

## Exercise session problems

### Problem 1.

Find  $A^{-1}$ , if possible:

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{d) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{e) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{f) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 2.

Determine the values of  $a$  such that the inverse matrix of  $A$  exists, and compute  $A^{-1}$  in these cases:

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & a \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & a \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ a & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3.

Consider the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & t & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

- Solve the system for  $t = 2$ .
- Determine how many solutions the system has for different values of  $t$ .
- Find the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$  when it exists, and use this to solve the system in these cases.

### Problem 4.

Write the expressions as simple as possible:

$$\text{a) } (A + B)^2$$

$$\text{b) } (A^T A)^T$$

$$\text{c) } A(3B - C) + (A - 2B)C + 2B(C + 2A)$$

$$\text{d) } A^{-1}(BA)$$

$$\text{e) } (BAB^{-1})^2 \cdot B^2$$

$$\text{f) } (A - B)(C - A) + (C - B)(A - C) + (C - A)^2$$

### Problem 5.

Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  is  $3 \times 3$ -matrices with  $|A| = 2$  and  $|B| = -5$ . Compute:

$$\text{a) } \det(AB)$$

$$\text{b) } \det(3A)$$

$$\text{c) } \det(-2B^T)$$

$$\text{d) } \det(2A^{-1}B)$$

**Problem 6.**

We consider the linear system  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with parameter  $a$ , given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 4 \\ 2a & 8 & 12 \\ 5 & 10 & 16 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 40 \\ 51 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Use Gaussian elimination to solve the linear system when  $a = 2$ . Mark the pivot positions.
- Compute  $\det(A)$ , and determine all values of  $a$  such that  $\det(A) = 0$ .
- Find  $A^{-1}$  when  $a = 3$ .
- Show that  $A^7 \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has exactly one solution for  $a = -1$ , and express the solution  $\mathbf{x}$  via  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**Problem 7.**

Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. An elementary row operation  $A \rightarrow B$  corresponds to multiplication with an  $n \times n$ -matrix  $E$  from the left, such that  $B = E \cdot A$ . Then,  $E$  is called the elementary matrix of the row operation  $A \rightarrow B$ . Find the elementary matrices of the following row operations on  $3 \times 3$ -matrices:

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| a) Switch the two final rows      | b) Multiply the second row by $-1$     |
| c) Add 2 times row one to row two | d) Add $-2$ times row three to row one |

Explain why all elementary matrices are invertible, and why a square matrix is invertible if and only if it is a product of elementary matrices.

**Problem 8.**

Use elementary row operations to find the inverse matrix of  $A$ , if it exists. Check your answer by comparing with the determinant and the adjoint matrix of  $A$ .

a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	c) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
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**Problem 9.**

We consider the linear system  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & a \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -a \\ 3 - a \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $a$  is a parameter.

- (6p)** Solve the linear system when  $a = 1$ .
- (6p)** Find the determinant  $\det(A)$ , and determine the values of  $a$  such that  $\det(A) = 0$ .
- (6p)** Determine all values of  $a$  such that  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has infinitely many solutions.
- (6p)** Compute  $A^2 - 3A$  when  $a = 1$ .

## Optional: Exercises from the Norwegian textbook

Textbook [E]: Eriksen, *Matematikk for økonomi og finans*

Exercise book [O]: Eriksen, *Matematikk for økonomi og finans - Oppgaver og Løsningsforslag*

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Exercises: [E] 6.6.1 - 6.6.6

Solution manual: Se [O] Kap 6.6

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### Answers to exercise session problems

#### Problem 1.

a)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$       b)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{18} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$       c)  $A^{-1}$  not defined

d)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$       e)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$       f)  $A^{-1}$  not defined

#### Problem 2.

a)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-a^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $a \neq -1, 1$       b)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{6a} \begin{pmatrix} 2a & -2 & 1-a^2 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3a \end{pmatrix}$  for  $a \neq 0$

c)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1-a)(1+3a)} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & a-1 & 1-3a \\ a-1 & 1-a^2 & a-1 \\ 1-3a & a-1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $a \neq -1/3, 1$

#### Problem 3.

a)  $(x,y,z) = (2/3, 0, 2/3)$

b) Infinitely many solutions for  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$ , no solutions for  $t = -1$ , and one solution for  $t \neq -1, 0, 1$

c)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{t(t^2-1)} \begin{pmatrix} t^2 & 0 & -t \\ 0 & t^2-1 & 0 \\ -t & 0 & t^2 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $t \neq -1, 0, 1$ , the solutions are  $(x,y,z) = \left( \frac{t}{t+1}, 0, \frac{t}{t+1} \right)$  for  $t \neq -1, 0, 1$

#### Problem 4.

a)  $A^2 + AB + BA + B^2$       b)  $A^T A$       c)  $3AB + 4BA$       d)  $A^{-1}BA$       e)  $BA^2B$       f)  $0$

#### Problem 5.

a)  $-10$       b)  $54$       c)  $40$       d)  $-20$

**Problem 6.**

a)  $(7 - 2y, y, 1)$  where  $y$  is free

b)  $-32a^2 + 140a - 152$ ,  $a = 2$  or  $a = 19/8$

c)  $\frac{1}{20} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 8 & -4 \\ 36 & 4 & -12 \\ -20 & -5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

d)  $(A^{-1})^7 \cdot \mathbf{b}$

**Problem 7.**

a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Problem 8.**

a)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & -5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

c)  $A$  not invertible**Problem 9.**

a)  $(x, y, z) = (2, 0, -1)$

b)  $|A| = -a(2a + 3)$ , and  $|A| = 0$  for  $a = 0$  and  $a = -3/2$

c)  $a = 0$

d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$