

# Linear algebra

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## Basic matrix arithmetic

If

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

find:<sup>1</sup>

a.  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

b.  $-4\mathbf{b}$

$$-4\mathbf{b} = -4 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

c.  $3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}$

$$3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b} = 3 \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## More complex matrix arithmetic

Suppose

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2q \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} p+2 \\ -5 \\ 3r \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Pemberton and Rau 11.1.2

If  $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{y}$ , find  $p, q, r$ .<sup>2</sup>

**Solution:** We can calculate each element of the vector independently, given our knowledge of the relationship between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= 2(p + 2) \\ 3 &= 2p + 4 \\ -1 &= 2p \\ -\frac{1}{2} &= p \\ 2q &= 2(-5) \\ 2q &= -10 \\ q &= -5 \\ 6 &= 2(3r) \\ 6 &= 6r \\ 1 &= r \end{aligned}$$

So  $p = -\frac{1}{2}, q = -5, r = 1$ .

## Check for linear dependence

Which of the following sets of vectors are linearly dependent?<sup>3</sup>

In each part, you can denote each vector as  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  respectively.

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Yes:  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

Yes:  $\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$

c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 7 \\ 9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Yes:  $0\mathbf{a} + 1\mathbf{b} + 0\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$

d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Linearly independent.

## Vector length

Find the length of the following vectors:<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Pemberton and Rau 11.1.3

<sup>3</sup>Pemberton and Rau 11.1.4

<sup>4</sup>Simon and Blume 10.10

a.  $(3, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} &= \sqrt{9 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{25} \\ &= 5\end{aligned}$$

b.  $(0, -3)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{0^2 + (-3)^2} &= \sqrt{0 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

c.  $(1, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} &= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

d.  $(1, 2, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} &= \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{14}\end{aligned}$$

e.  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} &= \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{30} \\ &\approx 5.47726\end{aligned}$$

f.  $(3, 0, 0, 0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{3^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} &= \sqrt{9 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0} \\ &= \sqrt{9} \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

## Law of cosines

The **law of cosines** states:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle from  $\mathbf{w}$  to  $\mathbf{v}$  measured in radians. Of importance,  $\arccos()$  is the inverse of  $\cos()$ :

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|}\right)$$

For each of the following pairs of vectors, calculate the angle between them. Report your answers in both radians and degrees. To convert between radians and degrees:<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Simon and Blume 10.12

$$\text{Degrees} = \text{Radians} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

a.  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 0), \quad \mathbf{w} = (2, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} &= (1)(2) + (0)(2) \\ &= 2 + 0 \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 0} \\ &= \sqrt{1} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{w}\| &= \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{8} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 \times 2} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arccos\left(\frac{2}{1(2\sqrt{2})}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

b.  $\mathbf{v} = (4, 1), \quad \mathbf{w} = (2, -8)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} &= (4)(2) + (1)(-8) \\ &= 8 + (-8) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{17} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{w}\| &= \sqrt{2^2 + (-8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 64} \\ &= \sqrt{68} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 \times 17} \\ &= 2\sqrt{17}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arccos\left(\frac{0}{1(2\sqrt{17})}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= 90^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Note: you could stop after solving  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ , because the denominator will be irrelevant.

c.  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 0), \quad \mathbf{w} = (1, 2, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} &= (1)(1) + (1)(2) + (0)(2) \\ &= 1 + 2 + 0 \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{v}\| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 0} \\ &= \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{w}\| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{9}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{9})}\right) \\ &= \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2} \times 3}\right) \\ &= \arccos\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{18}}\right) \\ &= \arccos\left(\frac{3}{3\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &= \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

## Matrix algebra

Using the matrices below, calculate the following. Some may not be defined; if that is the case, say so.<sup>6</sup>

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -8 & -5 \\ -3 & 7 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a.  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 8 \\ -2 + 0 \\ 9 + (-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>6</sup>Grimmer HW5.3

b.  $-\mathbf{G}$

$$-\mathbf{G} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -8 & -5 \\ -3 & 7 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

c.  $\mathbf{D}'$

$$\mathbf{D}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

d.  $\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}$

$\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}$  does not exist. The matrices are not the same dimensions.

e.  $\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{B}$

This is a  $1 \times 3$  matrix multiplied by a  $3 \times 1$  matrix, resulting in a  $1 \times 1$  matrix (aka a **dot product**).

$$\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{B} = 3(8) + (-2)(0) + 9(-1) = 24 + 0 - 9 = 15$$

f.  $\mathbf{BC}$

$\mathbf{BC}$  does not exist. The matrices are non-conformable.

