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Sample Exam 2

1. Compute the following:

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: (The diagonal matrix scales only the second row, by 2.)

$$(b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: (Inverting a diagonal matrix means inverting the entries on the diagonal.)

$$(c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & +2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: (Inverting a Gauss transform is a matter of negating the off-diagonal elements.)

$$(d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} =$$

Answer: Here there is a trick. Use the other answers and the fact that $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} &= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, you can work with the appended system to compute the inverse:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &\longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so that the inverse is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$