

Thm Every matrix A can be r/c-reduced to a block matrix of the form $\begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Do	Get	Do	Get
1. Bring a 1 to the upper left corner by swapping the first two rows and multiplying the first row (after the swap) by $1/4$.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	2. Add (-8) times the first row to the third row, in order to cancel the 8 in position 3-1.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3. Likewise add (-6) times the first row to the fourth row, in order to cancel the 6 in position 4-1.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	4. With similar column operations (you need three of those) cancel all the entries in the first row (except, of course, the first, which is used in the canceling).	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
5. Turn the 2-2 entry to a 1 by multiplying the second row by $1/2$.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & -8 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	6. Using two row operations "clean" the second column; that is, cancel all entries in it other than the "pivot" 1 at position 2-2.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
7. Using three column operations clean the second row except the pivot.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	8. Clean up the row and the column of the 4 in position 3-3 by first multiplying the third row by $1/4$ and then performing the appropriate row and column transformations. Notice that by pure luck, the 4 at position 4-5 of the matrix gets killed in action.	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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claim $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } (A^T)$ BTW, the meaning of A^T in the world of l.t. is quite intricate.

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Suppose you could row reduce A to I . Find A^{-1} . done in full untouched.

$$E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A = I \quad \Rightarrow \quad A^{-1} = E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1$$

* The hard way.

* The easy way: r.r. $(A | I)$

Example: compute $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$.