{cr}^r(I_n), \quad E_{k+cr}^k(I_n), \quad E_s^r(I_n),$$

where  $I_n$  denotes the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. (The matrices  $E_{cr}^r(I_n)$ ,  $E_{k+cr}^k(I_n)$  and  $E_s^r(I_n)$  are called **elementary matrices**.)

7. Let  $E$  be an elementary matrix and  $e : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a function such that  $e(I_n) = E$ . Given a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , check that  $e(A) = EA$ .

8. Let  $D = (d_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix. Let  $A$  be a  $n \times m$  matrix. Compute  $DA$ . Show that  $D$  can be written as the product of elementary matrices.

9. Describe explicitly all  $2 \times 2$  row-reduced matrices.

Note: To determine an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , one has to explicitly determine the entries  $a_{ij}$ .