

Chapter 7 The inverse of a matrixQ

Answer the following designed questions. These questions are designed in accordance to the subsections as sequentially presented in Ayers. Try to identify the questions below with the corresponding subsection from which these questions are based on as it will definitely help while answering these questions.

1. For the following two questions, please refer to the designed questions (12), (13), (14), in Chapter 5. There,

$E_{A \rightarrow I_3} A = I_3$. Now, what would you get when

if $E_{A \rightarrow I_3}$ is operated on I_3 instead of on A ? In other

words, ask yourself, what is $E_{A \rightarrow I_3} I_3$?

2. So, by now, have you learnt how to find the inverse of a matrix? Find A^{-1} , where A is as defined in DQ (12),

$$\text{Chapter 5, } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Now carry out the $E_{A \rightarrow I_3} A =$ and $E_{A \rightarrow I_3} I_3$ operations in a “two-in-one” manner, i.e. if the augmented matrix form. First form the augmented matrix of the

$$\text{form } (A|I) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right). \text{ Carrying out}$$

$E_{A \rightarrow I_3}$ on both sides to arrive at $(I|A^{-1})$.

4. In the designed questions (12), (13), (14) of Chapter 5, you are asked to find a sequence of elementary transformations that transform a generic matrix A into a

$$\text{unit matrix. Now, if } A \text{ were our old friend } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix},$$

what would happen if you were to attempt to reduce it into an identity matrix via a sequence of elementary transformations? Explain.

5. Deduce A^{-1} , where A is as defined (2), using $A^{-1} = \text{adj}A/|A|$. Do you get the same answer as in (2) where the inverse is obtained using row reduced echelon form method?