

Q1: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $P(x) = 2x^2 - 2x - 2$, then

find the following:

(a) $P(A)$ (3 marks)

(b) $\text{tr}(\text{adj}(A))$ (2 marks)

(c) the inverse of C (3 marks)

(d) the solution set of $Bx=0$ by Gauss-Jordan Elimination. (3 marks)

Q2: **Find** the determinant of A and then **find** the cofactor C_{12} :

(4 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q3: (a) Prove that if A is an invertible matrix, then $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$. (2 marks)

(b) Prove that if A is an invertible symmetric matrix, then A^{-1} is symmetric.

(2 marks)

(c) If A is an invertible matrix of order 4, then find $\text{RREF}(A)$. (1 mark)

(d) If A is an invertible matrix of order 2, then find $\det(2(A^T))\det(A^{-1})$. (2 marks)

(e) If the solution set of the system $Ax=b$ is $\{(2r+1, s-1, r, s) : r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$, where A is a square matrix, then **find** the solution set of the system $Ax=0$. Also, **find** RREF of the augmented matrix of the system $Ax=b$. (3 marks)

Solutions

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find the following:

(a) $P(A) = 2A^2 - 2A - 2I$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\text{tr}(\text{adj}(A)) =$

$$\text{tr} \left(\text{adj} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) = \text{tr} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = C^T = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

(c) the inverse of C

$$\begin{aligned} [C | I] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\begin{smallmatrix} (-1)R_{13} \end{smallmatrix}]{\begin{smallmatrix} (-2)R_{12} \end{smallmatrix}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{(-1)R_{21}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(-1)R_{31}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I | C^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

(d) Solution of $Bx=0$ by Gauss-Jordan Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-2)R_{12}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(\frac{1}{2})R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x - z = 0 \& y + z = 0$$

$$z = t \Rightarrow x = t, y = -t, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Q2: Find the determinant of A, and then find the cofactor C_{12} :

(4 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{12} \\ (-3)R_{13} \\ (-4)R_{14}}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{34}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1(1)(2)(1) = -2$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 10 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{(-3)R_{12} \\ (-2)R_{13}}} -4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_{23}} -4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4(1)(1)(1) = 4$$

Q3: (a) Prove that if A is an invertible matrix, then $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$. (2 marks)

$$AA^{-1} = I \Rightarrow |AA^{-1}| = |I| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |A||A^{-1}| = 1 \Rightarrow |A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$$

$$\text{as } |A| \neq 0$$

(b) Prove that if A is an invertible symmetric matrix, then A^{-1} is symmetric.

(2 marks)

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-1}.$$

(c) If A is an invertible matrix of order 4, then find $\text{RREF}(A)$.

$\text{RREF}(A) = I_4$.

(d) If A is an invertible matrix of order 2, then find $\det(2(A^T))\det(A^{-1})$. (2 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}\det(2(A^T))\det(A^{-1}) &= 2^2 \det(A^T)(\det(A))^{-1} \\ &= 4\det(A)(\det(A))^{-1} = 4\end{aligned}$$

(e) If the solution set of the system $Ax=b$ is $\{(2r+1, s-1, r, s): r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ where A is a square matrix, then find the solution set of the system $Ax=0$. Also, find RREF of the augmented matrix of the system $Ax=b$. (3 marks)

The system $Ax=b$ is consistent and has two parameters. So, we can write the solution of the system as $(2r+1, s-1, r, s) = (2r, s, r, s) + (1, -1, 0, 0)$ where $(1, -1, 0, 0)$ is a special solution of $Ax=b$ and $(2r, s, r, s)$ is the general solution of $Ax=0$. So, the solution set of $Ax=0$ is $\{(2r, s, r, s): r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The solution set shows that A has 4 variables and hence A is of order 4. Thus, $[A|b]$ is of size 4×5 and

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 2r + 1 = 2x_3 + 1 \Rightarrow x_1 - 2x_3 = 1 \\ x_2 &= s - 1 = x_4 - 1 \Rightarrow x_2 - x_4 = -1\end{aligned}$$
$$\text{RREF}([A|b]) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$