

**Problem 1 (Not from the text book):** Find the inverse of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We reduce the 3 by 6 matrix  $[A|I_3]$  until the left half is in reduced echelon form, which will be  $I_3$  since  $A$  is invertible.

$$(1) \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(2) \quad \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(3) \quad \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{2R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(4) \quad \xrightarrow{R_2 + \frac{5}{2}R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_3} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right).$$

To check our work, we note that

$$(5) \quad A \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 4 \\ -5 & -2 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(6) \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (-3) + (-2) \cdot (-5) + 3 \cdot (-2) & 1 \cdot (-1) + (-2) \cdot (-2) + 3 \cdot (-1) & 1 \cdot 4 + (-2) \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot (-3) + 2 \cdot (-5) + (-5) \cdot (-2) & 0 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (-2) + (-5) \cdot (-1) & 0 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5 + (-5) \cdot 2 \\ 1 \cdot (-3) + (-1) \cdot (-5) + 1 \cdot (-2) & 1 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (-2) + 1 \cdot (-1) & 1 \cdot 4 + (-1) \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Remark:** We only have to check that  $A^{-1}A = I_3$  **OR**  $AA^{-1} = I_3$ . We do not have to check both.

**Problem 4.9.46:** Consider the matrices  $A, D$  and  $E$  given by

$$(7) \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find matrices  $B$  and  $C$  for which  $AB = D$  and  $CA = E$ .

**Solution:** We see that

$$(8) \quad A^{-1}D = A^{-1}(AB) = (A^{-1}A)B = I_2B = B, \text{ so}$$

$$(9) \quad B = A^{-1}D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(10) \quad = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 0 & 3 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 0 & 0 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(11) \quad = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 & 11 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, we see that

$$(12) \quad EA^{-1} = (CA)A^{-1} = C(AA^{-1}) = CI_2 = C, \text{ so}$$

$$(13) \quad C = EA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 0 & 2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 2 \\ 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 0 & 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 \\ 0 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 0 & 0 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(14) \quad = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4.9.59:** Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $I_n$  denote the  $(n \times n)$  identity matrix. Let  $A = I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T$ , and suppose that  $\vec{v}^T\vec{u} \neq -1$ . Show that

$$(15) \quad A^{-1} = I_n - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T, \text{ where } a = \frac{1}{1 + \vec{v}^T\vec{u}}.$$

This result is known as the Sherman-Woodberry formula.

**Example:** If  $n = 3$ ,

$$(16) \quad \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$(17) \quad \vec{v}^T\vec{u} = (-1 \ 1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = (-1) \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3 = 1 \neq -1 \text{ and}$$

$$(18) \quad A = I_3 + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} (-1 \ 1 \ 0)$$

$$(19) \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (-1) & 1 \cdot 1 & 1 \cdot 0 \\ 2 \cdot (-1) & 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 0 \\ 3 \cdot (-1) & 3 \cdot 1 & 3 \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(20) \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also saw that

$$(21) \quad \vec{v}^T\vec{u} = 1 \text{ and } \vec{u}\vec{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so}$$

$$(22) \quad a = \frac{1}{1 + \vec{v}^T\vec{u}} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$(23) \quad A^{-1} = I_3 - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Indeed, we see that

$$(24) \quad A\cancel{A^{-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(25) \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \cdot \frac{3}{2} + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot \frac{3}{2} & 0 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-\frac{3}{2}) & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 \\ (-2) \cdot \frac{3}{2} + 3 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot \frac{3}{2} & (-2) \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) + 3 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-\frac{3}{2}) & (-2) \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 \\ (-3) \cdot \frac{3}{2} + 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot \frac{3}{2} & (-3) \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) + 3 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-\frac{3}{2}) & (-3) \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The inverse of a matrix (if it exists) is unique, so for

