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Matrix Algebra

(Haf 2005)

9. (a) The matrix \mathbf{A} is defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the value of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular.

[3]

- (b) Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Given that $\lambda = 5$, find the general solution of this system of equations.
- (ii) You are now given that $\lambda = 3$. By first finding the inverse of the matrix \mathbf{A} , solve this system of equations.

[12]

(Gaeaf 2006)

2. Show that the following matrix is non-singular for all values of the real constant λ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & \lambda \\ \lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[6]

7. Consider the system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Use reduction to echelon form to find the value of λ for which the equations do not have a unique solution.
- (b) For this value of λ , find the value of μ for which the equations are consistent. Find the general solution of the equations in this case.

[5]

[5]

(Haf 2006)

5. The matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{I} are given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -7 & -6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Write down the matrix $\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I}$. [2]

(b) Find the values of λ for which the matrix $\mathbf{A} + \lambda\mathbf{I}$ is singular. [7]

8. Use reduction to echelon form to solve the equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [7]$$

(Gaeaf 2007)

2. (a) Find the inverse of the following matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad [6]$$

(b) **Hence** solve the equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + z &= 1 \\ 2x + 3y + z &= 4 \\ 3x + 4y + 2z &= 4. \end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

5. Consider the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - z &= 2 \\ 2x - y + z &= 3 \\ 4x - 7y + 5z &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

Given that these equations do not have a unique solution,

(a) show that the equations are consistent. [4]

(b) find the general solution to the equations. [3]

(Haf 2007)

7. (a) Show that the matrix \mathbf{A} defined below is singular.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 8 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad [3]$$

- (b) (i) Find the value of k for which the following equations are consistent.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + 2z &= 3 \\ 3x + 4y + z &= 1 \\ x + 8y - 5z &= k \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) For this value of k , find the general solution of these equations. [9]

(Gaeaf 2008)

1. Solve the following equations by reduction to echelon form.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y + 2z &= 14 \\ 2x + y + z &= 7 \\ 3x + 2y - z &= 7 \end{aligned} \quad [7]$$

3. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda & 2 \end{bmatrix} .$$

- (a) Find the value of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [3]

- (b) Given that $\lambda = 4$,

- (i) find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
(ii) find the inverse of \mathbf{A} . [6]

(Haf 2008)

2. (a) Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} . \quad [6]$$

- (b) **Hence** solve the equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} . \quad [2]$$

4. (a) Use reduction to echelon form to find the value of k for which the following equations are consistent.

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y + 3z &= 5 \\ x - 2y + 2z &= 6 \\ 4x + 7y + 5z &= k\end{aligned}\quad [5]$$

- (b) For this value of k , find the general solution to these equations. [3]

(Gaeaf 2009)

7. Given that \mathbf{A} is a 2×2 matrix and k is a constant, show that

$$\det(k\mathbf{A}) = k^2 \det(\mathbf{A}). \quad [4]$$

9. The matrix \mathbf{A} is defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda \\ 2 & \lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (i) Find and simplify an expression for the determinant of \mathbf{A} .
(ii) Show that \mathbf{A} is singular when $\lambda = 1$ but there are no other real values of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [5]
- (b) Now consider the system of equations

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Given that $\lambda = 1$, show that these equations are consistent and find their general solution.
(ii) Given that $\lambda = -1$, find the inverse matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} and **hence** solve these equations. [7]

(Haf 2009)

3. (a) Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [6]$$

- (b) Hence solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 3z &= 13 \\ 2x + 3y + z &= 13 \\ 3x + 5y + 2z &= 22.\end{aligned}\quad [2]$$

6. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & \lambda \\ 3 & \lambda & 4 \end{bmatrix} .$$

(a) Show that $\lambda = 1$ is the only positive value of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [5]

(b) Consider the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 2 \\ 2x - y + z &= -2 \\ 3x + y + 4z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

(i) Show that these equations are consistent.

(ii) Find the general solution. [6]

(Gaeaf 2010)

2. The matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find the inverse of \mathbf{A} . [3]

(b) Find the 2×2 matrix \mathbf{X} that satisfies the equation

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}. \quad [3]$$

4. (a) Show that the following matrix is singular.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad [2]$$

(b) Consider the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 2z &= 1 \\ 2x + y + 3z &= 3 \\ 4x + 5y + 7z &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

(i) Find the value of λ for which these equations are consistent.

(ii) Find the general solution corresponding to this value of λ . [7]

(Haf 2010)

3. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda \\ 4 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find the values of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [4]

(b) Given that $\lambda = 3$,

(i) find the inverse of \mathbf{A} ,

(ii) **hence** solve the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y + 3z &= 2 \\ x + 2y + 3z &= -1 \\ 4x + 5y + 5z &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

[6]

(Gaeaf 2011)

2. Consider the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + z &= 1 \\ 2x + 3y + z &= 3 \\ 3x + 4y + z &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Given that these equations are consistent,

(a) find the value of λ , [4]

(b) find the general solution. [3]

6. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \lambda & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (i) Find and simplify an expression for the determinant of \mathbf{A} .

