

The matrix  $Pa_3$  is shown in Part (3) and  $Pa_4$  is shown below:

$$Pa_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $n$  elementary matrices  $E_{i_k, j_k; \beta_k}$  such that

$$E_{i_n, j_n; \beta_n} \cdots E_{i_1, j_1; \beta_1} Pa_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & Pa_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Use the above to prove that the inverse of  $Pa_n$  is the lower triangular matrix whose  $i$ th row is given by the signed binomial coefficients

$$(-1)^{i+j-2} \binom{i-1}{j-1} = (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i-1}{j-1},$$

with  $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . For example,

$$Pa_4^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Hint.* Given any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , multiplying  $A$  by the elementary matrix  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  on the right yields the matrix  $AE_{i,j;\beta}$  in which  $\beta$  times the  $i$ th column is added to the  $j$ th column.

**Problem 8.14.** (1) Implement the method for converting a rectangular matrix to reduced row echelon form in **Matlab**.

(2) Use the above method to find the inverse of an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  by applying it to the  $n \times 2n$  matrix  $[A \ I]$  obtained by adding the  $n$  columns of the identity matrix to  $A$ .

(3) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \cdots & n \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \cdots & n+1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \cdots & n+2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n & n+1 & n+2 & n+3 & \cdots & 2n-1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using your program, find the row reduced echelon form of  $A$  for  $n = 4, \dots, 20$ .