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1. Problems from the book: (Again, a scan of the problems are attached to the end of this pdf.)
  - (a) Section 2.3: 3, 18, 21, 28.
  - (b) Section 2.4: 7, 8, 17.
  - (c) Section 2.5: 7, 17, 23, 30.
  - (d) MATLAB problems: 2.2.28, 2.5.38, 2.5.39.

- 18 Construct a 3 by 3 example that has 9 different coefficients on the left side, but rows 2 and 3 become zero in elimination. How many solutions to your system with  $b = (1, 10, 100)$  and how many with  $b = (0, 0, 0)$ ?

- 19 Which number  $q$  makes this system singular and which right side  $t$  gives it infinitely many solutions? Find the solution that has  $z = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x + 4y - 2z &= 1 \\x + 7y - 6z &= 6 \\3y + qz &= t.\end{aligned}$$

- 20 Three planes can fail to have an intersection point, even if no planes are parallel. The system is singular if row 3 of  $A$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the first two rows. Find a third equation that can't be solved together with  $x + y + z = 0$  and  $x - 2y - z = 1$ .

- 21 Find the pivots and the solution for both systems ( $Ax = b$  and  $Kx = b$ ):

$$\begin{array}{rcl}2x + y & = & 0 \\x + 2y + z & = & 0 \\y + 2z + t & = & 0 \\z + 2t & = & 5\end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{rcl}2x - y & = & 0 \\-x + 2y - z & = & 0 \\-y + 2z - t & = & 0 \\-z + 2t & = & 5.\end{array}$$

- 22 If you extend Problem 21 following the 1, 2, 1 pattern or the -1, 2, -1 pattern, what is the fifth pivot? What is the  $n$ th pivot?  $K$  is my favorite matrix.

- 23 If elimination leads to  $x + y = 1$  and  $2y = 3$ , find three possible original problems.

- 24 For which two numbers  $a$  will elimination fail on  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- 25 For which three numbers  $a$  will elimination fail to give three pivots?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2 & 3 \\ a & a & 4 \\ a & a & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ is singular for three values of } a.$$

- 26 Look for a matrix that has row sums 4 and 8, and column sums 2 and  $s$ :

$$\text{Matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{l} a + b = 4 \quad a + c = 2 \\ c + d = 8 \quad b + d = s \end{array}$$

The four equations are solvable only if  $s = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . Then find two different matrices that have the correct row and column sums. *Extra credit:* Write down the 4 by 4 system  $Ax = b$  with  $x = (a, b, c, d)$  and make  $A$  triangular by elimination.

- 27 Elimination in the usual order gives what matrix  $U$  and what solution to this "lower triangular" system? We are really solving by *forward substitution*:

$$\begin{aligned}3x &= 3 \\6x + 2y &= 8 \\9x - 2y + z &= 9.\end{aligned}$$

- 28 Create a MATLAB command  $A(2, :) = \dots$  for the new row 2, to subtract 3 times row 1 from the existing row 2 if the matrix  $A$  is already known.

### Challenge Problems

- 29 Find experimentally the average 1st and 2nd and 3rd pivot sizes from MATLAB's  $[L, U] = \text{lu}(\text{rand}(3))$ . The average size  $\text{abs}(U(1, 1))$  is above  $\frac{1}{2}$  because  $\text{lu}$  picks the largest available pivot in column 1. Here  $A = \text{rand}(3)$  has random entries between 0 and 1.

- 30 If the last corner entry is  $A(5, 5) = 11$  and the last pivot of  $A$  is  $U(5, 5) = 4$ , what different entry  $A(5, 5)$  would have made  $A$  singular?

- 31 Suppose elimination takes  $A$  to  $U$  without row exchanges. Then row  $j$  of  $U$  is a combination of which rows of  $A$ ? If  $Ax = 0$ , is  $Ux = 0$ ? If  $Ax = b$ , is  $Ux = b$ ? If  $A$  starts out lower triangular, what is the upper triangular  $U$ ?

- 32 Start with 100 equations  $Ax = 0$  for 100 unknowns  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{100})$ . Suppose elimination reduces the 100th equation to  $0 = 0$ , so the system is "singular".

