# Linear Algebra - Exercises

# 9 Linear Systems. Method of Elimination

**1.** Determine whether

a) 
$$x = 1, y = -1$$

b) x = 2, y = -3

are solutions to the linear equation

$$2x + 3y = -1.$$

Solution. a)

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot (-1) = -1, \\ -1 = -1, \end{array}$$

so x = 1, y = -1 is a solution.

b)

$$\begin{array}{l} 2\cdot 2+3\cdot (-3)=-1,\\ -5\neq -1, \end{array}$$

so x = 2, y = -3 is not a solution.

2.Determine if a) x = 0, y = 2b) x = -1, y = -3are solutions to the system

Solution. a) Substituting x = 0, y = 2 into Equation 1, we obtain

$$-1 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 2 = -8,$$
  
$$6 \neq -8,$$

so x = 0, y = 2 is not a solution.

b) Substituting x = -1, y = -3 into Equation 1, we obtain

$$-1 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot (-3) = -8,$$
  
 $-8 = -8,$ 

and into Equation 2, we obtain

$$2 \cdot (-1) + (-3) = -5,$$
  
 $-5 = -5.$ 

Therefore, x = -1, y = -3 is a solution.

**3.** Solve the system

by the method of elimination.

Solution.

 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\cdot$  Equation 1

Equation  $2 - 4 \cdot \text{Equation } 1$ 

>From Equation 2

$$y = 1$$

Substituting y = 1 into Equation 1

$$x + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$
$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

The system has the unique solution

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$y = 1$$

4. Solve the system

by the method of elimination.

Solution.

Interchange Equation 1 and Equation 2

x	+	2y	=	-1
2x	+	y	=	1
x	—	y	=	2

Equation  $2 - 2 \cdot \text{Equation 1}$ Equation 3 - Equation 1

x	+	2y	=	-1
	_	3y	=	3
	_	3y	=	3

 $\begin{array}{c} -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \text{Equation } 2 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \text{Equation } 3 \end{array}$ 

x

Equation 3 - Equation 2

We substitute y = -1 into Equation 1

$$x + 2 \cdot (-1) = -1$$
$$x = 1$$

The system has the unique solution

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1\\ y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

5. Solve the system

by the method of elimination.

Solution.

Equation 2 – Equation 1 Equation 3 – Equation 1

Equation  $3 + 2 \cdot$  Equation 2

>From Equation 3, we have

z = 1.

We substitute z = 1 into Equation 2:

$$y + 1 = 0$$
$$y = -1.$$

We substitute y = -1 and z = 1 into Equation 1:

$$x + (-1) + 1 = 1$$
  
 $x = 1.$ 

The solution is

$$x = 1$$
$$y = -1$$
$$z = 1$$

**3.** Solve the system

by the method of elimination.

### 10 Matrices

**1.** Let

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

Write

a) the size of A
b) Row<sub>2</sub>(A)
c) Col<sub>1</sub>(A)
d) (2,3) entry of A
Solution.
a) The size of A is 2 × 3.
b)

$$Row_2(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)

$$Col_1(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**d**)  $a_{23} = 3$ 

2. Determine which of the following matrices are square matrices. For square matrices, write the order and the diagonal.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution. A is not a square matrix.

B is a square matrix of order 2, the diagonal of B is

2, 4

C is a square matrix of order 3, the diagonal of C is

**2.** Let

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

Find, if possible

**a)** A + B **b)** A + C **c)**  $2C + 3I_2$ 

Solution.

**a)** A and B are of the same size  $2 \times 3$ , so A + B is defined

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b)** A + C is not defined because A and C are not of the same size. **c)** 

$$2C + 3I_2 = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.** Let

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

Find, if possible

**a)** 
$$A^{T}$$
 **b)**  $A + B$  **c)**  $A^{T} + B$ 

Solution.

a)

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

**b)** A + B is not defined **c)** 

$$A^{T} + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 10.1 Homework Problems

**1.** Let

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

Write

**a)** the size of A **b)**  $Row_3(A)$  **c)**  $Col_4(A)$  **d)** (2,4) entry of A

**2.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ -1 & -7 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute, if possible

**a)** A - B **b)** A + C **c)**  $A - B^T$  **d)**  $A^T + C$ **3.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & 0 \\ -1 & -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute

