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SOLUTIONS

[6] 1. (a) We can write this system in the form  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & -6 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - (-1)R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so then  $z = t$  is a free variable,  $y = 4z = 4t$  and  $x = y - 2z = 2t$ . Hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ 4t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[2] (b) Since  $\mathbf{x}_h = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p + \mathbf{x}_h = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[2] (c) The columns of the matrix  $A$  are exactly the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , and the solution to the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has an infinite number of solutions, which means that there are non-trivial linear combinations such that

$$x\mathbf{v}_1 + y\mathbf{v}_2 + z\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hence these vectors are linearly dependent.

[6] 2. We row-reduce the augmented matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & k \\ -4 & k & 5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (-4)R_1 \end{matrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & k+4 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$
$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - (k+4)R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 5 - k(k+4) \end{array} \right].$$

This system will only have solutions if

$$\begin{aligned}5 - k(k + 4) &= 0 \\k^2 + 4k - 5 &= 0 \\(k + 5)(k - 1) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

that is, if  $k = -5$  or  $k = 1$ . Thus the system has no solutions if  $k \neq -5$  and  $k \neq 1$ .

[12] 3. •  $A + B$  cannot be evaluated because  $A$  and  $B$  are not of the same size

$$\bullet A + A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet AB = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -12 & -11 \\ 10 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

•  $BA$  cannot be evaluated because  $B$  has 3 columns, but  $A$  has only 2 rows

$$\bullet A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & -6 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

•  $B^2$  cannot be evaluated because  $B$  is not a square matrix

[6] 4. (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (-3)R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[6] (b) The elementary matrices corresponding to the row operations in part (a) are

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The inverses of these matrices are

$$E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} A &= E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1}E_4^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$