- Elimination takes linear combinations of the rows. So this singular system has the singular property: Some linear combination of the 100 rows is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Singular systems  $Ax = 0$  have infinitely many solutions. This means that some linear combination of the 100 columns is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Invent a 100 by 100 singular matrix with no zero entries.
- For your matrix, describe in words the row picture and the column picture of  $Ax = 0$ . Not necessary to draw 100-dimensional space.

## Problem Set 2.3

Problems 1–15 are about elimination matrices.

- Write down the 3 by 3 matrices that produce these elimination steps:
  - $E_{21}$  subtracts 5 times row 1 from row 2.
  - $E_{32}$  subtracts  $-7$  times row 2 from row 3.
  - $P$  exchanges rows 1 and 2, then rows 2 and 3.
- In Problem 1, applying  $E_{21}$  and then  $E_{32}$  to  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 0, 0)$  gives  $E_{32}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . Applying  $E_{32}$  before  $E_{21}$  gives  $E_{21}E_{32}\mathbf{b} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . When  $E_{32}$  comes first, row  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  feels no effect from row  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ .
- Which three matrices  $E_{21}, E_{31}, E_{32}$  put  $A$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = U.$$

Multiply those  $E$ 's to get one matrix  $M$  that does elimination:  $MA = U$ .

- Include  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 0, 0)$  as a fourth column in Problem 3 to produce  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ . Carry out the elimination steps on this augmented matrix to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- Suppose  $a_{33} = 7$  and the third pivot is 5. If you change  $a_{33}$  to 11, the third pivot is  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . If you change  $a_{33}$  to  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ , there is no third pivot.
- If every column of  $A$  is a multiple of  $(1, 1, 1)$ , then  $A\mathbf{x}$  is always a multiple of  $(1, 1, 1)$ . Do a 3 by 3 example. How many pivots are produced by elimination?
- Suppose  $E$  subtracts 7 times row 1 from row 3.
  - To *invert* that step you should  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  7 times row  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  to row  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ .
  - What “inverse matrix”  $E^{-1}$  takes that reverse step (so  $E^{-1}E = I$ )?
  - If the reverse step is applied first (and then  $E$ ) show that  $EE^{-1} = I$ .
- The *determinant* of  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\det M = ad - bc$ . Subtract  $\ell$  times row 1 from row 2 to produce a new  $M^*$ . Show that  $\det M^* = \det M$  for every  $\ell$ . When  $\ell = c/a$ , the product of pivots equals the determinant: (a)  $(d - \ell b)$  equals  $ad - bc$ .
- $E_{21}$  subtracts row 1 from row 2 and then  $P_{23}$  exchanges rows 2 and 3. What matrix  $M = P_{23}E_{21}$  does both steps at once?
  - $P_{23}$  exchanges rows 2 and 3 and then  $E_{31}$  subtracts row 1 from row 3. What matrix  $M = E_{31}P_{23}$  does both steps at once? Explain why the  $M$ 's are the same but the  $E$ 's are different.

- 10 (a) What 3 by 3 matrix  $E_{13}$  will add row 3 to row 1?  
 (b) What matrix adds row 1 to row 3 and *at the same time* row 3 to row 1?  
 (c) What matrix adds row 1 to row 3 and *then* adds row 3 to row 1?
- 11 Create a matrix that has  $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = 1$  but elimination produces two negative pivots without row exchanges. (The first pivot is 1.)
- 12 Multiply these matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 13 Explain these facts. If the third column of  $B$  is all zero, the third column of  $EB$  is all zero (for any  $E$ ). If the third row of  $B$  is all zero, the third row of  $EB$  might *not* be zero.
- 14 This 4 by 4 matrix will need elimination matrices  $E_{21}$  and  $E_{32}$  and  $E_{43}$ . What are those matrices?

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

- 15 Write down the 3 by 3 matrix that has  $a_{ij} = 2i - 3j$ . This matrix has  $a_{32} = 0$ , but elimination still needs  $E_{32}$  to produce a zero in the 3, 2 position. Which previous step destroys the original zero and what is  $E_{32}$ ?