**a)** 
$$A + 4B$$
 **b)**  $2A - 3I$  **c)**  $-\frac{1}{2}C$  **d)**  $C + 3I$ 

### 10.2 Answers to Homework Problems

**1.** a) 
$$5 \times 4$$
 b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  d) 1  
**2.** a) Not defined. b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 \\ 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -6 \\ 3 & 4 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  d) Not defined.  
**3.** a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 10 \\ -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -3 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 9 & 0 \\ -1 & -6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# 11 Matrix Multiplication

**1.** Let

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

Find, if possible

Solution. a)

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 + 0 + 0 = 2$$

**b)** AC is not defined because the number of columns of A is not equal to the number of rows of C.

**2.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find, if possible

Solution. a)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A & B & = & AB \\ 4 \times 2 & 4 \times 2 & & not \ defined \end{array}$$

The product AB is not defined because the sizes do not match (the number of columns of A is not equal to the number of rows of B). **b**)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A & C & = & AC \\ 4 \times 2 & 2 \times 3 & & 4 \times 3 \end{array}$$

Therefore, AC is a  $4 \times 3$  matrix. Write AC as a blank  $4 \times 3$  matrix and compute, one by one, the elements of AC:

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3\\ 0 & -1\\ -1 & 2\\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1\\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 3 & 1\\ -3 & -1 & 0\\ 4 & 2 & -1\\ 6 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.** Let

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

Determine whether AB = BA.

Solution.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $AB \neq BA$ .

**4.** Let

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

Find, if possible

a) 
$$A^2 = AA$$
 b)  $A^TA$  c)  $AA^T$ 

Solution. a)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A & A & = & AA \\ 1 \times 3 & 1 \times 3 & & not \, defined \end{array}$$

The product AA is not defined. **b**)

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A & A^T & = & AA^T \\ 1 \times 3 & 3 \times 1 & & 1 \times 1 \end{array}$$

so  $AA^T$  is defined,

$$AA^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)

### 11.1 Homework Problems

1.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find, if possible

**2.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find, if possible

**a)** *AB* **b)** *AC* 

**3.** Let

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

Compute

a) AB b)  $A^T$  c)  $B^T$  d)  $B^TA^T$ e) Check that  $(AB)^T = B^TA^T$ .

### 11.2 Answers to Homework Problems

**1. a)** Not defined. **b)** 1.  
**2. a)** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **b)** Not defined.  
**3. a)**  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  **b)**  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  **c)**  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  **d)**  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# 12 Solutions of Linear Systems of Equations

1. Write the augmented matrix representing the linear system

$$x - 4y + z = -2,$$
  
 $2x + 3y = -1.$ 

Solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.** The following matrix represents a linear system in variables x, y and z.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the system.

Solution.

**3.** Determine which of the following matrices are in reduced row echelon form:

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

A is not in reduced row echelon form because the pivot in  $Row_1$  is not equal to 1.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

B is in reduced row echelon form.

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

C is not in reduced row echelon form because the pivot in  $Row_3$  is not to the right of the pivot in  $Row_2$ .

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

D is not in reduced row echelon form because not all the entries above the pivot in  $Row_2$  are zero.

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

E is in reduced row echelon form.

4. The following augmented matrices represent systems of linear equations in variables x, y and z. In each case either state the general solution or that no solution exists.

$\mathbf{a} ) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 &   & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 &   & 0 \end{bmatrix}  \mathbf{b} ) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 &   & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 &   & 3 \end{bmatrix}  \mathbf{c} ) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix}$	1 0 0 0	$     \begin{array}{c}       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\       0     \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       -1 \\       2 \\       6 \\       0     \end{array} $	
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Solution. a) The system corresponding to the matrix is

The system has infinitely many solutions. The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 4 - 2z \\ y &= 3 - 3z \end{aligned}$$

where z is any real number.

**b**) The equation corresponding to the third row is

$$0 = 3.$$

Therefore, the system has no solution.

c) The system has the unique solution

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x = -1y = 2z = 6
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**5.** Solve the system

by Gauss-Jordan reduction.

Solution. The augmented matrix of the system is

 $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

We do Gauss-Jordan reduction to transform the matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Row_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Row_{2} - 3Row_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$-Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Row_{1} - Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system has the unique solution

$$x = -1, \quad y = 2.$$

**6.** Solve the system

x	+	y	+	z	=	2
2x	—	y	+	z	=	1
3x			+	2z	=	3

by Gauss-Jordan reduction. Solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{2} - 2Row_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & | & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3}Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3}Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{1} - Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We read

$$x + \frac{2}{3}z = 1$$
$$y + \frac{1}{3}z = 1$$

The system has infinitely many solutions. The general solution is

$$x = 1 - \frac{2}{3}z$$
$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{3}z$$

where z is any real number.

