

Show absolutely all work (no scratch paper calculations omitted or mental calculations unreported) on this sheet in a clearly organized way, labeling problems, parts and expressions.

- ① $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Evaluate $\det(A)$, $\det(B)$.
 - Based on part a), which of these two matrices have an inverse and why?
 - Let C be the invertible matrix of these two. Evaluate C^{-1} using row reduction techniques.
 - Use your result to solve: $C\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

② $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Use the properties of the determinant under elementary row operations to derive the formula for $\det(A)$, justifying each step with a reason.

① a) $\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3(2) - 1(5) = 1$ $\det \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 10(1) - 2(5) = 0$

b) A has an inverse since $\det(A) \neq 0$ but B does not since $\det(B) = 0$.

c) $[A, I_2] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & -5 & -\frac{5}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right]$

$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$I_2 \quad A^{-1}$

d) $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-2 \\ -5+6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the soln.

② $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a \cdot \frac{1}{a} & a \cdot \frac{b}{a} \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} \\ 0 & d - \frac{bc}{a} \end{bmatrix}$

common factor from
becomes factor of det

add row up
does not change det

$= a(1)(d - \frac{bc}{a}) = ad - bc$ (simplification.)

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det(upper triangular matrix)
= product(diag values)

[we assumed $a \neq 0$ in deriving this, but in fact the formula is true independent of this assumption.]