

# Chapter 2 Matrix Algebra

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# Matrix Operations

- If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix—that is, a matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns—then the scalar entry in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of  $A$  is denoted by  $a_{ij}$  and is called the  $(i, j)$ -entry of  $A$ .
- Each column of  $A$  is a list of  $m$  real numbers, which identifies a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

The diagram illustrates the notation for a matrix  $A$ . It shows a matrix with rows and columns. The  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column are highlighted in light blue. The entry at the intersection of this row and column is  $a_{ij}$ . The matrix is enclosed in large square brackets, with the label "Row  $i$ " to the left of the row and "Column  $j$ " above the column. The matrix is followed by an equals sign and the letter  $A$ . Below the matrix, three column vectors are indicated:  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_j$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_n$ , each with an upward-pointing arrow indicating its position in the matrix.

$$\begin{matrix} & & \text{Column } j & & \\ & & j & & \\ \text{Row } i & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1j} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \cdots & a_{ij} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mj} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{array} \right] & = & A \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \\ & \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_j & \mathbf{a}_n & \end{matrix}$$

Matrix notation.

# Matrix Operations

- The columns are denoted by  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ , and the matrix  $A$  is written as  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_n]$
- The number  $a_{ij}$  is the  $i$ th entry (from the top) of the  $j$ th column vector  $\mathbf{a}_j$ .
- The **diagonal entries** in an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  are  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$ , and they form the **main diagonal** of  $A$ .
- A **diagonal matrix** is an  $n \times n$  matrix whose nondiagonal entries are zero.
- An example is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix,  $I_n$ .

## Sums and Scalar Multiples

- An  $m \times n$  matrix whose entries are all zero is a **zero matrix** and is written as  $0$ .
- Two matrices are **equal** if they have the same size and their corresponding entries are equal.
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $m \times n$  matrices, then the **sum**  $A+B$  is the  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns are the sums of the corresponding columns in  $A$  and  $B$ .

## Sums and Scalar Multiples

The **sum**  $A + B$  is defined only when  $A$  and  $B$  are the **same size**.

- **Example:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix},$

and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A + B$  and  $A + C$ .

- **Solution:**  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  but  $A + C$  is not defined because  $A$  and  $C$  have different sizes.

## Sums and Scalar Multiples

- If  $r$  is a scalar and  $A$  is a matrix, then the **scalar multiple**  $rA$  is the matrix whose columns are  $r$  times the corresponding columns in  $A$ .

Example: For  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $3C$ .

# Sums and Scalar Multiples

- **Theorem:** Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  and  $s$  be scalars.
  - a.  $A + B = B + A$
  - b.  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
  - c.  $A + 0 = A$
  - d.  $r(A + B) = rA + rB$
  - e.  $(r + s)A = rA + sA$
  - f.  $r(sA) = (rs)A$
- Each quantity in Theorem 1 is verified by showing that the matrix on the left side has the same size as the matrix on the right and that corresponding columns are equal.



# Matrix Multiplication

- **Row—column rule for computing  $AB$**
- If a product  $AB$  is defined, then the entry in row  $i$  and column  $j$  of  $AB$  is the sum of the products of corresponding entries from row  $i$  of  $A$  and column  $j$  of  $B$ .
- If  $(AB)_{ij}$  denotes the  $(i, j)$ -entry in  $AB$ , and if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then

