7 To reverse E_{31} , add 7 times row 1 to row 3. The inverse of the elimination matrix

$$E = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is $E^{-1} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Multiplication confirms $EE^{-1} = I$.

- $\mathbf{9} \ \ M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$ After the exchange, we need E_{31} (not E_{21}) to act on the new row 3.
- 12 The first product is $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ rows and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.
- **14** E_{21} has $-\ell_{21} = \frac{1}{2}$, E_{32} has $-\ell_{32} = \frac{2}{3}$, E_{43} has $-\ell_{43} = \frac{3}{4}$. Otherwise the E's match I.

$$\textbf{18} \ EF = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \ FE = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b+ac & c & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \ E^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2a & 1 & 0 \\ 2b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \ F^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3c & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$PQ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
. In the opposite order, two row exchanges give $QP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $P^2 = I$. If M exchanges rows 2 and 3 then $M^2 = I$ (also $(-M)^2 = I$). There are many square roots of I : Any matrix $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix}$ has $M^2 = I$ if $a^2 + bc = 1$.

- **22** (a) $\sum a_{3j}x_j$ (b) $a_{21}-a_{11}$ (c) $a_{21}-2a_{11}$ (d) $(EAx)_1=(Ax)_1=\sum a_{1j}x_j$.
- **23** E(EA) subtracts 4 times row 1 from row 2 (EEA does the row operation twice). AE subtracts 2 times column 2 of A from column 1 (multiplication by E on the right side acts on **columns** instead of rows).
- **25** The last equation becomes 0 = 3. If the original 6 is 3, then row 1 + row 2 = row 3. Then the last equation is 0 = 0 and the system has infinitely many solutions.
- **28** A = AI = A(BC) = (AB)C = IC = C. That middle equation is crucial.