

## Homework 7

### 1.4 Inverses; Algebraic Properties of Matrices

28. Show that if a square matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^2 - 3A + I = 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = 3I - A$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $3I - A$ .

$$A(3I - A) = 3AI - A^2 = 3A - A^2$$

If  $A^2 - 3A + I = 0$ , then we can simplify further to determine exactly what  $3A - A^2$  equals.

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - 3A + I &= 0 \\ (3A - A^2) + A^2 - 3A + I &= (3A - A^2) + 0 \\ (3A + (-A^2 + A^2) - 3A) + I &= (3A - A^2) \\ (3A - 3A) + I &= 3A - A^2 \\ I &= 3A - A^2 \\ \therefore I &= A(3I - A) \\ \therefore I &= (3I - A)A \end{aligned}$$

Since  $I = A(3I - A)$  and  $I = (3I - A)A$ , therefore  $A^{-1} = 3I - A$  if  $A^2 - 3A + I = 0$ . □

31. Assuming that all matrices are  $n \times n$  and invertible, solve for  $D$ :

$$C^T B^{-1} A^2 B A C^{-1} D A^{-2} B^T C^{-2} = C^T.$$

*Work.*

$$\begin{aligned} C^T B^{-1} A^2 B A C^{-1} D A^{-2} B^T C^{-2} &= C^T \\ (C^T B^{-1} A^2 B A C^{-1})^{-1} C^T B^{-1} A^2 B A C^{-1} D A^{-2} B^T C^{-2} &= (C^T B^{-1} A^2 B A C^{-1})^{-1} C^T \\ D A^{-2} B^T C^{-2} &= C A^{-1} B^{-1} A^{-2} B C^{T^{-1}} C^T \\ D A^{-2} B^T C^{-2} (A^{-2} B^T C^{-2})^{-1} &= C A^{-1} B^{-1} A^{-2} B C^{T^{-1}} C^T (A^{-2} B^T C^{-2})^{-1} \\ D &= C A^{-1} B^{-1} A^{-2} B C^{T^{-1}} C^T C^2 B^{T^{-1}} A^2 \\ D &= C A^{-1} B^{-1} A^{-2} B C^2 B^{T^{-1}} A^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

39. Using Matrix Inversion, find the unique solution of the given linear system.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 2x_2 &= -1 \\ 4x_1 + 5x_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Work.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5 - (-2) \cdot 4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{23} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{23} & \frac{2}{23} \\ -\frac{4}{23} & \frac{3}{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{23} \\ \frac{13}{23} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**53a.** Show that if  $A, B$  and  $A + B$  are invertible matrices with the same size, then

$$A(A^{-1} + B^{-1})B(A + B)^{-1} = I.$$

Work.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(A^{-1} + B^{-1})B(A + B)^{-1} &= (I + AB^{-1})B(A + B)^{-1} \\
 &= (B + A)(A + B)^{-1} = (A + B)(A + B)^{-1} = I
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A(A^{-1} + B^{-1})B(A + B)^{-1} = I$$

□

**55.** Show that if  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $A^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then the matrix  $(I - A)$  is invertible and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}.$$

*Proof.* Consider square matrix  $A$  such that  $A^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Now consider the matrices  $(I - A)$  and  $(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I - A)(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}) &= (I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}) - (A + A^2 + \cdots + A^k) \\
 &= I + A - A + A^2 - A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1} - A^{k-1} + A^k \\
 &= I + A^k \\
 &= I + \vec{0} = I
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(I - A)(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}) = I$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1})(I - A) &= (I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}) - (A + A^2 + \cdots + A^k) \\ &= I + A - A + A^2 - A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1} - A^{k-1} + A^k \\ &= I + A^k \\ &= I + \vec{0} = I \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1})(I - A) = I$ . Since  $(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1})(I - A) = I$  and  $(I - A)(I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}) = I$ , therefore  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \cdots + A^{k-1}$   $\square$

### 1.5 Elementary Matrices and a Method for Finding $A^{-1}$

15. Use the inverse algorithm to find the inverse of the given matrix, if the inverse exists.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 & -9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[-R_1]{R_2+2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 10 & -7 \\ -4 & 2 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_4+4R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 10 & -7 \\ 0 & -10 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 10 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The last matrix has a row of all zeros, which makes it impossible for  $\text{rref}(A) = I$ , thus  $\text{rref}(A) \neq I$ . Therefore, by the Big Theorem from Lecture Note 23,  $A$  is not invertible.  $\square$

25. Find the inverse of the following  $4 \times 4$  matrices, where  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$ , and  $k$  are all non-zero.