$$(AB)_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}.$$

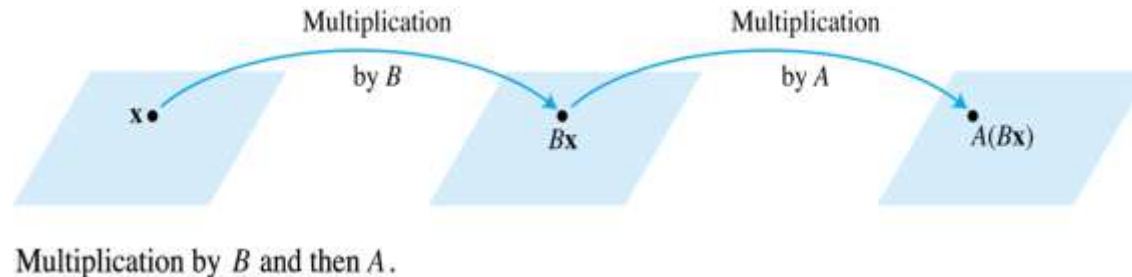
# Matrix Multiplication

- **Definition:** If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $B$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix with columns  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_p$ , then the product  $AB$  is the  $m \times p$  matrix whose columns are  $A\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{b}_p$ .
- That is,  $AB = A \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{b}_1 & A\mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & A\mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix}$
- **Multiplication of matrices corresponds to composition of linear transformations.**

Each column of  $AB$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using weights from the corresponding column of  $B$ .

# Matrix Multiplication

- When a matrix  $B$  multiplies a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , it transforms  $\mathbf{x}$  into the vector  $B\mathbf{x}$ .
- If this vector is then multiplied in turn by a matrix  $A$ , the resulting vector is  $A(B\mathbf{x})$ .



- Thus  $A(B\mathbf{x})$  is produced from  $\mathbf{x}$  by a composition of mappings.

# Matrix Multiplication

- **Example:** Compute  $AB$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Solution:** Write  $B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{b}_3]$  and compute :

# Matrix Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{b}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{b}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{b}_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

• Then

$$AB = A[\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{b}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 0 & 21 \\ -1 & 13 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $A\mathbf{b}_1 \quad A\mathbf{b}_2 \quad A\mathbf{b}_3$

# Properties of Matrix Multiplication

- **Theorem:** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $B$  and  $C$  have sizes for which the indicated sums and products are defined.
  - a.  $A(BC) = (AB)C$  (associative law of multiplication)
  - b.  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (left distributive law)
  - c.  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  (right distributive law)
  - d.  $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$  for any scalar  $r$
  - e.  $I_m A = A = A I_n$  (identity for matrix multiplication)

# Properties of Matrix Multiplication

- If  $AB = BA$ , we say that  $A$  and  $B$  **commute** with one another.
- **Warnings:**
  1. In general,  $AB \neq BA$ .
  2. The cancellation laws do **not** hold for matrix multiplication. That is, if  $AB = AC$ , then it is **not** true in general that  $B = C$ .
  3. If a product  $AB$  is the zero matrix, you **cannot** conclude in general that either  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ .

# Powers of a Matrix

- If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and if  $k$  is a positive integer, then  $A^k$  denotes the product of  $k$  copies of  $A$ :

$$A^k = \underbrace{A \cdots A}_k$$

- If  $A$  is nonzero and if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $A^k \mathbf{x}$  is the result of left-multiplying  $\mathbf{x}$  by  $A$  repeatedly  $k$  times.
- If  $k = 0$ , then  $A^0 \mathbf{x}$  should be  $\mathbf{x}$  itself.
- Thus  $A^0$  is interpreted as the identity matrix.



# The Transpose of a Matrix

- Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the **transpose** of  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed from the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Transpose of a Matrix

**Theorem:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote matrices whose sizes are appropriate for the following sums and products.

- a.  $(A^T)^T = A$
- b.  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- c. For any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = rA^T$
- d.  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

The transpose of a product of matrices equals the product of their transposes in the **reverse** order.

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## Matrix Operations

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be invertible if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that

$$CA = I \text{ and } AC = I$$

where  $I = I_n$ , the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

- In this case,  $C$  is an inverse of  $A$ .
- In fact,  $C$  is **uniquely determined** by  $A$ , because if  $B$  were another inverse of  $A$ , then

$$B = BI = B(AC) = (BA)C = IC = C$$

- This unique inverse is denoted by  $A^{-1}$ , so that

$$A^{-1}A = I \text{ and } AA^{-1} = I$$

## Matrix Operations

- **Theorem:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

- The quantity  $ad - bc$  is called the determinant of  $A$ , and we write  $\det A = ad - bc$
- This theorem says that a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

