

Instructions: Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning. Most of the problems have rather short answers, so if you find yourself involved in a lengthy calculation, it might be a good idea to move on and come back to that problem if you have time.

I. Given that  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the inverse of  $AB$ .

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II. Use the row operation method to find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  when  $a \neq 0$  (the expression for the inverse will involve  $a$  in some way).

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III. Write a system of linear equations in  $x$  and  $y$  whose solutions, if any, will satisfy

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

but *do not solve the system* or try to find  $x$  and  $y$ .

IV. Write any  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with the property that

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$$A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

V. Find a condition on  $a$  and  $b$  which tells whether  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  is in the range of the matrix transformation

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$$f \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

**VI.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and consider a linear system  $AX = B$ , where  $X$  and  $B$  are vectors.

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- (a) What must be the dimensions of  $X$  and  $B$ , when they are regarded as matrices?
- (b) Tell the *associated homogeneous system* of  $AX = B$ .
- (c) Suppose that the system has at least one solution  $X_P$ . Show that if  $X_H$  is any solution of the associated homogeneous system, then  $X_P + X_H$  is a solution of  $AX = B$ .
- (d) Still assuming that the system has at least one solution  $X_P$ , show that *every* solution  $X$  of  $AX = B$  is of the form  $X_P + X_H$  for some solution  $X_H$  of the associated homogeneous system. [Hint: start by letting  $X$  be any solution. Then, what can you say about  $X - X_P$ ?]

**VII.** Find two elementary matrices  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  so that  $E_2E_1A = I_3$ , where  $A =$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**VIII.** Each of the following matrices is the augmented matrix of a system of linear equations, and is in row echelon

- (8) form or reduced row echelon form. For each matrix, use back substitution to write a general expression for the solutions of the corresponding linear system.

1. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (the answer will involve  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ )

**IX.** Give an example of two nonzero singular matrices  $A$  and  $B$  for which  $A + B$  is nonsingular.

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**X.** Say you have  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $AB$  is nonsingular. Show that  $A$  must also be nonsingular. (That is, you can't *multiply* two singular matrices and get a nonsingular one.) (If you know about determinants, don't use them here. The solution must only use ideas that we have already studied.)

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