**Problems 16–23 are about creating and multiplying matrices.**

- 16 Write these ancient problems in a 2 by 2 matrix form  $Ax = b$  and solve them:
- (a)  $X$  is twice as old as  $Y$  and their ages add to 33.  
 (b)  $(x, y) = (2, 5)$  and  $(3, 7)$  lie on the line  $y = mx + c$ . Find  $m$  and  $c$ .
- 17 The parabola  $y = a + bx + cx^2$  goes through the points  $(x, y) = (1, 4)$  and  $(2, 8)$  and  $(3, 14)$ . Find and solve a matrix equation for the unknowns  $(a, b, c)$ .
- 18 Multiply these matrices in the orders  $EF$  and  $FE$ :

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also compute  $E^2 = EE$  and  $F^3 = FFF$ . You can guess  $F^{100}$ .

- 19 Multiply these row exchange matrices in the orders  $PQ$  and  $QP$  and  $P^2$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find another non-diagonal matrix whose square is  $M^2 = I$ .

- 20 (a) Suppose all columns of  $B$  are the same. Then all columns of  $EB$  are the same, because each one is  $E$  times \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b) Suppose all rows of  $B$  are  $[1 \ 2 \ 4]$ . Show by example that all rows of  $EB$  are *not*  $[1 \ 2 \ 4]$ . It is true that those rows are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21 If  $E$  adds row 1 to row 2 and  $F$  adds row 2 to row 1, does  $EF$  equal  $FE$ ?
- 22 The entries of  $A$  and  $x$  are  $a_{ij}$  and  $x_j$ . So the first component of  $Ax$  is  $\sum a_{1j}x_j = a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$ . If  $E_{21}$  subtracts row 1 from row 2, write a formula for
- the third component of  $Ax$
  - the  $(2, 1)$  entry of  $E_{21}A$
  - the  $(2, 1)$  entry of  $E_{21}(E_{21}A)$
  - the first component of  $E_{21}Ax$ .
- 23 The elimination matrix  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  subtracts 2 times row 1 of  $A$  from row 2 of  $A$ . The result is  $EA$ . What is the effect of  $E(EA)$ ? In the opposite order  $AE$ , we are subtracting 2 times \_\_\_\_\_ of  $A$  from \_\_\_\_\_. (Do examples.)

**Problems 24–27 include the column  $b$  in the augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$ .**

- 24 Apply elimination to the 2 by 3 augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$ . What is the triangular system  $Ux = c$ ? What is the solution  $x$ ?

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 25 Apply elimination to the 3 by 4 augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$ . How do you know this system has no solution? Change the last number 6 so there *is* a solution.

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 26 The equations  $Ax = b$  and  $Ax^* = b^*$  have the same matrix  $A$ . What double augmented matrix should you use in elimination to solve both equations at once?

Solve both of these equations by working on a 2 by 4 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 27 Choose the numbers  $a, b, c, d$  in this augmented matrix so that there is (a) no solution (b) infinitely many solutions.

$$[A \ b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & a \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & b \\ 0 & 0 & d & c \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of the numbers  $a, b, c,$  or  $d$  have no effect on the solvability?

- 28 If  $AB = I$  and  $BC = I$  use the associative law to prove  $A = C$ .

### Challenge Problems

- 29 Find the triangular matrix  $E$  that reduces "Pascal's matrix" to a smaller Pascal:

$$\text{Eliminate column 1} \quad E \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which matrix  $M$  (multiplying several  $E$ 's) reduces Pascal all the way to  $I$ ? Pascal's triangular matrix is exceptional, all of its multipliers are  $\ell_{ij} = 1$ .

- 30 Write  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  as a product of many factors  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- What matrix  $E$  subtracts row 1 from row 2 to make row 2 of  $EM$  smaller?
  - What matrix  $F$  subtracts row 2 of  $EM$  from row 1 to reduce row 1 of  $FEM$ ?
  - Continue  $E$ 's and  $F$ 's until (many  $E$ 's and  $F$ 's) times ( $M$ ) is ( $A$  or  $B$ ).
  - $E$  and  $F$  are the inverses of  $A$  and  $B$ ! Moving all  $E$ 's and  $F$ 's to the right side will give you the desired result  $M = \text{product of } A\text{'s and } B\text{'s}$ .  
This is possible for integer matrices  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} > 0$  that have  $ad - bc = 1$ .
- 31 Find elimination matrices  $E_{21}$  then  $E_{32}$  then  $E_{43}$  to change  $K$  into  $U$ :

$$E_{43} E_{32} E_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Apply those three steps to the identity matrix  $I$ , to multiply  $E_{43}E_{32}E_{21}$ .

