Please complete all problems below.

1. Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Compute each of the following, or explain why they're not defined:

(a)  $2A - 3B^T$ . ( $B^T$  denotes the transpose of B. Ask if you don't know what that is.)

$$2A - 3B^{T} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 0 \\ 15 & 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -1 & 6 \\ -15 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) 2A - 3C.

Not defined, since you can't add or subtract matrices of different sizes: 2A is a  $2 \times 3$  matrix, and 3C is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

(c) AB

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1(3) - 2(-1) + 3(0) & 1(5) - 2(2) + 3(-2) \\ 0(3) + 4(-1) - 2(0) & 0(5) + 4(2) - 2(-2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) BA

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3(1) + 5(0) & 3(-2) + 5(4) & 3(3) + 5(-2) \\ -1(1) + 2(0) & -1(-2) + 2(4) & -1(3) + 2(-2) \\ 0(1) - 2(0) & 0(-2) - 2(4) & 0(3) - 2(-2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 14 & -1 \\ -1 & 10 & -7 \\ 0 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(e) AB + C

We calculated AB above. Using that result, we have

$$AB + C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -9 \\ -7 & 18 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(f) BA + C

This is undefined, since BA is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and C is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, and you can't add matrices of different sizes.

2. Compute the inverses of the following matrices, if possible:

(a) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Our algorithm for finding the inverse is to use Gaussian elimination to convert the augmented matrix [A|I] to  $[I|A^{-1}]$ , if possible. We proceed as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \to R_2 + 4R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \to \frac{1}{10}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \to R_1 - 3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) 
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

We use the same algorithm as above, but this time for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \to R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \to R_1 - 4R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \to -\frac{1}{3}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, 
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & -4 \\ -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

3. Solve the following systems. (Hint: use your answer from 2(a))

(a) 
$$x + 3y = 3 \\ -4x - 2y = -7$$
 In matrix form, we have  $A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ , so 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{15}{10} \\ \frac{5}{10} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
.

As above, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2a \\ -3b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2a \\ -3b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2a}{5} + \frac{9b}{10} \\ \frac{4a}{5} - \frac{3b}{10} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Possibly useful note**: the question "Can the vector V be written as a linear combination of the vectors A, B, C?" is equivalent to the question "Do there exist scalars x, y, z such that xA + yB + zC = V?" This latter question can be turned into a system of equations in the variables x, y, z.

Similarly, the question "Given the vectors A, B, C, D, can any one of these vectors be written as a linear combination of the others?" is equivalent to the question, "Do there exist scalars w, x, y, z, not all equal to zero, such that wA + xB + yC + zD = 0?" (See if you can figure out why these two questions are the same.) This latter question can be turned into a homogeneous system of equations, and the answer is "yes" if this system has a non-trivial solution.

**Note on this note:** There is one question on the Lyryx Lab where you need to know how to answer the first question. In Chapter 6 we will briefly encounter the concepts of linear independence and span, which are best understood in terms of the note above.