g.  $\mathbf{FB}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{FB} &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4(8) + 1(0) + (-5)(-1) \\ 0(8) + 7(0) + 7(-1) \\ 2(8) + (-3)(0) + 0(-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 32 + 0 + 5 \\ 0 + 0 - 7 \\ 16 + 0 + 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 37 \\ -7 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

h.  $\mathbf{E} - 5\mathbf{I}_3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} - 5\mathbf{I}_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} - (5) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

i.  $\mathbf{M}^2$

Recall that  $\mathbf{M}^2 = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}$ , so we must pre-multiply the matrix by itself.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + -1 \times -1 & 1 \times -1 + -1 \times 3 \\ -1 \times 1 + 3 \times -1 & -1 \times -1 + 3 \times 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & -1+(-3) \\ -1-3 & 1+9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

## Matrix inversion

Invert each of the following matrices by hand (you can use a calculator or computer to check your solution, but be sure to show your work). Verify you have the correct inverse by calculating  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ . Not all of the matrices may be invertible - if not, show why.<sup>7</sup>

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Recall the rule for inverting  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{X}^{-1} &= |\mathbf{X}|^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_{22} & -x_{12} \\ -x_{21} & x_{11} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{X}|} \begin{bmatrix} x_{22} & -x_{12} \\ -x_{21} & x_{11} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Given this rule, first calculate the determinant of the matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathbf{X}| &= (2 \times 1) - (1 \times 1) \\ &= 2 - 1 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Now we can easily solve for the inverse:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Solve for the determinant

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<sup>7</sup>Simon and Blume 8.19

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathbf{X}| &= (2 \times -2) - (1 \times -4) \\
 &= -4 - (-4) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

At this point we are done. The matrix has a determinant of zero, making it singular. Singular matrices cannot be inverted.

c. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & -10 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** With a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, we need to apply Gauss-Jordan elimination to obtain the inverse.

1. Setup the augmented matrix with the identity matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

2. Swap row 1 with row 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

3. Add  $\frac{2}{3} \times$  row 1 to row 2

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2/3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

4. Add  $\frac{1}{3} \times$  row 1 to row 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2/3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

5. Add row 2 to row 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2/3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

6. Divide row 3 by 3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2/3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

7. Subtract  $3 \times$  row 3 from row 2

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2/3 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$



8. Multiply row 2 by  $-\frac{3}{2}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

9. Add  $10\times$  row 2 to row 1

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & 0 & 0 & 15 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

10. Divide row 1 by  $-6$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -5/2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

11. The inverse of the original matrix is the right part of the augmented matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & -10 & 0 \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -5/2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

12. Factor out common terms

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 3 \\ -6 & -10 & 0 \end{array} \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -15 & 0 & -6 \\ 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

## Dummy encoding for categorical variables

Ordinary least squares regression is a common method for obtaining regression parameters relating a set of explanatory variables with a continuous outcome of interest. The vector  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  that contains the intercept and the regression slope is calculated by the equation:

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$$

If an explanatory variable is nominal (i.e. ordering does not matter) with more than two classes (e.g. {White, Black, Asian, Mixed, Other}), the variable must be modified to include in the regression model. A common technique known as **dummy encoding** converts the column into a series of  $n - 1$  binary (0/1) columns where each column represents a single class and  $n$  is the total number of unique classes in the original column. Explain why this method converts the column into  $n - 1$  columns, rather than  $n$  columns, in terms of linear algebra. **Reminder:  $\mathbf{X}$  contains both the dummy encoded columns as well as a column of 1s representing the intercept.**<sup>8</sup>

**Solution:** In order to calculate  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ , we must be able to calculate  $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ . And we can only invert  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  if the matrix is **nonsingular**. What could make a matrix singular? If at least one column is **linearly dependent** (i.e. its value can be produced by linear combinations of other columns in the matrix), then the matrix will not be **full rank**. A square matrix that is not full rank will produce a determinant of 0, which as you'll recall in the case of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix would require division by zero.

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<sup>8</sup>Benjamin Soltoff

$$\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \frac{1}{0} \begin{bmatrix} x_{22} & -x_{12} \\ -x_{21} & x_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  must be full rank in order to invert it. How does this effect our one-hot encoding scheme? If we were to convert the explanatory variable into  $n$  binary variables, the matrix  $X$  is nonsingular. That is, any of the columns in  $\mathbf{X}$  can be represented as a linear combination of the other columns.

This leads to the problem of what happens when we calculate  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ . Suppose

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It's transpose is

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The problem is that  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  is still non-invertible. The determinant of  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  is 0. Notice that the first column  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_3$ . In fact,  $\mathbf{X}$  being invertible is a necessary condition for  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  being invertible.

## Solve the system of equations

Solve the following systems of equations for  $x, y, z$ , either via matrix inversion or substitution:<sup>9</sup>

a. System #1

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 2 \\ 3x - 2y + z &= 1 \\ y - z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

- Using matrix inversion:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = [2, 1, 3]' \quad \mathbf{x} = [x, y, z]$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}$$

You can use (a lot) of Gauss-Jordan elimination to invert the matrix. Or just use R.

