

Remember that your work is graded on the quality of your writing and explanation as well as the validity of the mathematics.

- (1) (10 Points) Show that $I_m A = A$ when A is an $m \times n$ matrix.

Proof:

Since for every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, we have $I_m \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$.

Assume that $A = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n]$, here $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, we get

$$I_m A = I_m [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n] = [I_m \mathbf{a}_1, \dots, I_m \mathbf{a}_n] = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n] = A$$

- (2) (10 Points) Find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, if it exists.

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} [A \ I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 3/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$