

## Key Problems

### Problem 1.

Compute  $A^{-1}$  and  $A^2$ :

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

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

c) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 2.

Compute the determinant  $|A|$ :

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

b) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \\ 1 & q & q^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 3.

Use minors to determine the rank of  $A$ , and find columns of  $A$  that form a base for the column space  $\text{Col}(A)$ . You may combine minors with other methods if it is difficult to answer the questions using only minors.

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

b) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 11 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

### Problem 4.

Use minors to find the rank of these matrices:

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

b) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -1 \\ s & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

## Exercise Problems

Problems from the textbook: [E] 3.1 - 3.15

Exam problems:

[Midterm 01/2020] Question 1, 2, 4, 8

[Final 11/2019] Question 1

## Answers to Key Problems

### Problem 1.

$$\text{a) } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{b) } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } A \text{ is not invertible, } A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 \\ 3 & 11 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Problem 2.

$$\text{a) } |A| = -23$$

$$\text{b) } |A| = -96$$

$$\text{c) } |A| = (p-1)(q-1)(q-p)$$

### Problem 3.

a)  $\text{rk } A = 3$ , the column vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  (first three columns) is a base of  $\text{Col}(A)$

b)  $\text{rk } A = 3$ , the column vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_4\}$  is a base of  $\text{Col}(A)$

c)  $\text{rk } A = 2$ , the column vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  is a base of  $\text{Col}(A)$

### Problem 4.

a)  $\text{rk } A = 1$  for all  $t$

$$\text{b) } \text{rk } A = \begin{cases} 2, & s = 3 \\ 3, & s \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{c) } \text{rk } A = \begin{cases} 1, & b = a^2 \text{ and } c = a^3 \\ 2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$