

## Tutorial-2, MA 106 (Linear Algebra)

Most of these problems are from reference texts for this course

1. Prove or disprove.

- (a) If a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is such that  $AB = BA$  for all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $B$ , then  $A$  is a constant multiple of the identity matrix.
- (b) Let  $A$  be a matrix. There does not exist a matrix  $B$  such that  $BA = 2A$ .
- (c) Product of triangular matrices is triangular.
- (d) Inverse of a triangular matrix is triangular.
- (e) Inverse of a symmetric matrix is symmetric.
- (f) If  $u$  and  $v$  are solutions to  $Ax = b$  then so is  $(u + v)$ .
- (g) Given a square matrix  $A$ , if  $Ax = b$  has a solution for all  $b$ , then the solutions are all unique.
- (h) If  $A^2 = A$ , then  $A = I$  or  $A = 0$ .

2. By trial and error find examples of 2 by 2 matrices such that

- (a)  $A^2 = -I$ ,  $A$  having only real entries.
- (b)  $B^2 = 0$ , although  $B \neq 0$ .
- (c)  $CD = -DC$ , not allowing the case  $CD = 0$ .
- (d)  $EF = 0$ , although no entries of  $E$  or  $F$  are zero.

3. What three elementary matrices  $E_{21}$ ,  $E_{31}$ ,  $E_{32}$  put  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

Multiply the  $E$ 's to get one matrix  $M$  that does the elimination to give  $MA = U$ .

4. Fill in the blanks.

- (a) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, with no row exchanges are needed in elimination to get  $U$ . Suppose  $a_{33} = 7$  and the third pivot is 5.
  - (i) If you change  $a_{33}$  to 11, what is the third pivot?
  - (ii) What should you change  $a_{33}$  to, so that there is a zero in the third pivot position?
- (b) To obtain the entry in row 3, column 4 of  $AB$  we need to multiply the \_\_\_\_ row of \_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_ column of \_\_\_\_.
- (c) If a  $5 \times 5$  matrix has \_\_ number of pivots, then it is invertible.

5. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Is there a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

6. Find  $A$  such that

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

How is  $A$  related to the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

7. Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ , and  $b$  be an  $m \times 1$  vector. If  $Ax = 0$  has a unique solution, what can you say about the number of solutions for  $Ax = b$  for some  $b$ ?
8. Factor  $A$  into  $LU$  and write down the upper triangular system  $Ux = c$  which appears after elimination, for

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. How could you factor  $A$  into a product  $UL$ , upper triangular times lower triangular? Would they be the same factors as in  $A = LU$ ?
10. Solve as two triangular system, without multiplying  $LU$  to find  $A$ :

$$LUx = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

11. For which numbers  $c$ , will  $A$  have  $LU$  decomposition ?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

12. Find the inverses of

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

13. If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = I_n$ , and  $CA = I_n$ , then show that  $B = C$ .
14. (a) If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are permutation matrices, so is  $P_1P_2$ . This still has the rows of  $I$  in some order. Give examples with  $P_1P_2 \neq P_2P_1$  and  $P_3P_4 = P_4P_3$ .
- (b) Find the inverses of the permutation matrices

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Explain for permutations why  $P^{-1}$  is always the same as  $P^T$ . Show that the 1's are in the right place to give  $PP^T = I$ .
15. Suppose  $A$  is invertible and you exchange its first two rows to reach  $B$ . Is the new matrix  $B$  invertible? How would you find  $B^{-1}$  from  $A^{-1}$ ?
16. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$ . Show that  $I - AB$  is invertible if  $I - BA$  is invertible. Start from  $B(I - AB) = (I - BA)B$ .
17. This matrix has a remarkable inverse. Find  $A^{-1}$  by elimination on  $[A \mid I]$ . Extend it to  $5 \times 5$  "alternating matrix in 1, -1" and guess its inverse.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

18. (a) There are sixteen 2 by 2 matrices whose entries are 1's and 0's. How many are invertible?  
 (b) If you put 1's and 0's at random into the entries of a 10 by 10 matrix, is it more likely to be invertible or singular?
19. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  and  $n \times m$  matrices respectively, such that  $AB = I_m$  what can you say about the rank of  $A$ ? Is it necessary that  $BA = I_n$ ? Does there exist an  $n \times m$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I_n$ ?

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