Remark: the exercise below will be graded carefully. Give explanations and computations.

## Exercise 1 (4 points)

(a) Let A be an  $n \times n$  matrix which in invertible. Prove that  $A^T A$  is invertible. Be sure to justify each step in your proof completely.

(b) Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix A with Nul(A) = Col(A). Does such an example exist when A is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix?

**Exercise 2** (6 points) Consider the matrix

(a) Compute the reduced row echelon form of A. (2 points)

(b) Find a basis of the null space of A. (1 point)

(c) What is the dimension of the null space of A? (1/2 point)

(d) Find a basis of the column space of A. (1 point)

(e) What is the rank of A? (1/2 point)

(f) Find all possible subsets of the columns of A which form a basis of the column  $\int A \left( i + 1 - 1 - i + i \right)$ 

space of A (tricky, 1 point).