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- There are 100 points and 10 problems on this 100-minute exam.
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Problem 1. Suppose that A is a matrix satisfying the matrix-vector product $\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(2 pts) (a) The matrix A has 5 rows and 4 columns.

(3 pts) (b) Which of the following vectors is *orthogonal* to the vector \mathbf{v} ?

- 1st row of A 2nd row of A 3rd row of A 4th row of A 3rd column of A

(3 pts) (c) Which of the following vectors forms an *acute* angle with \mathbf{v} ?

- 1st row of A 2nd row of A 3rd row of A 4th row of A 3rd column of A

(4 pts) (d) Fill in the entries of this matrix product: $\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(4 pts) (e) Calculate $\langle A^T \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ where $\mathbf{w} = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$. Clearly explain your reasoning to receive credit.

Solution. Here we use the adjoint formula

$$\langle A^T \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, A\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T, [1 \ -2 \ -1 \ 0 \ -1]^T \rangle = -3$$

(6 pts) **Problem 2.** Let $S = A^T A + BCB$ where A is a 5×2024 matrix and B and C are 2024×2024 symmetric matrices. Show that S is symmetric.

Solution. We are given that B and C are symmetric, which means $B^T = B$ and $C^T = C$. To demonstrate that S is symmetric, we must show that $S^T = S$. To do so, note that

$$S^T = (A^T A + BCB)^T = (A^T A)^T + (BCB)^T = A^T (A^T)^T B^T C^T B^T = A^T A + BCB = S$$

(5 pts) **Problem 3.** Suppose that \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{w}_1 , and \mathbf{w}_2 are vectors in \mathbb{R}^n such that \mathbf{v} is orthogonal to both \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 . Let $\mathbf{w} = c_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2$. Show that \mathbf{v} is orthogonal to \mathbf{w} .

You must avoid circular reasoning to receive credit.

Solution. We are told that \mathbf{v} is orthogonal to \mathbf{w}_1 and \mathbf{w}_2 , so

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle = 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = 0$$

We wish to demonstrate that \mathbf{v} is orthogonal to \mathbf{w} , which requires us to validate the equation $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$. To do so, note that

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, c_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_1 + c_2 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = c_1 \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle + c_2 \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

(5 pts) **Problem 4.** Suppose that A is $n \times n$ and that $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{E}_A(\lambda)$ and let $X_\lambda = \lambda \cdot I_n - A$. Calculate $X_\lambda \mathbf{v}$. Clearly explain your reasoning to receive credit.

Solution. We are told that $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{E}_A(\lambda)$, which means $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \cdot \mathbf{v}$. It follows that

$$X_\lambda \mathbf{v} = (\lambda \cdot I_n - A)\mathbf{v} = \lambda \cdot \mathbf{v} - A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \cdot \mathbf{v} - \lambda \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

(10 pts) **Problem 5.** Consider the matrix A given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the Gauß-Jordan algorithm to calculate $\text{rref}(A)$.

You must label each row reduction properly and adhere to the steps of the algorithm to receive credit.

Solution. Following the algorithm, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(1/2) \cdot r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{r_3 - r_1 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{(-1/2) \cdot r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_1 \\ r_5 - r_2 \rightarrow r_5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{r_1 - 2 \cdot r_3 \rightarrow r_1 \\ r_4 + r_3 \rightarrow r_4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(10 pts) **Problem 6.** Calculate $PA = LU$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution. Following the algorithm from class, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} A \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{\substack{r_3 + r_1 \rightarrow r_3 \\ r_4 - 2r_1 \rightarrow r_4}} & \begin{array}{c} U \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} L \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} P \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
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 \begin{array}{c} & \xrightarrow{r_4 + r_2 \rightarrow r_4} & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 6 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
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 \begin{array}{c} & \xrightarrow{r_4 + r_3 \rightarrow r_4} & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
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This gives our desired factorization

$$\begin{array}{c} P \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} A \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] = \begin{array}{c} L \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} U \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

Problem 7. Consider the matrices A , B , and Y given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 pts) (a) Calculate AB . The matrix AB is 4 \times 4 and $\text{trace}(AB) =$ 3.

