

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

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

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

II. Write any 3×3 matrix A with the property that

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$$A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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IV. Use the row operation method to find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ when $b \neq 0$ (the expression for the inverse will involve b in some way).

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

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

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

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

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

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VII. 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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$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 \\ -6 & -6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

VIII. 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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- What must be the dimensions of X and B , when they are regarded as matrices?
 - Tell the *associated homogeneous system* of $AX = B$.
 - 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 $AX = B$.
 - 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 $X - X_P$?]

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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