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Matrix Theory EE5609 - Assignment 2 Find Inverse of a matrix using Elementary transformations

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Abstract—This document provides a solution for finding inverse of a matrix using elementary transformations.

I. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Using elementary transformations, find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, if it exists.

II. THEORY

For any n \times n matrix A, if the augmented matrix [A|I] is transformed into a matrix of the form [I|B], then the matrix A is invertible and the inverse matrix A^{-1} is given by B. If the reduced row echelon form matrix for [A|I] is not of the form [I|B], then the matrix A is not invertible.

III. SOLUTION

The augmented matrix [A|I] is as given below:-

$$\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

We apply the elementary row operations on [A|I] as follows:-

$$[A|I] = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2)

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \to 2R_2 - 5R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & -5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (3)

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \to 2R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & -5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (4)

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \to \frac{R_1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} & \frac{-5}{2} & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 2
\end{pmatrix}$$
(5)

$$\frac{\stackrel{R_1 \to R_1 + \frac{R_3}{2}}{\stackrel{R_2 \to R_2 - \frac{5}{2}R_3}{\longrightarrow}}}{\stackrel{R_1 \to R_1 + \frac{R_3}{2}}{\longrightarrow}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1\\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -15 & 6 & -5\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(6)

IV. CONCLUSION

By performing elementary transormations on augmented matrix [A|I], we obtained the augmented matrix in the form [I|B]. Hence we can conclude that the matrix A is invertible and inverse of the matrix is:-

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$