1. The group U_n

Proposition 1.1
Let $E_n = \{E_{i,j}\}_{i<j}$ be the set of all $n \times n$ matrices, $(e_{l,k})$,
where $a_{l,l} = 1, 1 \leq l \leq n$, and $a_{i,j} = 1, i < j$, and all other elements are zero. That is, $E_{i,j}$ has 1 only on the main diagonal, and in one element, anywhere above the main diagonal. Let A be any $n \times n$ matrix. Then,
Multiplying A by $E_{i,j}$ (from the left), $E_{i,j} \times A$, is operating as performing the elementary operation $R_i \leftarrow R_i + R_j$ on A

Proof. $A = (a_{l,k}), B = (b_{l,k}) = E_{i_j} \times A = (e_{l,k}) \times (a_{l,k})$
$b_{l,k} = \sum_{r=1}^{n} e_{l,r} \cdot a_{r,k}$
For all the rows, except for row i, $b_{l,k} = \sum_{r=1}^{n} e_{l,r} \cdot a_{r,k} = 0 + 0 + \cdots + e_{l,l} \cdot a_{l,k} + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 + 0 = 1 \cdot a_{l,k} = a_{l,k}$
For row i, $b_{i,k} = \sum_{r=1}^{n} e_{i,r} \cdot a_{r,k} = 0 + 0 + \cdots + e_{i,i} \cdot a_{i,k} + 0 + 0 + e_{i,j} \cdot a_{j,k} + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 + 0 = 1 \cdot a_{i,k} + 1 \cdot a_{j,k} = a_{i,k} + a_{j,k}$
This shows that the multiplication preserves the rows of A, except for row i, which becomes the sum of rows i, j $\square$

Corollary 1.2
Let $E_{i,j} = (e_{l,k}), i < j \in E_n$, Then,
$E_{i,j}^{-1} = (a_{l,k})$, where $a_{l,l} = 1, 1 \leq l \leq n$, and $a_{i,j} = -1, i < j$, and all other elements are zero.

Proof. $(b_{l,k}) = E_{i,j} \times (a_{l,k})$
Multiplying $(a_{l,k})$ by $E_{i,j}$ from the left is operating on $(a_{l,k})$ as a row addition, $R_i \leftarrow R_i + R_j$, as seen above.
For all $1 \leq k \leq n, b_{i,k} = a_{i,k} + a_{j,k}$
But, the only element in row j that is not zero is $a_{j,j=1}$, so, $b_{i,j} = a_{i,j} + a_{j,j} = -1 + 1 = 0$, and, for all the other columns, $a_{j,k} = 0$, so $b_{i,i} = a_{i,i} + a_{j,i} = 1 + 0 = 1$, and $b_{i,k} = a_{i,k} + a_{j,k} = 0 + 0 = 0$, which means that $(b_{l,k}) = I_n$
Easy to verify that also $(a_{l,k}) \times E_{i,j} = I_n$, and that $(a_{l,k})$ is a unique inverse of $E_{i,j}$, since, suppose we have another inverse matrix, $M = E_{i,j}^{-1}$, then $(a_{l,k}) \times E_{i,j} = I_n = M \times E_{i,j} \Rightarrow ((a_{l,k}) \times E_{i,j}) \times M = (M \times E_{i,j}) \times M \Rightarrow (a_{l,k}) \times E_{i,j} \times M = M \times E_{i,j} \times M \Rightarrow (a_{l,k}) \times (E_{i,j} \times M) = M \times (E_{i,j} \times M) \Rightarrow (a_{l,k}) \times I_n = M \times I_n \Rightarrow (a_{l,k}) = M$
So, $(a_{l,k}) = E_{i,j}^{-1}$ is the unique inverse of $E_{i,j}$

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