### **12.1** Homework Problems

**1.** Determine which of the following matrices are in reduced row echelon form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. The following augmented matrices represent systems of linear equations in variables x, y and z. In each case either state the general solution or that no solution exists.

$$\mathbf{a} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{b} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{c} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

**3.** Solve the system

by Gauss-Jordan reduction.

**4.** Solve the system

by Gauss-Jordan reduction.

5. Solve the system

by Gauss-Jordan reduction.

6. Solve the system

by Gauss-Jordan reduction.

### 12.2 Answers to Homework Problems

**1.** A is in reduced row echelon form, B, C and D are not in reduced row echelon form.

2. a) No solution.

**b**) The unique solution

$$x = 0, \quad y = -5, \quad z = 2$$

c) Infinitely many solutions. The general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -2z - 1\\ y &= 2z + 2 \end{aligned}$$

where z is any real number.

**3.** The unique solution

$$x = 3, \quad y = -2.$$

4. The unique solution

$$x = 8, \quad y = 2, \quad z = 0.$$

5. Infinitely many solutions. The general solution is

$$x = 5z - 2$$
$$y = 4z - 3$$

where z is any real number. 6. No solution.

# 13 The Inverse of a Matrix

**1.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1\\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the inverse of A.

Solution. We have to show that

$$AB = BA = I.$$

We multiply AB and obtain

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2\\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1\\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly,

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1\\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2\\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2.** Find the inverse of the matrix A, if it exists.

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

Solution. We form the matrix

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

and perform Gauss-Jordan reduction.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}Row_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$
$$Row_2 - Row_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of A is

**3.** Find the inverse of the matrix A, if it exists.

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

Solution.

$$[A|I] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Row_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 \\ Row_1 & 2 & -2 & | & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Row_2 - 2Row_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix has no inverse.

4. Find the inverse of the matrix A, if it exists.

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

Solution.

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

$$Row_{3} - Row_{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{3} - 2Row_{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & | & 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{3} - 2Row_{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Row_{2} - 2Row_{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of A is

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

#### **Homework Problems** 13.1

For each of given matrices, find the inverse, if it exists.

**1.** 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **2.**  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  **3.**  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Answers to Homework Problems 13.2

**1.** A has no inverse.

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**2.** 
$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 **3.**  $C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ 

# 14 Determinants

**1.** Let

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

Compute det(A).

Solution.

$$det(A) = 2 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot 3 = -4 - 3 = -7.$$

**2.** Compute

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot (-4) = 0 + 4 = 4.$$

**3.** Compute

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Solution.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 = & 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \cdot 0 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ = 0 - 3 + 0 - 0 - 0 - 2 = -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

4. Compute

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Solution.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 = & 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 & -0 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 4 \\ &= 8 + 6 = 14 \end{vmatrix}$$

### 14.1 Homework Problems

**1.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute det(A), det(B).

**2.** Compute

a)  $\begin{vmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$  b)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & -4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ 

### 14.2 Answers to Homework Problems

**1.** det(A) = -9, det(B) = 6. **2. a**) -5. **b**) 60.

# 15 Cofactor Expansion and Applications

**1.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute cofactors  $A_{12}$  and  $A_{31}$ .

Solution. To compute  $A_{12}$ , we first have to find the matrix  $M_{12}$ . It is the matrix obtained by deleting the first row and the second column of A,

$$M_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now,

$$A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} det(M_{12}) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -(4 \cdot 2 - 6 \cdot 7) = -(8 - 42) = 34.$$

Similarly,

$$A_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} det(M_{31}) = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -16.$$

**2.** Let

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

Compute det(A) using cofactor expansion about the first row. Solution.

$$det(A) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{21}A_{21} + a_{31}A_{31}$$
  
=  $(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+1}2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 0$   
=  $-1 + (-2) = -3$ 

**3.** Evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution. For cofactor expansion, we select the row or the column with maximal number of zeros. Expanding about the third row, we obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding about the first column,

$$= 3\left( (-1)^{1+1} 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+1} 2 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 3(2 \cdot 9 + (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot (-1)) = 60$$

*Remark.* The determinant

can also be computed using the formula for  $3 \times 3$  determinant.

**4.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Write the adjoint matrix of A.
- **b)** Find the inverse of A.

Solution. a)

$$adjA = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$det(A) = -2$$
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{det(A)} adjA = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**5.** Using properties of determinants, compute the determinants of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 12 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution. A is a diagonal matrix, so

$$det(A) = 1 \cdot (-4) \cdot (-3) = 12.$$

B has two equal rows, so

det(B) = 0.