$$(26) \quad B = I_n - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T,$$

we only have to verify that

$$(27) \quad AB = I_n \text{ or } BA = I_n,$$

as we will then know that  $A$  is invertible, and that  $A^{-1} = B$ . Since  $\vec{v}^T\vec{u}$  is a scalar, let us simplify our notation by letting

$$(28) \quad b = \vec{v}^T\vec{u} \text{ so that } a = \frac{1}{1+b}.$$

We see that

$$(29) \quad AB = (I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T)(I_n - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T) = I_n I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T I_n + I_n (-a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T) + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T (-a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T)$$

$$(30) \quad = I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a(\vec{u}\vec{v}^T)(\vec{u}\vec{v}^T) = I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}(\vec{v}^T\vec{u})\vec{v}^T$$

$$(31) \quad \stackrel{\text{By (28)}}{=} I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}(b)\vec{v}^T = I_n + \vec{u}\vec{v}^T - a\vec{u}\vec{v}^T - ab\vec{u}\vec{v}^T$$

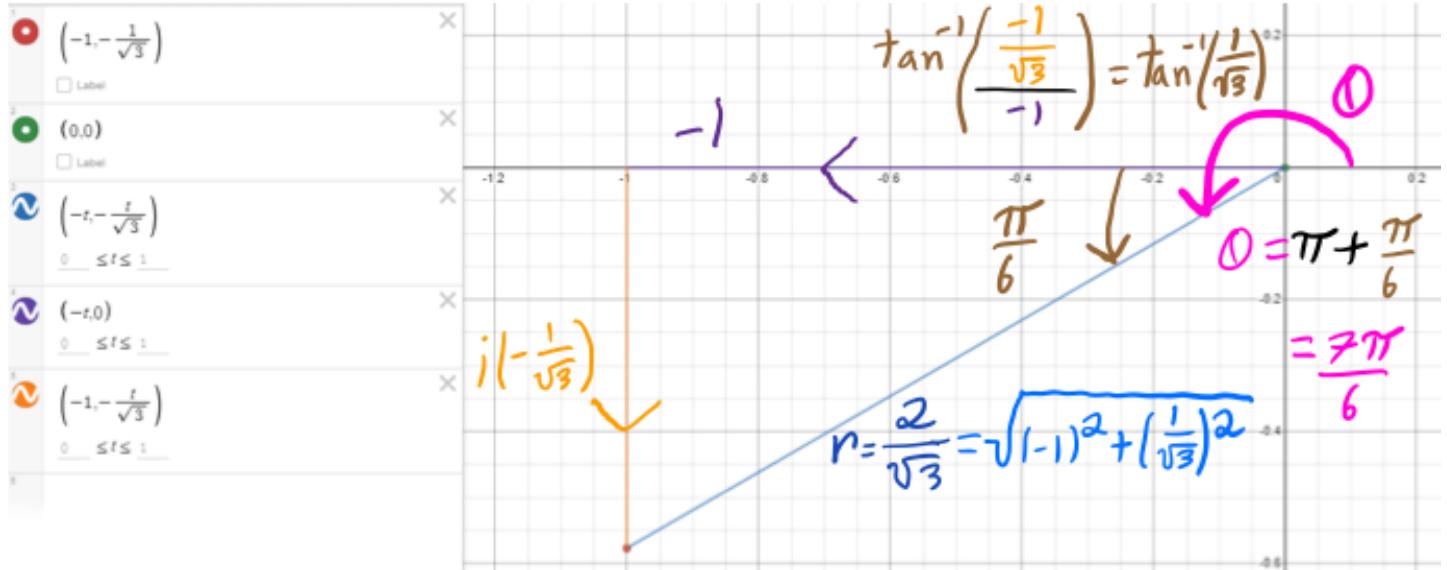
$$(32) \quad = I_n + (1 - a - ab)\vec{u}\vec{v}^T \stackrel{\text{By (28)}}{=} I_n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+b} - \frac{b}{1+b}\right)\vec{u}\vec{v}^T$$

$$(33) \quad = I_n + 0 \cdot \vec{u}\vec{v}^T = I_n.$$

# Some Problems From the Appendix on Complex Numbers

**Modified Problem 12:** Plot  $z = -1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}i$  in the complex plane. Then find the modulus and argument of  $z$ , and express  $z$  in the form  $re^{i\theta}$ .