The 3-step paths are counted by  $A^3$ ; we look at paths to node 2:

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{counts the paths} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cdots & 1 \text{ to } 1 \text{ to } 1 \text{ to } 2, 1 \text{ to } 2 \text{ to } 1 \text{ to } 2 \\ \cdots & 2 \text{ to } 1 \text{ to } 1 \text{ to } 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

These  $A^k$  contain the Fibonacci numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ... coming in Section 6.2. Multiplying  $A$  by  $A^k$  involves Fibonacci's rule  $F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k$  (as in  $13 = 8 + 5$ ):

$$(A)(A^k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} & F_k \\ F_k & F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+2} & F_{k+1} \\ F_{k+1} & F_k \end{bmatrix} = A^{k+1}.$$

There are 13 six-step paths from node 1 to node 1, but I can't find them all.

$A^k$  also counts words. A path like 1 to 1 to 2 to 1 corresponds to the word **aaba**. The letter **b** can't repeat because there is no edge from 2 to 2. The  $i, j$  entry of  $A^k$  counts the words of length  $k + 1$  that start with the  $i$ th letter and end with the  $j$ th.

## Problem Set 2.4

Problems 1–16 are about the laws of matrix multiplication.

- 1  $A$  is 3 by 5,  $B$  is 5 by 3,  $C$  is 5 by 1, and  $D$  is 3 by 1. All entries are 1. Which of these matrix operations are allowed, and what are the results?

$$BA \quad AB \quad ABD \quad DBA \quad A(B + C).$$

- 2 What rows or columns or matrices do you multiply to find

- the third column of  $AB$ ?
- the first row of  $AB$ ?
- the entry in row 3, column 4 of  $AB$ ?
- the entry in row 1, column 1 of  $CDE$ ?

- 3 Add  $AB$  to  $AC$  and compare with  $A(B + C)$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 4 In Problem 3, multiply  $A$  times  $BC$ . Then multiply  $AB$  times  $C$ .

- 5 Compute  $A^2$  and  $A^3$ . Make a prediction for  $A^5$  and  $A^n$ :

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

- 6 Show that  $(A + B)^2$  is different from  $A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ , when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write down the correct rule for  $(A + B)(A + B) = A^2 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + B^2$ .

- 7 True or false. Give a specific example when false:

- If columns 1 and 3 of  $B$  are the same, so are columns 1 and 3 of  $AB$ .
- If rows 1 and 3 of  $B$  are the same, so are rows 1 and 3 of  $AB$ .
- If rows 1 and 3 of  $A$  are the same, so are rows 1 and 3 of  $ABC$ .
- $(AB)^2 = A^2B^2$ .

- 8 How is each row of  $DA$  and  $EA$  related to the rows of  $A$ , when

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}?$$

How is each column of  $AD$  and  $AE$  related to the columns of  $A$ ?

- 9 Row 1 of  $A$  is added to row 2. This gives  $EA$  below. Then column 1 of  $EA$  is added to column 2 to produce  $(EA)F$ :

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+c & b+d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and} \quad (EA)F = (EA) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a+b \\ a+c & a+c+b+d \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Do those steps in the opposite order. First add column 1 of  $A$  to column 2 by  $AF$ , then add row 1 of  $AF$  to row 2 by  $E(AF)$ .
  - Compare with  $(EA)F$ . What law is obeyed by matrix multiplication?
- 10 Row 1 of  $A$  is again added to row 2 to produce  $EA$ . Then  $F$  adds row 2 of  $EA$  to row 1. The result is  $F(EA)$ :

$$F(EA) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a+c & b+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+c & 2b+d \\ a+c & b+d \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Do those steps in the opposite order: first add row 2 to row 1 by  $FA$ , then add row 1 of  $FA$  to row 2.
- What law is or is not obeyed by matrix multiplication?



