

# 1-5 In-Class Exercise

1. Find an elementary matrix  $E$  that satisfies the stated equation.

$$EB = F \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -7 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 5 \\ 8 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (F \text{ was obtained from } B \text{ by adding 2 times the third row to the second row})$$

2. Find the inverse of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix,  
where  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$ , are all nonzero.

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

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & k_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

← The identity matrix was adjoined to the given matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

← The first and fourth rows were interchanged;  
the second and third rows were interchanged.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{k_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

← The first row was multiplied by  $1/k_4$ ,  
the second row was multiplied by  $1/k_3$ ,  
the third row was multiplied by  $1/k_2$ , and  
the fourth row was multiplied by  $1/k_1$ .

The inverse is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_4} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k_3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{k_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# 1-5 Suggested Exercise

1. Find a row operation and the corresponding elementary matrix that will restore the given elementary matrix to the identity matrix.

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Add 5 times the first row to the third row:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interchange the first and fourth rows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -7 & -1 \\ 8 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -7 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Find an elementary matrix  $E$  that satisfies the stated equation  $EB = A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A \text{ was obtained from } B \text{ by interchanging the first row and the third row})$$

3. Use the inversion algorithm to find the inverse of the matrix (if the inverse exists).

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

← The identity matrix was adjoined to the given matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

← -2 times the first row was added to the second row and  
-1 times the first row was added to the third row.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -5 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

← 2 times the second row was added to the third row.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

← The third row was multiplied by -1.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -14 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

← 3 times the third row was added to the second row and  
-3 times the third row was added to the first row.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -40 & 16 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

← -2 times the second row was added to the first row.

The inverse is  $\begin{bmatrix} -40 & 16 & 9 \\ 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 1 \\ c & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

← The first and second rows were interchanged.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ c & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

← The second and third rows were interchanged.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 1-c^2 & -c \end{bmatrix}$$

←  $-c$  times the first row was added to the third row.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & c^3 - 2c \end{bmatrix}$$

←  $c^2 - 1$  times the second row was added to the third.

If  $c^3 - 2c = c(c^2 - 2) = 0$ , i.e. if  $c = 0$ ,  $c = \sqrt{2}$  or  $c = -\sqrt{2}$  the last matrix contains a row of zeros, therefore it cannot be reduced to  $I$  by elementary row operations.

Otherwise (if  $c^3 - 2c \neq 0$ ), multiplying the last row by  $\frac{1}{c^3 - 2c}$  would result in a row echelon form with 1's on the main diagonal. Subsequent elementary row operations would then lead to the identity matrix.

We conclude that for any value of  $c$  other than  $0$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$  the matrix is invertible.



5. Express the matrix and its inverse as products of elementary matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We perform a sequence of elementary row operations to reduce the given matrix to the identity matrix. As we do so, we keep track of each corresponding elementary matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

← -1 times the first row was added to the second row.

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

← The second and third rows were interchanged

$$E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longleftarrow -1 \text{ times the third row was added to the second.}$$

$$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longleftarrow -1 \text{ times the second row was added to the first row.}$$

$$E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A = I$ , we have

$$A = (E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} I = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} E_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$A^{-1} = E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that this answer is not unique since a different sequence of elementary row operations (and the corresponding elementary matrices) could be used instead.

6. Show that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f & 0 & g \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is not invertible for any values of the entries.

Consider three cases:

- If  $a=0$  then  $A$  has a row of zeros (first row).
- If  $a \neq 0$  and  $h=0$  then  $A$  has a row of zeros (fifth row).
- If  $a \neq 0$  and  $h \neq 0$  then adding  $-\frac{d}{a}$  times the first row to the third, and adding  $-\frac{e}{h}$  times the fifth row to the third results in the third row becoming a row of zeros.

In all three cases, the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is not  $I_5$ . By Theorem 1.5.3,  $A$  is not invertible.