

# ECE 174 HW#1 Solutions

Note Title

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Do the following 10 problems from the Meyer textbook:

1.2.8; 1.2.9; 2.1.3; 3.5.1; 3.6.3; 3.6.7; 3.7.5; 3.7.6; 3.7.8; 3.8.1

1.2.8. The following system has no solution:

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 1,$$

$$-x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 0,$$

$$-x_1 + 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 0.$$

Soln: Attempt to solve this system using Gaussian elimination and explain what occurs to indicate that the system is impossible to solve.

The third equation in the triangularized form is  $0x_3 = 1$ , which is impossible to solve.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & | & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Impossible to solve!}$$

### 1.2.9. Attempt to solve the system

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 4,$$

$$-x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 5,$$

$$-x_1 + 5x_2 - 4x_3 = 6,$$

using Gaussian elimination and explain why this system must have infinitely many solutions.

**Soln** The third equation in the triangularized form is  $0x_3 = 0$ , and all numbers are solutions. This means that you can start the back substitution with any value whatsoever and consequently produce infinitely many solutions for the system.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 & | & 4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & | & 5 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & | & 5 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $0x_3 = 0$

No restriction on values for  $x_3$ !  
 $x_1, x_2$  have restrictions once  $x_3$  is chosen.

**2.1.3.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Give a short explanation of why each of the following statements is true.

- (a)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{m, n\}$ .
- (b)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < m$  if one row in  $\mathbf{A}$  is entirely zero.
- (c)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < m$  if one row in  $\mathbf{A}$  is a multiple of another row.
- (d)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < m$  if one row in  $\mathbf{A}$  is a combination of other rows.
- (e)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$  if one column in  $\mathbf{A}$  is entirely zero.

**Soln** (a) Since any row or column can contain at most one pivot, the number of pivots cannot exceed the number of rows nor the number of columns. (b) A zero row cannot contain a pivot. (c) If one row is a multiple of another, then one of them can be annihilated by the other to produce a zero row. Now the result of the previous part applies. (d) One row can be annihilated by the associated combination of row operations. (e) If a column is zero, then there are fewer than  $n$  basic columns because each basic column must contain a pivot.

3.5.1. For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , compute the following products when possible.

- (a)  $AB$ , (b)  $BA$ , (c)  $CB$ , (d)  $C^T B$ , (e)  $A^2$ , (f)  $B^2$ ,  
(g)  $C^T C$ , (h)  $CC^T$ , (i)  $BB^T$ , (j)  $B^T B$ , (k)  $C^T A C$ .

Soln (a)  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 15 \\ 12 & 8 \\ 28 & 52 \end{pmatrix}$  (b)  $BA$  does not exist (c)  $CB$  does not exist

(d)  $C^T B = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 31 \end{pmatrix}$  (e)  $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -1 & 19 \\ 16 & 13 & 12 \\ 36 & -17 & 64 \end{pmatrix}$  (f)  $B^2$  does not exist

(g)  $C^T C = 14$  (h)  $CC^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  (i)  $BB^T = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & 17 \\ 8 & 16 & 28 \\ 17 & 28 & 58 \end{pmatrix}$

(j)  $B^T B = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 23 \\ 23 & 69 \end{pmatrix}$  (k)  $C^T A C = 76$

$$\begin{aligned} a) AB &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) + (-2)(0) + 3(3) & 1(2) + (-2)(4) + 3(7) \\ 0(1) + (-5)(0) + 4(3) & 0(2) + (-5)(4) + 4(7) \\ 4(1) + (-3)(0) + 8(3) & 4(2) + (-3)(4) + 8(7) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 15 \\ 12 & 8 \\ 28 & 52 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $BA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \text{dimension mismatch!}$

c)  $A^2 = AA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

g)  $C^T C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 1(1) + 2(2) + 3(3) = 14$

