

## Step-1

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices.

We have to show that  $I - BA$  is invertible if  $I - AB$  is invertible.

## Step-2

Take  $B(I - AB) = (I - BA)B$

Multiplying both sides with  $B^{-1}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} B(I - AB)B^{-1} &= (I - BA)BB^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow B(I - AB)B^{-1} &= (I - BA)I \quad \left( \text{Since } BB^{-1} = I \right) \\ \Rightarrow I - BA &= B(I - AB)B^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (I - BA)^{-1} &= \left( B(I - AB)B^{-1} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( B^{-1} \right)^{-1} (I - AB)^{-1} B^{-1} \quad \left( \text{Since } (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \right) \\ &= B(I - AB)^{-1}B^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I - BA$  is invertible if  $B$  and  $I - AB$  is invertible.

## Step-3

Suppose  $I - BA$  is not invertible.

Then  $BA = I$

And  $BAx = x$ , for some nonzero  $x$  has no solution.

Multiplying left side of  $BAx = x$  with  $A$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} ABAX &= Ax \\ \Rightarrow ABY &= y \quad \left( \text{Since let } Ax = y \right) \\ \Rightarrow (I - AB)y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I - AB$  could not be invertible which is a contradiction to the hypothesis.

Hence  $I - BA$  is invertible.