11 (3 by 3 matrices) Choose the only  $B$  so that for every matrix  $A$

- (a)  $BA = 4A$
- (b)  $BA = 4B$
- (c)  $BA$  has rows 1 and 3 of  $A$  reversed and row 2 unchanged
- (d) All rows of  $BA$  are the same as row 1 of  $A$ .

12 Suppose  $AB = BA$  and  $AC = CA$  for these two particular matrices  $B$  and  $C$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ commutes with } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Prove that  $a = d$  and  $b = c = 0$ . Then  $A$  is a multiple of  $I$ . The only matrices that commute with  $B$  and  $C$  and all other 2 by 2 matrices are  $A =$  multiple of  $I$ .

13 Which of the following matrices are guaranteed to equal  $(A - B)^2$ :  $A^2 - B^2$ ,  $(B - A)^2$ ,  $A^2 - 2AB + B^2$ ,  $A(A - B) - B(A - B)$ ,  $A^2 - AB - BA + B^2$ ?

14 True or false:

- (a) If  $A^2$  is defined then  $A$  is necessarily square.
- (b) If  $AB$  and  $BA$  are defined then  $A$  and  $B$  are square.
- (c) If  $AB$  and  $BA$  are defined then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are square.
- (d) If  $AB = B$  then  $A = I$ .

15 If  $A$  is  $m$  by  $n$ , how many separate multiplications are involved when

- (a)  $A$  multiplies a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  with  $n$  components?
- (b)  $A$  multiplies an  $n$  by  $p$  matrix  $B$ ?
- (c)  $A$  multiplies itself to produce  $A^2$ ? Here  $m = n$ .

16 For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute these answers *and nothing more*:

- (a) column 2 of  $AB$
- (b) row 2 of  $AB$
- (c) row 2 of  $AA = A^2$
- (d) row 2 of  $AAA = A^3$ .

**Problems 17–19 use  $a_{ij}$  for the entry in row  $i$ , column  $j$  of  $A$ .**

17 Write down the 3 by 3 matrix  $A$  whose entries are

- (a)  $a_{ij} =$  minimum of  $i$  and  $j$
- (b)  $a_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}$
- (c)  $a_{ij} = i/j$ .

- 18 What words would you use to describe each of these classes of matrices? Give a 3 by 3 example in each class. Which matrix belongs to all four classes?

(a)  $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$

(b)  $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < j$

(c)  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

(d)  $a_{ij} = a_{1j}$ .

- 19 The entries of  $A$  are  $a_{ij}$ . Assuming that zeros don't appear, what is

(a) the first pivot?

(b) the multiplier  $\ell_{31}$  of row 1 to be subtracted from row 3?

(c) the new entry that replaces  $a_{32}$  after that subtraction?

(d) the second pivot?

Problems 20–24 involve powers of  $A$ .

- 20 Compute  $A^2, A^3, A^4$  and also  $Av, A^2v, A^3v, A^4v$  for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 21 Find all the powers  $A^2, A^3, \dots$  and  $AB, (AB)^2, \dots$  for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 \\ .5 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 22 By trial and error find real nonzero 2 by 2 matrices such that

$$A^2 = -I \quad BC = 0 \quad DE = -ED \quad (\text{not allowing } DE = 0).$$

- 23 (a) Find a nonzero matrix  $A$  for which  $A^2 = 0$ .

(b) Find a matrix that has  $A^2 \neq 0$  but  $A^3 = 0$ .

- 24 By experiment with  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$  predict  $A^n$  for these matrices:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problems 25–31 use column-row multiplication and block multiplication.

25 Multiply  $A$  times  $I$  using columns of  $A$  (3 by 3) times rows of  $I$ .

26 Multiply  $AB$  using columns times rows:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} [3 \ 3 \ 0] + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

27 Show that the product of upper triangular matrices is always upper triangular:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof using dot products (Row times column)* (Row 2 of  $A$ ) · (column 1 of  $B$ ) = 0. Which other dot products give zeros?

