

## Module M: Understanding Matrices Algebraically

# What algebraic structure do matrices have?

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At the end of this module, students will be able to...

**M1. Matrix Multiplication.** ... multiply matrices.

**M2. Invertible Matrices.** ... determine if a square matrix is invertible or not.

**M3. Matrix inverses.** ... compute the inverse matrix of an invertible matrix.

## Readiness Assurance Outcomes

Before beginning this module, each student should be able to...

- Compose functions of real numbers
- Solve systems of linear equations **E3**
- Find the matrix corresponding to a linear transformation **A1**
- Determine if a linear transformation is injective and/or surjective **A3**
- Interpret the ideas of injectivity and surjectivity in multiple ways

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The following resources will help you prepare for this module.

- Function composition (Khan Academy): <http://bit.ly/2wkz7f3>

# Module M Section 1

**Activity M.1.1** (*~5 min*)

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**Activity M.1.9** ( $\sim 5$  min)

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be given by the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  be given by

the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find the standard matrix of  $S \circ T$ .

**Definition M.1.10**

We define the product of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and a  $n \times k$  matrix  $B$  to be the  $m \times k$  standard matrix (denoted  $AB$ ) of the composition map of the two corresponding linear functions.

**Fact M.1.11**

If  $AB$  is defined,  $BA$  need not be defined, and if it is defined, it is in general different from  $AB$ .

**Activity M.1.12** ( $\sim 10$  min)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $AB$ .

**Activity M.1.13** ( $\sim 5$  min)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $AX$

## Observation M.1.14

Consider the system of equations

$$3x + y - z = 5$$

$$2x + 4z = -7$$

$$-x + 3y + 5z = 2$$

We can interpret this as a **matrix equation**  $AX = B$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For this reason, we will swap out the use of Euclidean vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $n \times 1$  matrices  $X$  whenever it is convenient.



## Module M Section 2

**Activity M.2.1** ( $\sim 5$  min)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $I$  such that  $IA = A$ , that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition M.2.2**

The identity matrix  $I_n$  (or just  $I$  when  $n$  is obvious from context) is the  $n \times n$  matrix

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It has a 1 on each diagonal element and a 0 in every other position.

**Fact M.2.3**

For any square matrix  $A$ ,  $IA = AI = A$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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*Part 3:* Create a matrix that adds 5 times the third row of  $A$  to the first row:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+5 & 7+5 & -1-5 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Fact M.2.5**

If  $R$  is the result of applying a row operation to  $I$ , then  $RA$  is the result of applying the same row operation to  $A$ .

This means that for any matrix  $A$ , we can find a series of matrices  $R_1, \dots, R_k$  corresponding to the row operations such that

$$R_1 R_2 \cdots R_k A = \text{RREF}(A).$$

That is, row reduction can be thought of as the result of matrix multiplication.

**Activity M.2.6** ( $\sim 15$  min)

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map with standard matrix  $A$ . Sort the following items into groups of statements about  $T$ .

- (a)  $T$  is injective (i.e. one-to-one)
- (b)  $T$  is surjective (i.e. onto)
- (c)  $T$  is bijective (i.e. both injective and surjective)
- (d)  $AX = B$  has a solution for all  $m \times 1$  matrices  $B$
- (e)  $AX = B$  has a unique solution for all  $m \times 1$  matrices  $B$
- (f)  $AX = 0$  has a unique solution.
- (g) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- (h) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent
- (i) The columns of  $A$  are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- (j) Every column of  $\text{RREF}(A)$  has a pivot
- (k) Every row of  $\text{RREF}(A)$  has a pivot
- (l)  $m = n$  and  $\text{RREF}(A) = I$

**Activity M.2.7** ( $\sim 5$  min)

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map with matrix  $A$ . If  $T$  is injective, which of the following cannot be true?

- (a)  $A$  has strictly more columns than rows
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**Activity M.2.8** ( $\sim 5$  min)

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**Activity M.2.9** ( $\sim 5$  min)

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## Module M Section 3

## Definition M.3.1

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear map with standard matrix  $A$ .

- If  $T$  is a bijection and  $B$  is any  $\mathbb{R}^n$  vector, then  $T(X) = AX = B$  has a unique solution  $X$ .
- So we may define an **inverse map**  $T^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by setting  $T^{-1}(B) = X$  to be this unique solution.
- Let  $A^{-1}$  be the standard matrix for  $T^{-1}$ . We call  $A^{-1}$  the **inverse matrix** of  $A$ , so we also say that  $A$  is **invertible**.

**Activity M.3.2** (*~10 min*)

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*Part 2:* If  $A$  is the standard matrix for  $T$  and  $A^{-1}$  is the standard matrix for  $T^{-1}$ , what must  $A^{-1}A$  be?

### Observation M.3.3

$T^{-1} \circ T = T \circ T^{-1}$  is the identity map for any bijective linear transformation  $T$ .  
Therefore  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$  is the identity matrix for any invertible matrix  $A$ .

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*Part 4:* Compute  $A^{-1}$ , the standard matrix for  $T^{-1}$ .



### Observation M.3.5

We could have solved these three systems simultaneously by row reducing the matrix  $[A \mid I]$  at once.

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & -1 & -6 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 14 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

**Activity M.3.6** ( $\sim 10$  min)

Find the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  by row-reducing  $[A \mid I]$ .

**Activity M.3.7** (*~10 min*)

Is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible? Give a reason for your answer.

**Observation M.3.8**

A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible if and only if  $\text{RREF}(A) = I_n$ .