## Matrix Operations

- **Theorem:** If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .
  - **Proof:** Take any  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - A solution exists because if  $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  is substituted for  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $A\mathbf{x} = A(A^{-1}\mathbf{b}) = (AA^{-1})\mathbf{b} = I\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$ .
  - So  $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  is a solution.
  - To prove that the solution is unique, show that if  $\mathbf{u}$  is any solution, then  $\mathbf{u}$  must be  $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .
  - If  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ , we can multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$  and obtain  $A^{-1}A\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ ,  $I\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

# Matrix Operations

- **Theorem:**

a. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible and

$$(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

b. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, then so is  $AB$ , and the inverse of  $AB$  is the product of the inverses of  $A$  and  $B$  in the reverse order. That is,

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

c. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then so is  $A^T$ , and the inverse of  $A^T$ , is the transpose of  $A^{-1}$ . That is,

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

## Matrix Operations

- **Proof:** To verify statement (a), find a matrix  $C$  such that

$$A^{-1}C = I \text{ and } CA^{-1} = I$$

- These equations are satisfied with  $A$  in place of  $C$ . Hence  $A^{-1}$  is invertible, and  $A$  is its inverse.
- Next, to prove statement (b), compute:

$$(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$$

- A similar calculation shows that  $(B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = I$ .
- For statement (c), use Theorem 3(d), read from right to left,  
 $(A^{-1})^T A^T = (AA^{-1})^T = I^T = I$ .
- Similarly,  $A^T (A^{-1})^T = I^T = I$ .



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- Hence  $A^T$  is invertible, and its inverse is  $(A^{-1})^T$ .
- The generalization of Theorem 6(b) is as follows:  
The product of  $n \times n$  invertible matrices is invertible, and the inverse is the product of their inverses in the reverse order.
- An invertible matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to an identity matrix, and we can find  $A^{-1}$  by watching the row reduction of  $A$  to  $I$ .

## Elementary Matrices

- An **elementary matrix** is one that is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix.

## Elementary Matrices

- **Example:** Let  $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compute  $E_1A$ ,  $E_2A$ , and  $E_3A$ , and describe how these products can be obtained by elementary row operations on  $A$ .

# Elementary Matrices

- **Solution:** Verify that

$$E_1A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g-4a & h-4b & i-4c \end{bmatrix}, E_2A = \begin{bmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_3A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 5g & 5h & 5i \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Addition of  $-4$  times row 1 of  $A$  to row 3 produces  $E_1A$ .

## Elementary Matrices

- An interchange of rows 1 and 2 of  $A$  produces  $E_2A$ , and multiplication of row 3 of  $A$  by 5 produces  $E_3A$ .
- Left-multiplication by  $E_1$  in Example 1 has the same effect on any  $3 \times n$  matrix.
- Since  $E_1I = E_1$ , we see that  $E_1$  itself is produced by this same row operation on the identity.

## Elementary Matrices

- If an elementary row operation is performed on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the resulting matrix can be written as  $EA$ , where the  $m \times m$  matrix  $E$  is created by performing the same row operation on  $I_m$ .
- Each elementary matrix  $E$  is invertible. The inverse of  $E$  is the elementary matrix of the same type that transforms  $E$  back into  $I$ .

## Elementary Matrices

- **Theorem 7:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , and in this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces  $A$  to  $I_n$  also transforms  $I_n$  into  $A^{-1}$ .
- **Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is invertible.
- Then, since the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  (Theorem 5),  $A$  has a pivot position in every row.
- Because  $A$  is square, the  $n$  pivot positions must be on the diagonal, which implies that the reduced echelon form of  $A$  is  $I_n$ . That is,  $A \sim I_n$ .

