

Math 2135 - Assignment 6

Due October 9, 2026

- (1) Prove the missing implication in the Invertible Matrix Theorem: If a square matrix A is invertible, then so is its transpose A^T .

Hint: What is the transpose of a product of two matrices?

- (2) Prove that $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is not invertible if $ad - bc = 0$.

Hint: Show that the columns of A are linearly dependent. Consider the cases $a = 0$ and $a \neq 0$ separately.

- (3) Are the following invertible? Compute the inverse if possible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (4) Compute the inverse if possible:

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

- (5) Let A be an **upper triangular matrix**, that is,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

with zeros below the diagonal. Show

- (a) A is invertible iff there are no zeros in the diagonal of A .
(b) If A^{-1} exists, it is an upper triangular matrix as well.

Hint: When row reducing $[A, I_n]$ to $[I_n, A^{-1}]$, what happens to the n columns on the right?

- (6) Assume that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible. Show that $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \mapsto A \cdot x$, is bijective.

Hint: Give a formula for the inverse function f^{-1} and check that it indeed describes the inverse of T .

- (7) (a) What is the inverse of the rotation R by angle α counter clockwise around the origin in $\mathbb{R}^2$? What is the standard matrix of R^{-1} ?

- (b) What is the inverse of a reflection S on a line through the origin in $\mathbb{R}^2$? What can you say about the standard matrix B of S and its inverse? You do not have to write down B for this.

- (8) True or false? Explain your answer.

- (a) If A, B are square matrices with $AB = I_n$, then A and B are invertible.

- (b) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Ax = b$ is inconsistent. Then $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \mapsto Ax$ is not injective.