



1. Take a 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$. Multiply A , on left, by suitable elementary matrices to convert it to a row echelon matrix in each of the following cases.
 - (a) When $a \neq 0$.
 - (b) When $a = 0$ but $c \neq 0$.
 - (c) When $a = c = 0$.
2. Examine your calculation in Exercise 1, and argue the following.
 - (a) A 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ is invertible if and only if $ad - bc \neq 0$.
 - (b) Every invertible 2×2 matrix is a product of at most four elementary matrices.
3. Convert the following matrices to a row echelon matrix and determine which of these are invertible.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 8 & 27 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 12 & 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In each case where the matrix is invertible find the inverse.

4. Recall the puzzle from your childhood. "An elephant costs ₹5, a horse costs ₹1, and 20 camels cost ₹1. You have ₹100 with you, and you need to purchase exactly 100 animals spending the entire money. How many elephants, horses and camels would you be purchasing?"
 - (a) Express this puzzle in the form of a system of linear equations.
 - (b) Express this puzzle in the form of a matrix equation $Au = p$.
 - (c) Use row operations to convert the augmented matrix $(A | p)$ into a row echelon matrix. Use this row echelon matrix to find a solution of the puzzle.

- (d) Does this puzzle have more than one solution? Justify your answer.
5. A square matrix A is called an *idempotent matrix* if $A^2 = A$. Among all $n \times n$ matrix units e_{ij} , identify which ones are idempotent matrices. Are there idempotent matrices which are not matrix units?
6. Solve the following systems of linear equations.
- (a) $8x + y + 6z = 20$
 $3x + 5y + 7z = 40$
 $4x + 9y + 2z = 60$
- (b) $2x + 3y - z = 2$
 $x - y + z = 5$
 $x + 9y - 5z = 10$
7. Take three points in a plane: $(1, 2)$, $(2, 7)$ and $(-1, 4)$. If their x -coordinates and y -coordinates are related by $y = ax^2 + bx + c$. Find a, b and c . See the footnote¹.
8. Take three points in a plane: $(1, 2)$, $(2, 7)$ and $(-1, 4)$. Interpolate them through a suitable circle $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = c^2$. You need to see the footnote of Exercise 7 to understand this question.
9. Examine which of the following relations are (i). reflexive, (ii). symmetric, (iii). transitive
- $\mathcal{R}1$. On the set $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ consider the following relation: for two $m \times n$ matrices A and B , the matrix A is related to B if $A = EB$ for some $m \times m$ elementary matrix E .
- $\mathcal{R}2$. On \mathbb{N} , the set of natural numbers, consider the following relation: a number k is related to a number ℓ if every divisor of k is also a divisor of ℓ .
- $\mathcal{R}3$. On MS23, the set of students of BS-MS 2023 batch at IISER Mohali, consider the following relation: a student s_1 is related to a student s_2 if they have ever traveled together in the same transportation (cycle, car, bus, train, aeroplane, etc., with or without their knowledge).

Relation	Reflexive	Symmetric	Transitive
$\mathcal{R}1$			
$\mathcal{R}2$			
$\mathcal{R}3$			

¹An equation of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ (where $a \neq 0$) is called a *parabola*. In this question, our attempt is to find a suitable parabola that passes through the three given points; that is, the x -coordinates and y -coordinates of these three points satisfy the equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$. In other words, we have to *interpolate* the three points through a parabola.