*Proof using full matrices (Column times row)* Draw  $x$ 's and  $0$ 's in (column 2 of  $A$ ) times (row 2 of  $B$ ). Also show (column 3 of  $A$ ) times (row 3 of  $B$ ).

28 Draw the cuts in  $A$  (2 by 3) and  $B$  (3 by 4) and  $AB$  to show how each of the four multiplication rules is really a block multiplication:

- (1) Matrix  $A$  times columns of  $B$ .      **Columns of  $AB$**
- (2) Rows of  $A$  times the matrix  $B$ .      **Rows of  $AB$**
- (3) Rows of  $A$  times columns of  $B$ .      **Inner products** (numbers in  $AB$ )
- (4) Columns of  $A$  times rows of  $B$ .      **Outer products** (matrices add to  $AB$ )

29 Which matrices  $E_{21}$  and  $E_{31}$  produce zeros in the (2, 1) and (3, 1) positions of  $E_{21}A$  and  $E_{31}A$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the single matrix  $E = E_{31}E_{21}$  that produces both zeros at once. Multiply  $EA$ .

30 Block multiplication says that column 1 is eliminated by

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ -c/a & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ \mathbf{0} & D - cb/a \end{bmatrix}.$$

In Problem 29, what are  $c$  and  $D$  and what is  $D - cb/a$ ?

31 With  $i^2 = -1$ , the product of  $(A + iB)$  and  $(x + iy)$  is  $Ax + iBx + iAy - By$ . Use blocks to separate the real part without  $i$  from the imaginary part that multiplies  $i$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & -B \\ ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax - By \\ ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{real part} \\ \text{imaginary part} \end{matrix}$$

- 32 (Very important) Suppose you solve  $Ax = b$  for three special right sides  $b$ :

$$Ax_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Ax_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Ax_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If the three solutions  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are the columns of a matrix  $X$ , what is  $A$  times  $X$ ?

- 33 If the three solutions in Question 32 are  $x_1 = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $x_2 = (0, 1, 1)$  and  $x_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ , solve  $Ax = b$  when  $b = (3, 5, 8)$ . Challenge problem: What is  $A$ ?
- 34 Find all matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  that satisfy  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$ .
- 35 Suppose a "circle graph" has 4 nodes connected (in both directions) by edges around a circle. What is its adjacency matrix from Worked Example 2.4 C? What is  $A^2$ ? Find all the 2-step paths (or 3-letter words) predicted by  $A^2$ .

### Challenge Problems

- 36 **Practical question** Suppose  $A$  is  $m$  by  $n$ ,  $B$  is  $n$  by  $p$ , and  $C$  is  $p$  by  $q$ . Then the multiplication count for  $(AB)C$  is  $mnp + mpq$ . The same answer comes from  $A$  times  $BC$  with  $mnq + npq$  separate multiplications. Notice  $npq$  for  $BC$ .
- (a) If  $A$  is 2 by 4,  $B$  is 4 by 7, and  $C$  is 7 by 10, do you prefer  $(AB)C$  or  $A(BC)$ ?
- (b) With  $N$ -component vectors, would you choose  $(u^T v)w^T$  or  $u^T(vw^T)$ ?
- (c) Divide by  $mnpq$  to show that  $(AB)C$  is faster when  $n^{-1} + q^{-1} < m^{-1} + p^{-1}$ .
- 37 To prove that  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ , use the column vectors  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  of  $B$ . First suppose that  $C$  has only one column  $c$  with entries  $c_1, \dots, c_n$ :
- $AB$  has columns  $Ab_1, \dots, Ab_n$  and then  $(AB)c$  equals  $c_1 Ab_1 + \dots + c_n Ab_n$ .
- $Bc$  has one column  $c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n$  and then  $A(BC)$  equals  $A(c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_n b_n)$ .
- Linearity gives equality of those two sums. This proves  $(AB)c = A(BC)$ . The same is true for all other \_\_\_\_\_ of  $C$ . Therefore  $(AB)C = A(BC)$ . Apply to inverses: If  $BA = I$  and  $AC = I$ , prove that the left-inverse  $B$  equals the right-inverse  $C$ .