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<sup>9</sup>Gill 4.19

```
A <- matrix(c(1, 1, 2, 3, -2, 1, 0, 1, -1),
            nrow = 3,
            ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
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y <- c(2, 1, 3)
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```
solve(A)      # inverse of A
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##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]  0.1  0.3  0.5
## [2,]  0.3 -0.1  0.5
## [3,]  0.3 -0.1 -0.5
```

```
solve(A, y)   # inverse of A times y = x
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## [1]  2  2 -1
```

- Using Gauss-Jordan elimination

We start with the augmented matrix representation:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

## Step-by-step Gauss-Jordan Elimination

1. Keep Row 1 as is (pivot is already 1).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

2. Row 2 = Row 2 - 3 \* Row 1

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

3. Row 2 = Row 2 / (-5)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

4. Row 1 = Row 1 - Row 2, Row 3 = Row 3 - Row 2

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

5. Row 3 = Row 3 / (-2)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

6. Row 1 = Row 1 - Row 3, Row 2 = Row 2 - Row 3

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

Result

$$x = 2, y = 2, z = -1$$

- Using substitution

1.  $1 \times$  third row added to the second row and  $2 \times$  third row added to the first row.

$$x + 3y = 8$$

$$3x - y = 4$$

$$y - z = 3$$

2.  $-3 \times$  first row added to the second row.

$$x + 3y = 8$$

$$-10y = -20$$

$$y - z = 3$$

3. Solve for  $y$  and  $z$ .

$$-10y = -20 \implies y = 2$$

$$y - z = 3 \implies z = -1$$

4. Substitute  $y$  into the first equation.

$$x + 3(2) = 8 \implies x = 2$$

Final solution:  $x = 2, y = 2, z = -1$ .

a. System #2

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

$$4x + y - 2z = 10$$

$$x + 3y + z = 0$$

- Using Gauss-Jordan Elimination

We start with the augmented matrix representation:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

1. Keep Row 1 as is (pivot is already 1).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

2. Row 2 = Row 2 - 4 \* Row 1, Row 3 = Row 3 - Row 1

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -10 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

3. Row 2 = Row 2 / 5

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

4. Row 3 = Row 3 - 4 \* Row 2, Row 1 = Row 1 + Row 2

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{12}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -\frac{18}{5} \end{array} \right]$$

5. Row 3 = Row 3 / 7

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{12}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{22}{35} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{18}{35} \end{array} \right]$$

Result

$$x = \frac{12}{5}, y = -\frac{22}{35}, z = -\frac{18}{35}$$

- Using matrix inversion

```
A <- matrix(c(1, -1, 2, 4, 1, -2, 1, 3, 1),
            nrow = 3,
            ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
```

```
y <- c(2, 10, 0)
```

```
solve(A)      # inverse of A
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  0.2000000  0.2000000  1.387779e-17
## [2,] -0.1714286 -0.02857143  2.857143e-01
## [3,]  0.3142857 -0.11428571  1.428571e-01
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```
solve(A, y)   # inverse of A times y = x
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```
## [1]  2.4000000 -0.6285714 -0.5142857
```

- Using substitution

1. Add row 1 to row 2:

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

$$5x = 12$$

$$x + 3y + z = 0$$

2. Solve for  $x$ :

$$5x = 12 \implies x = \frac{12}{5}$$

3. Plug in  $x = \frac{12}{5}$  and add row 1 multiplied by 3 to row 3:

$$\frac{12}{5} - y + 2z = 2$$

$$4\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) + 7z = 6$$

4. Solve for  $z$ :

$$4\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) + 7z = 6 \implies z = -\frac{18}{35}$$

5. Solve for  $y$ :

$$\frac{12}{5} - y + 2\left(-\frac{18}{35}\right) = 2 \implies y = -\frac{22}{35}$$

Final solution:

$$x = \frac{12}{5}, y = -\frac{22}{35}, z = -\frac{18}{35}$$

## Multiplying by 0

When it comes to real numbers, we know that if  $xy = 0$ , then either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$  or both. One might believe that a similar idea applies to matrices, but one would be wrong. Prove that if the matrix product  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{0}$  (by which we mean a matrix of appropriate dimensionality made up entirely of zeroes), then it is not necessarily true that either  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$ . Hint: in order to prove that something is not always true, simply identify one example where  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .<sup>10</sup>

**Solution:** Generally speaking, it is easy to show that something is *not* necessarily true. All that is needed is a single counterexample! And in this case, there are infinitely many counterexamples. Here's one:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 1(1) + 1(-1) & 1(1) + 1(-1) \\ 1(-1) + 1(1) & 1(-1) + 1(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>10</sup>Grimmer HW5.5