

### 1. Suggested Problems

**Problem 1** (2.2.34). Suppose  $A$  is  $n \times n$  and the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why  $A$  must be invertible without using Theorem 8. [Hint: Is  $A$  row equivalent to  $I_n$ ?]

**Problem 2** (2.2.41). Find the inverses of the matrix by using the algorithm introduced in this section (find the echelon form of  $[A \ I_3]$ ).

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

**Problem 3** (2.3.5). Using as few calculation as possible, determine if the following matrix is invertible. Justify your answer.

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

**Problem 4** (2.3.23). Can a square matrix with two identical columns be invertible? Why or why not?

**Problem 5** (2.3.29). If the equation  $G\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  has more than one solution for some  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , can the columns of  $G$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? Why or why not?

**Problem 6** (2.2.25). Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$ ,  $B$  is invertible, and  $AB$  is invertible. Show that  $A$  is invertible.

**Problem 7** (2.3.35). Show that if  $AB$  is invertible, so is  $A$ . You cannot use Theorem 6(b), because you cannot assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible. [Hint: There is a matrix  $W$  such that  $ABW = I$ .]

### 2. Additional Problems

By Theorem 8, we see that if  $AB = I_n$  if and only if  $BA = I_n$ . This works because we are dealing with *finite* matrices. The following problem shows  $AB = I$  may not be same as  $BA = I$  for *infinite* matrices. We have used the fact that

$$\{ \text{matrices} \} \leftrightarrow \{ \text{linear transformations} \}$$

**Problem 8.** Let  $P$  denote set of all polynomials of real coefficients with variable  $x$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}(P)$  be the set of all *linear transformations* of  $P$  to  $P$ . Namely, it is a function  $T : P \rightarrow P$  such that

i)  $T(f + g) = T(f) + T(g)$ ,

ii)  $T(cf) = cT(f)$

for all  $f, g \in P$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . From Calculus, we know that the derivative operator  $D(f) = \frac{d}{dx}f$  and the integration operator  $I(f) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$  is in  $\mathcal{L}(P)$ . Let  $\text{Id} : P \rightarrow P$  be the identity operator  $\text{Id}(f) = f$ . Prove that  $ID = \text{Id}$  but  $DI \neq \text{Id}$ .

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**Problem 1.** If  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the linear transformation associated to  $A$  is onto, so there is pivot positions in every row. Then its reduced echelon form must have 1 on every diagonal and 0 everywhere else. This is exactly  $I_n$ . Since  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , it is invertible.

**Problem 2.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2=R_2+3R_1 \\ R_3=R_3-2R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 8 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3+3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1=R_1+R_3 \\ R_2=R_2+R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 10 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 7 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{R_3=\frac{1}{2}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 10 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -4 & -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3=R_3+4R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -9 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\mathbf{b}_i$  denote the  $i$ th column vector, we have  $\mathbf{b}_3 = -\frac{5}{3}\mathbf{b}_2$ , i.e. they are scalar multiple of each other. Therefore the set of columns of  $A$  is not linearly independent. Therefore,  $A$  is not one-to-one, hence not invertible.

**Problem 4.** If a square matrix has two identical columns, then the column vectors are not linearly independent. Therefore, the associated linear transformation is not one-to-one. This implies that the matrix is not invertible.

**Problem 5.** If  $G\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  has more than one solution for some  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then it cannot be invertible. This means that the linear transformation associated to  $G$  is not onto, and this implies that columns of  $G$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Problem 6.** We need to find the inverse of  $B$ . We start with  $AB(AB)^{-1} = I_n$ . Since  $A$  is invertible, we see that  $B(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1} \Rightarrow B(AB)^{-1}A = I_n$ . Also,  $(AB)^{-1}AB = I_n$ . So  $C = (AB)^{-1}A$  is the inverse of  $B$ , so  $B$  is invertible.

**Problem 7.** This is a simple question once you understand the set up. Since both  $D$  and  $I$  are linear, we first show that  $DI(a_n x^n) = a_n x^n$ .

$$DI(a_n x^n) = D\left(\frac{a_n}{n+1}x^{n+1}\right) = \frac{a_n}{n+1}(n+1)x^n = a_n x^n$$

then

$$DI(f) = DI(a_0 + \cdots + a_n x^n) = DI(a_0) + \cdots + DI(a_n x^n) = a_0 + \cdots + a_n x^n = f = \text{Id}(f)$$

On the other hand, consider  $f = 1$ . Then  $ID(1) = I(0) = \int_0^x 0 dt = 0 \neq \text{Id}(1)$ .