

## Linear algebra review problems

The following two example problems are from [http://web.pdx.edu/~erdman/LINALG/Linalg\\_pdf.pdf](http://web.pdx.edu/~erdman/LINALG/Linalg_pdf.pdf):

### 2.2. Exercises

- (1) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (a) Does the matrix  $D = ABC$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $d_{34} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) Does the matrix  $E = BAC$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $e_{22} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) Does the matrix  $F = BCA$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $f_{43} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (d) Does the matrix  $G = ACB$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $g_{31} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (e) Does the matrix  $H = CAB$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $h_{21} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (f) Does the matrix  $J = CBA$  exist? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, then  $j_{13} =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (3) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/3 \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Find numbers  $c$  and  $d$  such that  $A^2 = -I$ .  
Answer:  $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $d =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Differentiation review problems

The following two example problems are from <http://www.math.mcgill.ca/rags/JAC/dobson/diff.pdf>. For all problems, find  $dy/dx$ . Note that  $dy/dx \ y = \ln(x) = 1/x$ .

4.  $y = (e^{x^2+2})^2$

This is a set of three nested functions. The derivative can be expressed with recursive application of the chain rule:  $dy/dx = dy/dg \cdot dg/df \cdot dh/dx$  where

$$h(x) = x^2 + 2$$

$$g(h(x)) = e^{h(x)}$$

$$y(g(h(x))) = (g(h(x)))^2$$

Substituting derivatives of the above:

$$dy/dx = 2(e^{x^2+2}) \cdot (e^{x^2+2}) \cdot 2x = 4x(e^{x^2+2})^2$$

35.  $y = \ln \cos x$

This is a set of nested functions, and so chain rule applies again:

$$dy/dx = dy/dg \cdot dg/dx$$

where

$$g(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$y(g(x)) = \ln(g(x))$$

Substituting derivatives of the above:

$$dy/dx = \frac{1}{\cos(x)} \cdot -\sin(x) = -\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = -\tan(x)$$

40.  $y = \frac{\sqrt{x}+1}{\sqrt{x}-1}$

Here we can use the product rule  $uv' + u'v$ , where:

$$u = (\sqrt{x} + 1)$$

$$v = (\sqrt{x} - 1)^{-1}$$

$$u' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad v' \text{ by chain rule} = -1(\sqrt{x} - 1)^{-2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Substituting:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\sqrt{x} + 1)(-1(\sqrt{x} - 1)^{-2}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + ((\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}})(\sqrt{x} - 1)^{-1}) = \\ &\frac{-\sqrt{x}-1}{2(\sqrt{x}-1)^2(\sqrt{x})} + \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{2\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-1)^2} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$