

Name: Solutions**Directions:** Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. [2 parts, 3 points each] Find the inverses of the following matrices, if they exist. Except for part (a), use the row-reduction algorithm.

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 2(-1) - (3)(-5) = -2 + 15 = 13, \quad \text{so } A^{-1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -14 \\ 3 & -6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & 17 & -14 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -8 & 17 & -14 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -5 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } A^{-1} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

2. [2 points] Prove that if  $A$  is row-equivalent to an invertible matrix  $B$ , then  $A$  is also invertible.

Suppose  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ . Then there exist elementary matrices

$E_1, \dots, E_k$  such that

$$E_k \cdots E_1 A = B.$$

Since each  $E_i$  is invertible, it follows that  $A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \cdots E_k^{-1} B$ , and so  $A$  is the product of invertible matrices. Therefore  $A$  is invertible, and

$$A^{-1} = (E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \cdots E_k^{-1} B)^{-1} = B^{-1} E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1.$$

3. [2 parts, 1 point each] Elementary matrices.

- (a) Give the elementary matrix  $E$  that, in a system with 4 equations, corresponds to the elementary row operation  $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + (2)(R_2)$ .

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rows 1, 2, & 4 stay the same

- (b) Find the matrix  $E^{-1}$ .

Inverse operation is  $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + (-2)(R_2)$ , so

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$