## Problem Set 2.5

- 1 Find the inverses (directly or from the 2 by 2 formula) of  $A, B, C$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 2 For these "permutation matrices" find  $P^{-1}$  by trial and error (with 1's and 0's):

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 3 Solve for the first column  $(x, y)$  and second column  $(t, z)$  of  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 20 & 50 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 20 & 50 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 4 Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  is not invertible by trying to solve  $AA^{-1} = I$  for column 1 of  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \text{For a different } A, \text{ could column 1 of } A^{-1} \right. \\ \left. \text{be possible to find but not column 2?} \right)$$

- 5 Find an upper triangular  $U$  (not diagonal) with  $U^2 = I$  which gives  $U = U^{-1}$ .

- 6 (a) If  $A$  is invertible and  $AB = AC$ , prove quickly that  $B = C$ .  
 (b) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find two different matrices such that  $AB = AC$ .

- 7 (Important) If  $A$  has row 1 + row 2 = row 3, show that  $A$  is not invertible:

- (a) Explain why  $Ax = (1, 0, 0)$  cannot have a solution.  
 (b) Which right sides  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  might allow a solution to  $Ax = b$ ?  
 (c) What happens to row 3 in elimination?

- 8 If  $A$  has column 1 + column 2 = column 3, show that  $A$  is not invertible:

- (a) Find a nonzero solution  $x$  to  $Ax = 0$ . The matrix is 3 by 3.  
 (b) Elimination keeps column 1 + column 2 = column 3. Explain why there is no third pivot.

- 9 Suppose  $A$  is invertible and you exchange its first two rows to reach  $B$ . Is the new matrix  $B$  invertible and how would you find  $B^{-1}$  from  $A^{-1}$ ?

- 10 Find the inverses (in any legal way) of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 11 (a) Find invertible matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B$  is not invertible.  
 (b) Find singular matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B$  is invertible.
- 12 If the product  $C = AB$  is invertible ( $A$  and  $B$  are square), then  $A$  itself is invertible. Find a formula for  $A^{-1}$  that involves  $C^{-1}$  and  $B$ .
- 13\* If the product  $M = ABC$  of three square matrices is invertible, then  $B$  is invertible. (So are  $A$  and  $C$ .) Find a formula for  $B^{-1}$  that involves  $M^{-1}$  and  $A$  and  $C$ .
- 14 If you add row 1 of  $A$  to row 2 to get  $B$ , how do you find  $B^{-1}$  from  $A^{-1}$ ?

Notice the order. The inverse of  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 15 Prove that a matrix with a column of zeros cannot have an inverse.
- 16 Multiply  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  times  $\begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ . What is the inverse of each matrix if  $ad \neq bc$ ?
- 17 (a) What 3 by 3 matrix  $E$  has the same effect as these three steps? Subtract row 1 from row 2, subtract row 1 from row 3, then subtract row 2 from row 3.  
 (b) What single matrix  $L$  has the same effect as these three reverse steps? Add row 2 to row 3, add row 1 to row 3, then add row 1 to row 2.
- 18 If  $B$  is the inverse of  $A^2$ , show that  $AB$  is the inverse of  $A$ .
- 19 Find the numbers  $a$  and  $b$  that give the inverse of  $5 * \text{eye}(4) - \text{ones}(4,4)$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

What are  $a$  and  $b$  in the inverse of  $6 * \text{eye}(5) - \text{ones}(5,5)$ ?

- 20 Show that  $A = 4 * \text{eye}(4) - \text{ones}(4,4)$  is *not* invertible: Multiply  $A * \text{ones}(4,1)$ .
- 21 There are sixteen 2 by 2 matrices whose entries are 1's and 0's. How many of them are invertible?

