
Homework 10

Exercise 1 By using elementary row operations, find the inverse for the following matrices :

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad b) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad c) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad e) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 2 A conic is a curve in \mathbb{R}^2 that can be described by an equation of the form

$$f(x, y) = c_1 + c_2x + c_3y + c_4x^2 + c_5xy + c_6y^2 = 0,$$

where at least one of the coefficients c_i is non-zero. Find the conic passing through the following points.

i) $(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$.

ii) $(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0), (1, 1)$.

Exercise 3 Let $\mathcal{A} \in M_{mn}(\mathbb{R})$ and $X = {}^t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The columns of \mathcal{A} are denoted by $\mathcal{A}^1, \dots, \mathcal{A}^n$, while the rows of \mathcal{A} are denoted by $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_m$. Show that the following three statements are equivalent :

1. $\mathcal{A}X = \mathbf{0}$,
2. the vector X is perpendicular to the vector ${}^t\mathcal{A}_j$, for each $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$,
3. the following linear relation holds :

$$x_1\mathcal{A}^1 + x_2\mathcal{A}^2 + \dots + x_n\mathcal{A}^n = \mathbf{0}.$$

Exercise 4 For which values of the parameter k is the following matrix invertible:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3-k \\ 1-k & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 5 Write down the explicit conditions for a matrix $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ to be (i) diagonal, (ii) upper-triangular, (iii) nilpotent, (iv) symmetric, (v) skew-symmetric, (vi) orthogonal, (vii) invertible, (viii) diagonal and invertible, (ix) upper-triangular and invertible. Be as precise as possible.