Solution.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 pts) (b) Calculate BA . The matrix BA is 3 \times 3 and $\text{trace}(BA) =$ 3.

Solution.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 pts) (c) If possible, find a matrix X satisfying $XA = Y$. If this is not possible, then explain why.

Solution. Our work above tells us that

$$BA = I_3$$

Since Y is 5 \times 3, we can multiply this equation on the left by Y to obtain

$$YBA = YI_3 = Y$$

So, the matrix

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

satisfies $XA = Y$.

Problem 8. Consider the $EA = R$ factorization and the vector \mathbf{b} given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & * & 2 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & -6 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -6 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -2 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the (3,2) entry of A is unknown and marked as $*$.

(2 pts) (a) Which columns of A are the *pivot columns*? Select all that apply (no partial credit).

1st column 2nd column 3rd column 4th column 5th column 6th column

(2 pts) (b) The unknown (3,2) entry of A is $*$ = 6.

(4 pts) (c) In class we demonstrated that representing the steps of the Gauß-Jordan algorithm with elementary matrices allows E to be expressed as the product of elementary matrices $E = E_k \cdots E_3 E_2 E_1$. Find E_1 .

Solution. The first step of the Gauß-Jordan algorithm in row-reducing A is $r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2$. Since A is 5×6 , E_1 is the matrix obtained by applying $r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2$ to I_5 . This gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 pts) (d) Determine if the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. Clearly explain your reasoning to receive credit.

Solution. We discussed in class that the system $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$ reduces to $[R \mid E\mathbf{b}]$, which is

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & -6 & -2 & 0 & -5 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

There is a pivot in the augmented column, so the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is *inconsistent*.

Problem 9. Consider the $PA = LU$ factorization and the vector \mathbf{b} given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^P \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -44 & -16 & 14 & 35 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -73 & 3 \\ 0 & -13 & -3 & -14 & 39 & -1 \\ 3 & 57 & 19 & 5 & 7 & 10 \end{bmatrix}^A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^L \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 57 & 19 & 5 & 7 & 10 \\ 0 & 13 & 3 & 19 & 42 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 81 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^U \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3 pts) (a) In the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, which of the following variables are *free*? Select all that apply (no partial credit).

x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6

(6 pts) (b) Determine if the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. Clearly explain your reasoning to receive credit.

Solution. We demonstrated in class that the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is solved by first solving $L\mathbf{y} = P\mathbf{b}$ for \mathbf{y} , which is

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 0 \\ -y_1 + y_2 &= -3 \leftarrow y_2 = -3 \\ -y_2 + y_3 &= 0 \leftarrow y_3 = -3 \\ -y_3 + y_4 &= 1 \leftarrow y_4 = -2 \\ -y_4 + y_5 &= -1 \leftarrow y_5 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

This gives $\mathbf{y} = [0 \quad -3 \quad -3 \quad -2 \quad -3]^T$. In augmented form, system $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ is then

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 3 & 57 & 19 & 5 & 7 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 13 & 3 & 19 & 42 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 81 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 7 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

There is a pivot in the augmented column, so our system is *inconsistent*.

Problem 10. The data below depicts the inverse of a matrix A and a vector \mathbf{b} .

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3 pts) (a) The matrix A has $\text{rank}(A) = \underline{5}$, $\text{nullity}(A) = \underline{0}$, and $\text{nullity}(A^T) = \underline{0}$.

(4 pts) (b) Find all solutions to the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Clearly explain your work to receive credit.

Solution. The matrix A is invertible so $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4 pts) (c) Find the second column of A . Clearly explain your work to receive credit.

Solution. This is the same as asking for the value of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We are given A^{-1} , which is defined by the property

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

The third column of A^{-1} is $[0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$, which tells us that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$