(ii) Show that \mathbf{A} is non-singular for all real values of λ . [4]

(b) Given that $\lambda = 1$,

(i) find \mathbf{A}^{-1} , the inverse of \mathbf{A} ,

(ii) hence solve the equation $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$,

$$\text{where } \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[7]

(Haf 2011)

4. (a) Show that the following matrix is singular.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad [2]$$

- (b) Given that the following system of equations is consistent,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) find the value of λ ,
(ii) find the general solution. [7]

8. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Evaluate \mathbf{A}^2 and show that

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = 5\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I},$$

where \mathbf{I} denotes the identity matrix. [4]

- (b) Using the result in (a), show that

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = \lambda\mathbf{A} + \mu\mathbf{I}$$

where λ, μ are constants to be determined. [3]

(Gaeaf 2012)

5. The matrix \mathbf{A} is defined by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} k & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & k & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that \mathbf{A} is non-singular for all real values of k . [4]

- (b) Given that $k = 3$,

- (i) find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
(ii) find the inverse matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
(iii) **hence** solve the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + y + 6z &= 1, \\ x + 3y + 4z &= -1, \\ y + z &= -1. \end{aligned} \quad [7]$$

(Haf 2012)

4. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (i) Find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} .
(ii) Find the inverse of \mathbf{A} .

[6]

(b) Hence solve the equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[2]

5. (a) Determine the value of k for which the following system of equations is consistent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

[5]

(b) Find the general solution for this value of k .

[3]

(Gaeaf 2013)

2. Consider the equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 4, \\ 2x - y + z &= 2, \\ x + 7y + 8z &= k. \end{aligned}$$

Given that these equations are consistent,

(a) find the value of the constant k ,

[4]

(b) find the general solution of the equations.

[3]

4. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & \lambda \\ 4 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the values of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular.

[5]

(b) Given that $\lambda = 1$,

- (i) determine the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
(ii) determine the inverse matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} .

[5]

(Haf 2013)

6. Consider the system of equations $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$, where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & \lambda \\ 5 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) (i) Find the determinant of \mathbf{A} in terms of the constant λ .
- (ii) Show that \mathbf{A} is singular when $\lambda = 2$ and determine the other value of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [4]
- (b) Given that $\lambda = 2$,
- (i) show that the equations are consistent,
- (ii) determine the general solution of the equations. [7]
- (c) Given that $\lambda = 1$,
- (i) find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
- (ii) find the inverse of \mathbf{A} ,
- (iii) hence solve the equations. [7]

(Gaeaf 2014)

7.

(a) Given that $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$,

- (i) find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,
- (ii) find the inverse of \mathbf{A} . [5]
- (b) Hence solve the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y + z &= 13, \\ x + 2y + 3z &= 13, \\ 2x + 3y + 4z &= 19. \end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

(Haf 2014)

3. Consider the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 4z &= 3, \\x - y + 2z &= 4, \\4x - y + 10z &= k.\end{aligned}$$

Given that the equations are consistent,

(a) find the value of k , [5]

(b) determine the general solution of the equations. [3]

6. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & \lambda & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the values of λ for which \mathbf{A} is singular. [4]

(b) Given that $\lambda = -1$,

(i) find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{A} ,

(ii) find the inverse of \mathbf{A} . [5]

(Haf 2015)

4. (a) The matrix \mathbf{M} is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that \mathbf{M} is singular.

[3]

(b) (i) Find the value of μ for which the following system of equations is consistent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii) For this value of μ , find the general solution to this system of equations. [7]

6. The matrices **A** and **B** are given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Evaluate the matrix **AB**. [2]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the inverse matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} . [2]

(c) Hence solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y + 4z &= 14 \\ 3x + 3y + 6z &= 18 \\ 2x + 2y + 3z &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

[2]

(Haf 2016)

5. The matrix **M** is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & \lambda \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 \\ \lambda & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (i) Show that

$$\det \mathbf{M} = 4 - 3\lambda - \lambda^3.$$

(ii) Hence show that **M** is singular when $\lambda = 1$ and is not singular for any other real values of λ .

(iii) Show that the following system of equations is consistent and find the general solution. [12]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Suppose now that $\lambda = -1$. By first finding the adjugate matrix of **M**, determine the inverse matrix \mathbf{M}^{-1} . [5]

(Haf 2017)

1. The matrix \mathbf{M} is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Evaluate the determinant of \mathbf{M} . [2]

(b) (i) Find the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{M} .

(ii) Deduce the inverse matrix \mathbf{M}^{-1} . [3]

(c) Hence solve the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}.$$

[2]

5. Consider the following equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y - z &= 1, \\ 2x - y + 2z &= 3, \\ 3x - 5y + 5z &= \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Find the value of λ for which the equations are consistent. [4]

(b) For this value of λ , find the general solution of the equations. [3]

(Haf 2018)

6. The matrix \mathbf{M} is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & \lambda & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a constant.}$$

- (a) (i) Find an expression for the determinant of \mathbf{M} in terms of λ .
(ii) Show that \mathbf{M} is singular when $\lambda = 3$ and state the other value of λ for which \mathbf{M} is singular. [4]

- (b) Given that $\lambda = 3$, determine the value of μ for which the following system of equations is consistent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ \mu \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad [4]$$

- (c) Suppose now that $\lambda = 2$ so that

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Determine the adjugate matrix of \mathbf{M} .
(ii) Hence determine the inverse matrix \mathbf{M}^{-1} . [5]

(Haf 2019)

6. The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that \mathbf{A} is non-singular. [3]

- (b) Show that

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = 2\mathbf{A}^2 + 5\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I}. \quad [5]$$

- (c) Hence obtain a quadratic expression in \mathbf{A} for \mathbf{A}^4 . [4]