

MAT 1302 E, Fall 2013

Homework 2

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For all of the questions below, you must show each step in any row reduction and state what operation you are performing at each step.

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & k \\ 1 & -2 & k+1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) (3 points) Find all values of  $k$  for which  $A$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

$$A \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & k-2 \\ 1 & -2 & k+1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & k-2 \\ 0 & -1 & k \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & k-2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2(k-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is invertible if there is a pivot position in each row. The first 2 rows do have pivot positions. The third one has a pivot position if

$$2(k-1) \neq 0 \implies k \neq 1.$$

So, if  $k \neq 1$ , then the matrix  $A$  is invertible.

(b) (2.5 points) Find the inverse of  $A$  when  $k = 0$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & | & -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & | & -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-2}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) (1.5 points) Use part (b) to solve the matrix equation  $Ax = b$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** Since  $A$  is invertible, then the equation  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution

$$x = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. (4 points)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 20 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$  be two matrices. Is there a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $X$  such that  $AB(A + 3BX^T)B^{-1}A^{-1} = I_2$ ? If the answer is affirmative, find  $X$ .

**Solution:**

- Multiply on the left by  $A^{-1}$  and on the right by  $A$ :

$$B(A + 3BX^T)B^{-1} = A^{-1}I_2A = (A^{-1}I_2)A = A^{-1}A = I_2$$

- Multiply on the left by  $B^{-1}$  and on the right by  $B$ :

$$A + 3BX^T = B^{-1}I_2B = (B^{-1}I_2)B = B^{-1}B = I_2$$

- Subtract  $A$  from the above equality:

$$3BX^T = I_2 - A$$

- Divide by 3 the above equality:

$$BX^T = \frac{1}{3}(I_2 - A)$$

- Multiply by  $B^{-1}$  on the left:

$$X^T = \frac{1}{3}B^{-1}(I_2 - A)$$

- Transpose and get:

$$(X^T)^T = X = \left[\frac{1}{3}B^{-1}(I_2 - A)\right]^T = \frac{1}{3}[B^{-1}(I_2 - A)]^T = \frac{1}{3}(I_2 - A)^T(B^{-1})^T$$

- Replacing the matrices from statement, one gets:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 20 \\ 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \right)^T = \frac{1}{3} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \left( \frac{-1}{90} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -20 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \frac{-1}{90} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -20 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \frac{-1}{270} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -4 \\ -20 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{-1}{270} \begin{bmatrix} 40 & -7 \\ -20 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. (3 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^{2013}$ .

*Hint:* Find  $A^n$  for  $n \leq 4$ .

**Solution:** We compute the first powers of  $A$ :

$$A^2 = AA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 18 & 17 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^3 = A^2A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A^4 = A^3A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,  $A^n = 0$ , the zero matrix for  $n \geq 4$  Hence,  $A^{2013} = 0$