**Solution:** Based on the diagram below, we see that  $-1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}i = \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}e^{i\frac{7\pi}{6}}}$ .



**Problem 19:** For  $z = -1 + 4i$  and  $w = 5 + 2i$  evaluate  $\left| \frac{z}{2w} \right|$ .

**Solution 1:** We see that

$$(34) \quad \frac{z}{2w} = \frac{-1 + 4i}{2(5 + 2i)} = \frac{-1 + 4i}{10 + 4i} = \frac{-1 + 4i}{10 + 4i} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{10 - 4i}{10 - 4i}}_1 = \frac{(-1 + 4i)(10 - 4i)}{(10 + 4i)(10 - 4i)}$$

$$(35) \quad = \frac{-10 + 40i + 4i - 16i^2}{100 + 40i - 40i - 16i^2} \stackrel{i^2 = -1}{=} \frac{-10 + 40i + 4i + 16}{100 + 40i - 40i + 16} = \frac{6 + 44i}{116}$$

$$(36) \quad = \frac{3 + 22i}{58} \rightarrow \left| \frac{z}{2w} \right| = \left| \frac{3 + 22i}{58} \right| = \frac{1}{58} |3 + 22i| = \frac{1}{58} \sqrt{3^2 + 22^2} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{493}}{58}}$$

**Solution 2:** We see that

$$(37) \quad \left| \frac{z}{2w} \right| = \frac{|z|}{|2w|} = \frac{|z|}{2|w|} = \frac{|-1 + 4i|}{2|5 + 2i|} = \frac{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 4^2}}{2\sqrt{5^2 + 2^2}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{17}}{2\sqrt{29}} = \frac{\sqrt{493}}{58}}.$$


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**Problem 28:** Evaluate  $i(e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}} - e^{-i\frac{\pi}{6}})$ .

**Solution:** Recalling Euler's formula

$$(38) \quad e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x(\cos(y) + i \sin(y)), \text{ we see that}$$

$$(39) \quad i(e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}} - e^{-i\frac{\pi}{6}}) = i \left( \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) - \left( \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) \right)$$

$$(40) \quad = i \left( \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) - \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) \right) = i \left( 2i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right)$$

$$(41) \quad = i(2i \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = i^2 = \boxed{-1}.$$


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**Problem 53:** Find all possible fourth roots of  $-16$ . Equivalently, find all possible values of  $(-16)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

**Solution:** We see that

$$(42) \quad -16 = 16 \cdot (-1) = 16e^{i\pi} = 16e^{i(\pi+2n\pi)} \text{ (where } n \text{ is an integer)}$$

$$(43) \quad \rightarrow (-16)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \left( 16e^{i(\pi+2n\pi)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 16^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( e^{i(\pi+2n\pi)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$(44) \quad = 2e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n}{2}\pi)} \text{ (where } n \text{ is an integer)}$$

$$(45) \quad \rightarrow (-16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \in \{ \color{orange} 2e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \color{black}, \color{blue} 2e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} \color{black}, \color{green} 2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}} \color{black}, \color{red} 2e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}} \color{black} \}.$$

Making use of Euler's formula, we see that

$$(46) \quad 2e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i,$$

$$(47) \quad 2e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} = 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \right) = 2\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i,$$

$$(48) \quad 2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}} = 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) \right) = 2\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) = -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i,$$

$$(49) \quad 2e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}} = 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i,$$

$$(50) \quad \rightarrow (-16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \in \boxed{\{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i, -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i, -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i, \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i\}}.$$