

## Step-1

The objective is to show that the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are similar by finding a matrix  $M$  so that  $B = M^{-1}AM$ .

Above equation can be written as follows:

$$MB = MM^{-1}AM$$

$$MB = AM$$

## Step-2

(a)

Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now assume } M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider

$$MB = AM$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a+b \\ 0 & c+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = 0$$

$$a + b = b$$

$$c + d = b$$

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Therefore, for  $MB = AM$ , one requires that

$$a = 0, b = c + d$$

Take the values for  $b, c$  and  $d$  so that the matrix  $M$  should be invertible.

Since  $a = 0$ , so one of possible values for  $b, c$  and  $d$  is

$$b = 1, c = 1, d = 0$$

Hence the matrices A and B are similar and one of possible for the matrix  $M$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  so that  $MB = AM$ .

## Step-4

(b)

Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now assume } M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} MB &= AM \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a-b & -a+b \\ c-d & -c+d \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ a+c & b+d \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a-b &= a+c \\ -a+b &= b+d \\ c-d &= a+c \\ -c+d &= b+d \end{aligned}$$

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Solve these equations for the values  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -b &= c \\ -a &= d \\ -d &= a \\ -c &= b \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $MB = AM$ , one requires that

$$a = -d, b = -c$$

Take the values for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  so that the matrix  $M$  should be invertible.

One of possible values for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  is

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = -2, d = -1$$

Hence the matrices A and B are similar and one possible for the matrix  $M$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so that  $MB = AM$ .

## Step-6

(c)

Consider the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now assume } M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} MB &= AM \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4a+2b & 3a+b \\ 4c+2d & 3c+d \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} a+2c & b+2d \\ 3a+4c & 3b+4d \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$4a+2b = a+2c$$

$$4c+2d = 3a+4c$$

$$3a+b = b+2d$$

$$3c+d = 3b+4d$$

## Step-7

Solve these equations for the values  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .

$$3a+2b = 2c$$

$$2d = 3a$$

$$3a = 2d$$

$$c = b+d$$

Therefore, for  $MB = AM$ , one requires that

$$3a = 2d, c = b + d$$

Take the values for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  so that the matrix  $M$  should be invertible.

One of possible values for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  is

$$a = 2, b = 1, c = 4, d = 3$$

Hence the matrices A and B are similar and one of possible for the matrix  $M$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  so that  $MB = AM$ .