

Proof of Observation 6: Suppose the non-homogeneous system $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ has at least one solution, say $\bar{u} \neq \bar{0}$. A vector \bar{y} is a solution of the system if and only if $\bar{y} = \bar{u} + \bar{v}$, where \bar{v} is a solution of the associated homogeneous system $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$. (1)

[\Rightarrow] Suppose \bar{y} is a ~~solution~~ solution of the system. Put $\bar{v} = \bar{y} - \bar{u}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } A\bar{v} &= A(\bar{y} - \bar{u}) = A\bar{y} - A\bar{u} \\ &= \bar{b} - \bar{b} = \bar{0}.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \bar{v}$ is a solution of the homogeneous system, and $\bar{y} = \bar{u} + \bar{v}$.

[\Leftarrow] Conversely, suppose \bar{v} is any solution of the homogeneous system.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } A(\bar{u} + \bar{v}) &= A\bar{u} + A\bar{v} \\ &= \bar{b} + \bar{0} = \bar{b}.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \bar{u} + \bar{v}$ is a solution of the non-homogeneous system.

Summary for Non-Homogeneous

System: $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$

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Associated Homogeneous
System $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$

Non-Homogeneous
System

Case 1: Unique Solution
(trivial)



No free variable



Inconsistent

OR

Unique Solution

Case 2: Infinitely many
solutions



At least one
free variable



Inconsistent

OR

Infinitely Many
solutions

Proof of VIT :

We will proceed as follows :

$$(a) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (a)$$

[$(a) \Leftrightarrow (d)$, i.e. $(a) \Rightarrow (d) \Rightarrow (a)$ will be done later.]

(a) \Rightarrow (c) Given: A is invertible.

To Prove: $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

Suppose \bar{y} is any solution of $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$.

$$\therefore A\bar{y} = \bar{0}$$

Multiply on left by A^{-1} .

$$\therefore A^{-1}(A\bar{y}) = A^{-1}\bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

$$\text{LHS} = (A^{-1}A)\bar{y} = I\bar{y} = \bar{y}$$

$$\therefore \bar{y} = \bar{0}, \text{ as required.}$$

(c) \Rightarrow (b) Given: the homogeneous system

$A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

To prove: A is row-equivalent to I .

Now, if R is the RREF matrix of A ,

then $R\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ has only the trivial solution

$\Rightarrow R$ has no free variables

$\Rightarrow R$ has only basic variables

$\Rightarrow R$ has a leading 1 in each row (there are m rows)

$\Rightarrow R$ has exactly one 1 in each column (since no. of columns = m)

$\Rightarrow R$ is I_m

(w) \Rightarrow (a)

Given: A is row-equivalent to I .

To prove: A is invertible.

Now, A is row equivalent to I

\Rightarrow There are elementary row operations $e_p, e_{p-1}, \dots, e_2, e_1$ s.t.

$$e_p(e_{p-1}(\dots(e_2(e_1)A)\dots)) = I \quad (1)$$

If E_i is the elementary matrix corresponding to e_i , we can write (1) as :-

$$E_p(E_{p-1}(\dots(E_2(E_1 A))\dots)) = I$$

(using Prop. 5)

$$\therefore (E_p \dots E_1) A = I \quad (2)$$

Putting $B = E_p \dots E_1$, we get from Prop. 6 and Observation 4 for Invertible Matrices, that B is invertible.

From (2), $BA = I$.

Multiplying by B^{-1} on the left,

$$B^{-1}(BA) = B^{-1}I$$

$$\Rightarrow A = B^{-1}$$

Hence, A , being the inverse of an invertible matrix, is itself invertible (Observation 2).

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An example for finding the inverse of a matrix by row-reduction:-

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. we work with the enlarged matrix
 $[A : I]$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1}}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -6 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow (-1)R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3}}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -11 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$I : A^{-1}$$

(P.T.O.)

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Check:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: This method is preferable to the Adjoint / Determinant formula, which requires approx. $n!$ calculations. Gauss-Jordan elimination requires approx. $\frac{3}{2}n^3$ operations.