

# Solutions to Take-Home Quiz 3 (September 28, 2007)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices given below, and  $C = [A \mid I]$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix of size three.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } C = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We applied elementary row operations  $[1, 3]$ ,  $[1; -1]$ ,  $[2, 1; 3]$  to the matrix  $C$  in this order and obtained a matrix  $[B \mid P]$ , where  $B$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix above and  $P$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

- Find the matrix  $P$ .

**Sol.**

$$I \xrightarrow{[1,3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[1;-1]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[2,1;3]} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

- Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $C$ . (Solution only.)

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} [B \mid P] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[3,1;3]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[3,2;-1]} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[1,3;-2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[2,3;-4]} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [I \mid A^{-1}] \quad (\text{Reduced Echelon Form}) \end{aligned}$$

- Find the inverse matrix of  $A$ . (Solution only.)

**Sol.**

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

- Express  $P^{-1}$  as a product of elementary matrices using the notation  $P(i, c)$ ,  $P(i, j)$  and  $P(i, j; c)$ .

**Sol.** Since  $P = P(2, 1; 3)P(1; -1)P(1, 3)$ ,

$$P^{-1} = P(1, 3)^{-1}P(1; -1)^{-1}P(2, 1; 3)^{-1} = P(1, 3)P(1; -1)P(2, 1; -3).$$