

## Matrices and Systems of Equations

$$(g) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (h) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

11. Given

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

compute  $A^{-1}$  and use it to

(a) find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $X$  such that  $AX = B$ .

(b) find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $Y$  such that  $YA = B$ .

12. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve each of the following matrix equations:

(a)  $AX + B = C$

(b)  $XA + B = C$

(c)  $AX + B = X$

(d)  $XA + C = X$

13. Is the transpose of an elementary matrix an elementary matrix of the same type? Is the product of two elementary matrices an elementary matrix?

14. Let  $U$  and  $R$  be  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices and set  $T = UR$ . Show that  $T$  is also upper triangular and that  $t_{jj} = u_{jj}r_{jj}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

15. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and suppose that

$$2\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - 4\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{0}$$

How many solutions will the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  have? Explain. Is  $A$  nonsingular? Explain.

16. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and suppose that

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = 3\mathbf{a}_2 - 2\mathbf{a}_3$$

Will the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  have a nontrivial solution? Is  $A$  nonsingular? Explain your answers.

17. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices and let  $C = A - B$ . Show that if  $A\mathbf{x}_0 = B\mathbf{x}_0$  and  $\mathbf{x}_0 \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $C$  must be singular.

18. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices and let  $C = AB$ . Prove that if  $B$  is singular, then  $C$  must be singular. [Hint: Use Theorem 5.2.]

19. Let  $U$  be an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix with nonzero diagonal entries.

(a) Explain why  $U$  must be nonsingular.

(b) Explain why  $U^{-1}$  must be upper triangular.

20. Let  $A$  be a nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $B$  be an  $n \times r$  matrix. Show that the reduced row echelon form of  $(A|B)$  is  $(I|C)$ , where  $C = A^{-1}B$ .

21. In general, matrix multiplication is not commutative (i.e.,  $AB \neq BA$ ). However, in certain special cases the commutative property does hold. Show that

(a) if  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices, then  $D_1D_2 = D_2D_1$ .

(b) if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and

$$B = a_0I + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \dots + a_kA^k$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k$  are scalars, then  $AB = BA$ .

22. Show that if  $A$  is a symmetric nonsingular matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is also symmetric.

23. Prove that if  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ , then  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$ .

24. (a) Prove that if  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$  and  $B$  is row equivalent to  $C$ , then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $C$ .

(b) Prove that any two nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrices are row equivalent.

25. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $m \times n$  matrices. Prove that if  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$  and  $U$  is any row echelon form  $A$ , then  $B$  is row equivalent to  $U$ .

26. Prove that  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$  if and only if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $M$  such that  $B = MA$ .

27. Is it possible for a singular matrix  $B$  to be row equivalent to a nonsingular matrix  $A$ ? Explain.

28. Given a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix  $V$  defined by

$$v_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ x_i^{j-1} & \text{for } j = 2, \dots, n+1 \end{cases}$$

is called the Vandermonde matrix.

(a) Show that if

$$V\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y}$$

and

$$p(x) = c_1 + c_2x + \dots + c_{n+1}x^n$$

then

$$p(x_i) = y_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$$

(b) Suppose that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}$  are all distinct. Show that if  $\mathbf{c}$  is a solution to  $V\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then the coefficients  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  must all be zero and hence  $V$  must be nonsingular.