## Elementary Matrices

- Now suppose, conversely, that  $A \sim I_n$ .
- Then, since each step of the row reduction of  $A$  corresponds to left-multiplication by an elementary matrix, there exist elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_p$  such that

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

- That is,  $E_p \dots E_1 A = I_n$  --- (1)
- Since the product  $E_p \dots E_1$  of invertible matrices is

invertible, (1) leads to  $(E_p \dots E_1)^{-1} (E_p \dots E_1) A = (E_p \dots E_1)^{-1} I_n$

$$A = (E_p \dots E_1)^{-1}$$



## Algorithm for Finding Inverse of A

- Thus  $A$  is invertible, as it is the inverse of an invertible matrix (Theorem 6). Also,

$$A^{-1} = \left[ (E_p \dots E_1)^{-1} \right]^{-1} = E_p \dots E_1.$$

- Then  $A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_1 \cdot I_n$ , which says that  $A^{-1}$  results from applying  $E_1, \dots, E_p$  successively to  $I_n$ .
- This is the same sequence in (1) that reduced  $A$  to  $I_n$ .
- Row reduce the augmented matrix  $[A \ I]$ . If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I$ , then  $[A \ I]$  is row equivalent to  $[I \ A^{-1}]$ . Otherwise,  $A$  does not have an inverse.

## Algorithm for Finding Inverse of A

- **Example:** Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if it exists.}$$

- **Solution:**

$$[A \quad I] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Algorithm for Finding Inverse of A

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Reasonable Answers

- Theorem 7 shows, since  $A \sim I$ , that  $A$  is invertible, and

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Now, check the final answer.

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. The following are equivalent:
  - a. The matrix  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
  - b. The matrix  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
  - c.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
  - d. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
  - e. The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.

## The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- f. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.
- g. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- h. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- i. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- j. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ .
- k. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ .
- l.  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.

## The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- Additionally, whenever  $A$  is invertible:

$$A^{-1} \text{ is invertible and } (A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

- The Invertible Matrix Theorem divides the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices into two disjoint classes:

the invertible (nonsingular) matrices, and the noninvertible (singular) matrices.



## The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- **Example:** Use the Invertible Matrix Theorem to decide if  $A$  is invertible:

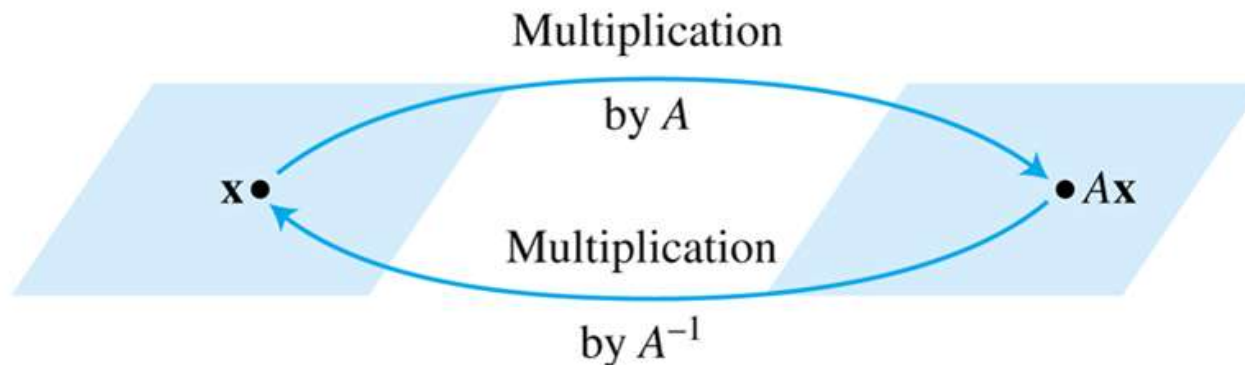
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ -5 & -1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Solution:**

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

# Invertible Linear Transformations

- Matrix multiplication corresponds to composition of linear transformations.
- When a matrix  $A$  is invertible, the equation  $A^{-1}A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$  can be viewed as a statement about linear transformations. See the following figure.



$A^{-1}$  transforms  $A\mathbf{x}$  back to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

## Invertible Linear Transformations

- A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be invertible if there exists a function  $S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$S(T(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{----(1)}$$

$$T(S(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{----(2)}$$

- **Theorem:** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation and let  $A$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is an invertible matrix. In that case, the linear transformation  $S$  given by  $S(\mathbf{x}) = A^{-1}\mathbf{x}$  is the unique function satisfying equation (1) and (2).