C has a zero column, so

$$det(C) = 0.$$

6. Evaluate

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

using properties of determinants.

Solution.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

 $Row_2 - Row_1$ 

$$= 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

expansion about the second row

$$= 3(-1)^{2+1}4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-4)(-1) = 12$$

**7.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that we know

$$det(A) = 5.$$

Evaluate the following determinants:

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	x	y	z		1	0	0		1	0	0	
a)	1	0	0 ,	b)	x	y	z ,	c)	x+1	y+2	z+3	
	1	2	3		5	10	15		1	2	3	

Solution. a) The determinant is obtained from det(A) by interchanging two rows, so

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -det(A) = -5.$$

**b)** The determinant is obtained from det(A) by multiplying the third row by 5 and therefore

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & y & z \\ 5 & 10 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = 5det(A) = 25.$$

**b)** The determinant is obtained from det(A) by adding  $Row_3$  to  $Row_2$ , so

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x+1 & y+2 & z+3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = det(A) = 5$$

### 15.1 Homework Problems

**1.** Let

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

Compute cofactors  $A_{23}$  and  $A_{33}$ .

2. Evaluate the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}.$$

**3.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Write the adjoint matrix of A.
- **b)** Find the inverse of A.

**4.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that we know

$$det(A) = 10.$$

Evaluate the following determinants:

**a)** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
, **b)**  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , **c)**  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ x - 2 & y - 2 & z - 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ .

# 15.2 Answers to Homework Problems

**1.** 
$$A_{23} = 1, A_{33} = 5.$$
  
**2.** 13.  
**3.** a)  $adjA = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$  b)  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$   
**4.** a)  $-10,$  b)  $\frac{5}{2},$  c) 10.

### 16 Vectors

**1.** Let P(2, -3), Q(-1, 2). Find  $\vec{PQ}$  and the length of  $\vec{PQ}$ . Solution.

$$\vec{PQ} = \begin{bmatrix} -1-2\\2-(-3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3\\5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$||\vec{PQ}|| = \sqrt{9+25} = \sqrt{34}$$

**2.** Determine the head of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\5 \end{bmatrix}$  whose tail is at P(3,2).

Solution. We have to determine the point Q(x, y) such that  $\mathbf{v} = \vec{PQ}$ . We have

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\\5 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{PQ} = \begin{bmatrix} x-3\\y-2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$x - 3 = -2$$
$$x = 1,$$
$$y - 2 = 5$$
$$y = 7.$$

It follows Q(1,7).

**3.** Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v}$ .

Solution.

$$2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -15\\3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -13\\11 \end{bmatrix}$$

**4.** Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3\\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Solution.

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 12,$$
  
 $||\mathbf{u}|| = \sqrt{4+9} = \sqrt{13},$   
 $||\mathbf{v}|| = \sqrt{9+4} = \sqrt{13}.$ 

Then

**5.** Let

 $\cos(\varphi) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{||\mathbf{u}|| \, ||\mathbf{v}||} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{13}\sqrt{13}} = \frac{12}{13}.$  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\3\\0\\-2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\3\\0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}.$ 

Find

a)  $||\mathbf{u}||$ , b)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ , c)  $-\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}$ . Solution. a)

$$|\mathbf{u}|| = \sqrt{1+9+4} = \sqrt{14}$$

b)

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

c)

$$-\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1+2\\0+6\\-3+0\\0+2\\2+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\6\\-3\\2\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 6.** Find the cosine of the angle between vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and

 $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -2\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$ Solution.

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -5,$$
  
$$||\mathbf{u}|| = \sqrt{25} = 5,$$
  
$$||\mathbf{v}|| = \sqrt{9} = 3.$$

Then

$$\cos(\varphi) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{||\mathbf{u}|| \, ||\mathbf{v}||} = \frac{-5}{5 \cdot 3} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

### 16.1 Homework Problems

**1.** Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find

a)  $||\mathbf{u}||$ , b)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ , c)  $-2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ ,

d) the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

**2.** Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\2\\-1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find

a)  $||\mathbf{v}||$ , b)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ , c)  $3\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}$ ,

d) the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

### 16.2 Answers to Homework Problems

1. a) 
$$\sqrt{5}$$
 b)  $-4$  c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0\\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  d)  $-\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}\cdot\sqrt{13}}$   
2. a) 3 b) 3 c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2\\ -4\\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$