**Questions 22–28 are about the Gauss-Jordan method for calculating  $A^{-1}$ .**

- 22 Change  $I$  into  $A^{-1}$  as you reduce  $A$  to  $I$  (by row operations):

$$[A \ I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [A \ I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 23 Follow the 3 by 3 text example but with plus signs in  $A$ . Eliminate above and below the pivots to reduce  $[A \ I]$  to  $[I \ A^{-1}]$ :

$$[A \ I] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 24 Use Gauss-Jordan elimination on  $[U \ I]$  to find the upper triangular  $U^{-1}$ :

$$UU^{-1} = I \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 25 Find  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  (if they exist) by elimination on  $[A \ I]$  and  $[B \ I]$ :

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

- 26 What three matrices  $E_{21}$  and  $E_{12}$  and  $D^{-1}$  reduce  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  to the identity matrix? Multiply  $D^{-1}E_{12}E_{21}$  to find  $A^{-1}$ .

- 27 Invert these matrices  $A$  by the Gauss-Jordan method starting with  $[A \ I]$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 28 Exchange rows and continue with Gauss-Jordan to find  $A^{-1}$ :

$$[A \ I] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 29 True or false (with a counterexample if false and a reason if true):

- A 4 by 4 matrix with a row of zeros is not invertible.
- Every matrix with 1's down the main diagonal is invertible.
- If  $A$  is invertible then  $A^{-1}$  and  $A^2$  are invertible.

- 30 For which three numbers  $c$  is this matrix not invertible, and why not?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & c & c \\ c & c & c \\ 8 & 7 & c \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 31 Prove that  $A$  is invertible if  $a \neq 0$  and  $a \neq b$  (find the pivots or  $A^{-1}$ ):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b \\ a & a & b \\ a & a & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 32 This matrix has a remarkable inverse. Find  $A^{-1}$  by elimination on  $[A \ I]$ . Extend to a 5 by 5 “alternating matrix” and guess its inverse; then multiply to confirm.

$$\text{Invert } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and solve } Ax = (1, 1, 1, 1).$$

- 33 Suppose the matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  have the same rows as  $I$  but in any order. They are “permutation matrices”. Show that  $P - Q$  is singular by solving  $(P - Q)x = 0$ .

- 34 Find and check the inverses (assuming they exist) of these block matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & I \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & D \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 35 Could a 4 by 4 matrix  $A$  be invertible if every row contains the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 in some order? What if every row of  $B$  contains 0, 1, 2, -3 in some order?

- 36 In the Worked Example 2.5 C, the triangular Pascal matrix  $L$  has an inverse with “alternating diagonals”. Check that this  $L^{-1}$  is  $DL D$ , where the diagonal matrix  $D$  has alternating entries 1, -1, 1, -1. Then  $LDL D = I$ , so what is the inverse of  $LD = \text{pascal}(4, 1)$ ?

- 37 The Hilbert matrices have  $H_{ij} = 1/(i + j - 1)$ . Ask MATLAB for the exact 6 by 6 inverse  $\text{invhilb}(6)$ . Then ask it to compute  $\text{inv}(\text{hilb}(6))$ . How can these be different, when the computer never makes mistakes?

- 38 (a) Use  $\text{inv}(P)$  to invert MATLAB’s 4 by 4 symmetric matrix  $P = \text{pascal}(4)$ .  
(b) Create Pascal’s lower triangular  $L = \text{abs}(\text{pascal}(4, 1))$  and test  $P = LL^T$ .

- 39 If  $A = \text{ones}(4)$  and  $b = \text{rand}(4, 1)$ , how does MATLAB tell you that  $Ax = b$  has no solution? For the special  $b = \text{ones}(4, 1)$ , which solution to  $Ax = b$  is found by  $A \setminus b$ ?

### Challenge Problems

- 40 (Recommended)  $A$  is a 4 by 4 matrix with 1’s on the diagonal and  $-a, -b, -c$  on the diagonal above. Find  $A^{-1}$  for this bidiagonal matrix.

- 41 Suppose  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  are 4 by 4 identity matrices, except  $E_1$  has  $a, b, c$  in column 1 and  $E_2$  has  $d, e$  in column 2 and  $E_3$  has  $f$  in column 3 (below the 1’s). Multiply  $L = E_1 E_2 E_3$  to show that all these nonzeros are copied into  $L$ .

$E_1 E_2 E_3$  is in the *opposite* order from elimination (because  $E_3$  is acting first). But  $E_1 E_2 E_3 = L$  is in the *correct* order to invert elimination and recover  $A$ .