

Step-1

(a)

The objective is to provide examples of matrices A and B for which $A + B$ is not invertible although A and B are invertible.

Step-2

Assume that,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A matrix is invertible when its determinant is not equal to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= (-1)(-1) - 0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the matrices A and B are invertible.

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Addition of matrices A and B is,

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1-1 & 0+0 \\ 0+0 & 1-1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The determinant of $A + B$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A + B) &= 0 - 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A + B$ is not invertible although A and B are invertible.

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(b)

The objective is to provide examples of matrices A and B for which $A+B$ is invertible although A and B are not invertible.

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Assume that,

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

Addition of matrices A and B is,

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

The determinant of $A+B$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A+B) &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $A+B$ is invertible.

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The determinant of the matrix A is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= (1)(0) - (0)(0) \\ &= 0 \\ \det B &= (0)(1) - (0)(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the matrices A and B are not invertible.

Hence, $A+B$ is invertible although A and B are not invertible.

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(c)

The objective is to provide examples of matrices A and B for which A and B are invertible and $A+B$ is also invertible.

Step-8

Assume that,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The determinant of matrix A is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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The determinant of matrix B is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= 0 - (1) - 1 \\ &= 1 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Addition of matrices A and B is,

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & 0+1 \\ 0-1 & 1+0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The determinant of matrix $A + B$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A + B) &= (1)(1) - (1)(-1) \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the matrices A , B , and $A + B$ are invertible.

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Consider,

$$A^{-1}(A + B)B^{-1} = B^{-1} + A^{-1}$$

Sum of two invertible matrices is also invertible.

Therefore, $C = B^{-1} + A^{-1}$ is invertible.

The inverse of C is,

$$\begin{aligned} (B^{-1} + A^{-1})^{-1} &= (A^{-1}(A+B)B^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= (B^{-1})^{-1}(A+B)^{-1}(A^{-1})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since, $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

$$C^{-1} = \boxed{B(A+B)^{-1}A}$$

Since, $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$.

Substitute, A , and B values in C , obtained as,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= B^{-1} + A^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The determinant of C is,

$$\begin{aligned} \det C &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, C is invertible.