

**MATH1350, Winter 2025**  
**Mini-Assignment 3**

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1. Find all values of  $k$  for which the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 14 & 7 \\ 2k & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible?

$$A : k = 0 \quad B : k \neq 0 \quad C : k = -3 \quad \boxed{D} : k \neq -3 \quad E : k = 7 \quad F : k \neq 7 \quad G : k \in \mathbb{R}$$

(Non-invertible if determinant is zero:  $0 = 14(-3) - 7(2k) = -42 - 14k \Rightarrow k = 3$  )

2. Which of the following matrices is singular?

$$A : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad C : \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boxed{E} : \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Check the  $2 \times 2$  determinants)

3. Is the following matrix invertible?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 & 7 \\ -2 & -6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A : \text{Yes} \quad \boxed{B} : \text{No}$$

Notice that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 & 7 \\ -2 & -6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . This matrix does not have RREF equal to  $I_3$  and hence is not invertible.

4. Which of the following is not an elementary matrix?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\boxed{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \boxed{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(In  $D$ , row 3 has been multiplied by zero, which is not an ERO,  $F$  has 2 EROS)

5. The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible. What is 2,2-entry of  $A^{-1}$ ?

(Enter your answer as a decimal number and round to 4 decimal places if needed.)

Answer:  $\frac{3}{2} = 1.5$

Recall that  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

6. The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible. What is 3,3-entry of  $A^{-1}$ ? (For practice find  $A^{-1}$ .)

(Enter your answer as a decimal number and round to 4 decimal places if needed.)

Answer: 3

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ -15 & 6 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ & \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2+15R_1 \\ R_3-5R_1}]{\substack{R_1+\frac{1}{3}R_2 \\ R_3+\frac{1}{3}R_2}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1/3 & -5/3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\substack{R_3+\frac{1}{3}R_2}]{\substack{R_1+\frac{1}{3}R_2 \\ R_3+\frac{1}{3}R_2}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1/3 & 2 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{R_1-R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{3R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$