

Assignment 17: More matrix equations and inverses

1. Show that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix}$ is solvable for all choice of b_i . Hint: the

row-reduced echelon form of the 4×5 matrix is $R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Moreover, show that for each choice of $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{pmatrix}$, there are infinitely many solutions.

2. Find all $\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \end{pmatrix}$ for which

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is solvable.}$$

Find all solutions to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

3. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

Use row reduction to find the inverse of A , and solve the matrix equation $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

both by using the inverse of A , and by row reducing the augmented matrix.