3.6.3. For the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix},$$

determine  $\mathbf{A}^{300}$ . **Hint:** A square matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  is said to be *idempotent* when it has the property that  $\mathbf{C}^2 = \mathbf{C}$ . Make use of idempotent submatrices in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Soln Partition the matrix as  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and observe that  $\mathbf{C}^2 = \mathbf{C}$ . Use this together with block multiplication to conclude that

$$\mathbf{A}^k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^2 + \mathbf{C}^3 + \cdots + \mathbf{C}^k \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}^k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & k\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \mathbf{A}^{300} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 100 & 100 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 100 & 100 & 100 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 100 & 100 & 100 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^2 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 2\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 2\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} + 2\mathbf{C}^2 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C} + 2\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 3\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

By induction,

$$\mathbf{A}^k = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & k\mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix}$$

3.6.7. For each matrix  $A_{n \times n}$ , explain why it is impossible to find a solution for  $X_{n \times n}$  in the matrix equation

$$AX - XA = I.$$

Hint: Consider the trace function.

Soln If a matrix  $X$  did indeed exist, then

$$\begin{aligned} I = AX - XA &\implies \text{trace}(I) = \text{trace}(AX - XA) \\ &\implies n = \text{trace}(AX) - \text{trace}(XA) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

Here you must realize that  
 $\text{trace}(A-B) = \text{trace}(A) - \text{trace}(B)$   
 and  $\text{trace}(AX) = \text{trace}(XA)$

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3.7.5. If  $A$  is nonsingular and symmetric, prove that  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.

Soln  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}$ .  
 (Eqn. 3.7.16)      = "has inverse" or "is invertible"       $A = A^T$

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3.7.6. If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $I - A$  is nonsingular, prove that

$$A(I - A)^{-1} = (I - A)^{-1}A.$$

( Start with  $A(I - A) = (I - A)A$  and apply  $(I - A)^{-1}$  to both sides, first on one side and then on the other.

$$A(I - A) = (I - A)A \iff AI - A^2 = IA - A^2 \quad \text{starting point is true!}$$

$$(I - A)^{-1} A(I - A) = \cancel{(I - A)^{-1} (I - A)} A$$

$$(I - A)^{-1} A \cancel{(I - A)} \cancel{(I - A)^{-1}} = A(I - A)^{-1}$$

$$(I - A)^{-1} A = A(I - A)^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$


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3.7.8. If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $A + B$  are each nonsingular, prove that

$$A(A + B)^{-1}B = B(A + B)^{-1}A = (A^{-1} + B^{-1})^{-1}.$$

Soln Use the reverse order law for inversion to write

$$[A(A + B)^{-1}B]^{-1} = B^{-1}(A + B)A^{-1} = B^{-1} + A^{-1}$$

and

$$[B(A + B)^{-1}A]^{-1} = A^{-1}(A + B)B^{-1} = B^{-1} + A^{-1}.$$

3.8.1. Suppose you are given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Use the Sherman–Morrison formula to determine the inverse of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  that is obtained by changing the  $(3,2)$ -entry in  $\mathbf{A}$  from 0 to 2.
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the matrix that agrees with  $\mathbf{A}$  except that  $c_{32} = 2$  and  $c_{33} = 2$ . Use the Sherman–Morrison formula to find  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$ .

Soln (a)  $\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) Let  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{d}^T = (0 \ 2 \ 1)$  to obtain  $\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

### Sherman–Morrison Formula

- If  $\mathbf{A}_{n \times n}$  is nonsingular and if  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  are  $n \times 1$  columns such that  $1 + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{c} \neq 0$ , then the sum  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d}^T$  is nonsingular, and

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d}^T)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \frac{\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1}}{1 + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{c}}. \quad (3.8.2)$$

a)  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \boxed{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}} \underbrace{(0 \ 2 \ 0)}_{\mathbf{d}^T}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1} = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d}^T)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \frac{\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1}}{1 + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{c}}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 2 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}{1 + (0 \ 2 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 2 \ -2)}{1 + (0 \ 2 \ -2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}}{\underbrace{1 + (-2)}_{=-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$b) \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d^T = (0 \ 2 \ 1) \Rightarrow cd^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C^{-1} = (A + cd^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}cd^TA^{-1}}{1 + d^TA^{-1}c}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 2 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}{1 + (0 \ 2 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 2 \ 0)}{1 + (1 \ 2 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \} = 1 + 0$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}$$