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k_4 \end{bmatrix}.$

*Work.*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\frac{1}{k_3}R_3, \frac{1}{k_4}R_4]{\frac{1}{k_1}R_1, \frac{1}{k_2}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} \end{array} \right] \\ &\therefore \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k_4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Work.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} k_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3-R_4]{R_1-R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} k & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow[\frac{1}{k} R_3]{\frac{1}{k} R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k} & -\frac{1}{k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k} & -\frac{1}{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \therefore \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} k & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{k} & -\frac{1}{k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k} & -\frac{1}{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

□

27. Find all values of  $c$ , if any, for which the given matrix is invertible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & c & c \\ 1 & c & c \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

Work.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} c & c & c & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & c & c & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_2-R_3]{R_1-R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} c-1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & c-1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow[\frac{1}{c-1} R_2]{\frac{1}{c-1} R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} \\ 1 & 1 & c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3-R_1]{R_3-R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} \\ 0 & 0 & c & -\frac{1}{c-1} & 0 & \frac{c}{c-1} \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{c}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} & -\frac{1}{c-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{c(c-1)} & 0 & \frac{1}{c-1} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

The resulting inverse matrix is undefined when  $c = 0$  or when  $c = 1$ , therefore  $c \neq 0, 1$ .

□

29. Write the given matrix as a product of elementary matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Work.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1+2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2-2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{8}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1-5R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each of these row operations can be expressed as a left multiplication of a elementary matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

□

41. Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices, then  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  have the same reduced row echelon form.

*Proof.* First, if  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent, there exists a sequence of elementary row operations that can transform  $B$  into  $A$ . Now consider the  $rref(A)$ ; it is by definition obtainable by row operations starting at  $A$ . Therefore there exists a sequence of row operations which transform  $B$  into  $A$ , and then  $A$  into  $rref(A)$ . The same can be said for  $A$ . Since reduced row echelon form is unique, thus  $rref(A)$  is also the  $rref(B)$ . Therefore,  $A$  and  $B$  have the same reduced row echelon form.

Second, if  $A$  and  $B$  have the same reduced row echelon form, then there exists a sequence of elementary row operations that can transform  $A$  and  $B$  into the same reduced row echelon form. By definition there is a sequence of elementary row matrices to transform  $A$  into  $rref(A)$ , which is also  $rref(B)$ . And also by definition there are elementary row matrices to transform  $rref(B)$  into  $B$ . Therefore, there is a sequence of elementary row operations to transform  $A$  into  $B$ . Therefore, by definition,  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent.

Combining both statements, we can conclude that  $A$  and  $B$  are row equivalent if and only if they have the same reduced row echelon form. □

## 1.6 More on Linear Systems and Invertible Matrices

15. Determine conditions on the  $b_i$ 's, if any, in order to guarantee that the linear system is consistent.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_2 + 5x_3 &= b_1 \\ 4x_1 - 5x_2 + 8x_3 &= b_2 \\ -3x_1 + 3x_2 - 3x_3 &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

Work.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 5 & b_1 \\ 4 & -5 & 8 & b_2 \\ -3 & 3 & -3 & b_3 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 5 & b_1 \\ 4 & -5 & 8 & b_2 \\ -4 & 5 & -8 & b_3 - b_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_3 + R_2 \\ R_2 - 4R_1}]{R_3 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 3 & -12 & b_2 - 4b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_1 + b_2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & \frac{1}{3}(b_2 - 4b_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_1 + b_2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & b_1 + \frac{2}{3}(b_2 - 4b_1) \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & \frac{1}{3}(b_2 - 4b_1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_1 + b_2 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

The last row represents  $0 = b_3 - b_1 + b_2$ , which is  $b_1 = b_3 + b_2$ . If  $b_1 = b_3 + b_2$ , then reduced row echelon form is complete, and there are infinitely many solutions to the linear system. If  $b_1 \neq b_3 + b_2$ , then the last row represents  $0 = k$  where  $k \neq 0$ , and there is no solution to the linear system.  $\square$

21. Let  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  be a homogenous system of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknown that has only the trivial solution. Show that if  $k$  is any positive integer, then the system  $A^k\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  also has only the trivial solution.

*Proof.* Since  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution, through the Big Theorem of Lecture 23, this means that  $A$  is invertible. This also means that  $(A^k)^{-1}$  exists, as it is known that  $(A^k)^{-1} = A^{-k} = (A^{-1})^k$ . Now Consider the system  $A^k\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^k\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\
 (A^k)^{-1}A^k\vec{x} &= (A^k)^{-1}\vec{0} \\
 I\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\
 \vec{x} &= \vec{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , and the only solution for the system is the trivial solution.  $\square$