## 2B Concept formation according to APOS theory

Try to identify the individual A-P-O-S phases in the following sequence of steps to *form the concept of the inverse matrix* to an invertible matrix *A*:

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 \begin{bmatrix} 1x+2y=3\\4x+5y=6 \end{bmatrix} & \text{Row image} \\ 1. \text{ compression via concept of vector (addition)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\4 \end{bmatrix}x + \begin{bmatrix} 2\\5 \end{bmatrix}y = \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6 \end{bmatrix} & \text{Vector image} \\ 2. \text{ compression via concept of matrix (multiplication)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\4 & 5\\5 \end{bmatrix}. \begin{bmatrix} x\\y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3\\6 \end{bmatrix} & \text{Matrix image} \\ 3. \text{ compression via symbolisation} \\ A.X = B \\ \downarrow & \dots \text{problemsolving via concept of analogy } [1, p.10] \text{ using } CAS \\ X = A^{-1}.B = \begin{bmatrix} -1\\2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow & \dots \text{ and abstraction gives} \\ Concept \text{ image} \\ A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -5\\4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & \text{ of inverse } A^{-1} \\ \end{bmatrix}
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## Exercise:

a) First test and explain the following interactive EIGENMATH mini *learning environment* (LE) to support *the coining of the concept of the inverse matrix* as shown above:

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# EIGENMATH

A = ((1,2), (4,5))

X = (x,y)

B = (3,6)
COMPart = COMP
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Note: EIGENMATH use dot for the scalar/matrix product and inv(A) for the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

Invoke Eigenmath: <a href="https://georgeweigt.github.io/eigenmath-demo.html">https://georgeweigt.github.io/eigenmath-demo.html</a>

Now enter the 6 statements in Eigenmath's window line by line.

Press [←] RETURN after every code line. Press the [Run] button. Watch the output.

- b) In your opinion, what exploration opportunities are offered to the student in the above CAS-LE? Which *phenomena* could be specifically observed? In what respect is this LE *interactive*? What additional didactical and methodological options are there compared to a CAS-free access to the formation of the concept ,inverse matrix'?
- c) Design a small A.C.E cycle based on the above CAS-LE to form the concept of the inverse matrix.
- d) Construct an A.C.E cycle within a suitable CAS-LE to create a concept for a self-chosen concept from linear algebra/analytic geometry or analysis.

