

Question 1

Let $A =$

Part (a)

$$\begin{aligned} A &: n \times n \\ B &: n \times n \\ C &: n \times n \end{aligned}$$

Part (b)

$$) \quad AB = CA$$

Multiplying both sides by B :

$$ABB = CAB \quad) \quad (AB)B = C(AB)$$

$$\text{We know } AB = I \quad) \quad IB = CI$$

$$\text{But, } IX = X \text{ and } XI = X$$

$$\therefore B = C$$

Part (c)

$$\text{We know } AB = I, CA = I \text{ and } B = C$$

$$\text{Using the property that } A^{-1}A = I \text{ and } AA^{-1} = I,$$

$$\text{we can conclude } B = C = A^{-1}$$

$$\therefore A \text{ is invertible.}$$

Question 3

Part (a)

$$(I - A)^2 = I^2 - 2IA + A^2$$

$$\text{But, we know } A^2 = A \text{ and } I^n = I$$

$$) \quad I^2 - 2IA + A^2 = I - 2A + A = \underline{\underline{I - A}}$$

Part (b)

$$(I - A)^7 = (I - A) [(I - A)^2]^3$$

$$\text{Recall, } (I - A)^2 = I - A$$

$$) \quad (I - A)[(I - A)^2]^3 = (I - A)(I - A)^3 = (I - A)^4 = [(I - A)^2]^2$$

$$) \quad [(I - A)^2]^2 = (I - A)^2 = \underline{\underline{I - A}}$$

Question 4

Part (a)

$$) \quad a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying both sides by a constant c , we have:

$$ac \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + bc \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad) \quad ac \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + bc \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - c \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Reversing the dot product, we have: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ac \\ bc \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Gaussian elimination to determine solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_2 & \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{r_2}{2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_3 & \leftarrow R_3 - r_2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_1 & \leftarrow R_1 - 3r_2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_3 & \leftarrow R_3 + r_2 \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ R_2 & \leftarrow R_2 + \frac{r_1}{2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, as all of the coefficients are 0 as per the solution to the equation,
the linear expression of the vector cannot be done.

Part (b)

The Gaussian elimination performed above shows that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ has 2 pivots.