

Math 3280 Worksheet 15: Matrix inverses and elementary matrices.

Group members (2 to 4): _____
Don't overlook the exciting part 2 of this worksheet on the back!

- (1) Find the inverse of the following matrix A by using row operations (multiplying rows, adding a multiple of one row to another, and interchanging rows) on the matrix A adjoined to the 3×3 identity matrix. Indicate at each step what row operations you are using. You should verify that your answer really is the inverse to A by multiplying it by A to obtain the identity.

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

- (2) Write the inverse from the previous problem as a product of elementary matrices by representing each of the row operations you used as elementary matrices. Here is an example. From the following row-reduction,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &\xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{-R_2+R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

we can write the inverse

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