

**Question 1.** *Prove that if  $A$  is square and there exist matrices  $B$  and  $C$  such that  $AB = I$  and  $CA = I$ , then  $B = C$  and  $A$  is invertible.*

*Solution.* Since  $A$  and  $I$  are square and  $AB = CA = I$ , then  $B$  and  $C$  should be square of the same size. Multiplying  $AB = I$  by  $C$  on the left, using the associativity of product and the fact that  $I$  is the identity matrix, we get

$$CAB = C.$$

Similarly  $CA = I$ , being multiplied by  $B$  on the right, gives

$$CAB = B.$$

Thus,  $B = C$ . Therefore,  $AB = BA = I$  and hence  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$ .  $\square$