

MATH 1250 Lecture 7

Section 2.5 Inverse Matrices

Def: Let A be a square matrix. A is invertible if there is a matrix A^{-1} such that $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$.
 A^{-1} is the inverse of A .

Remark. If A is invertible, then the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$.

Note. $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible $\iff \text{rank } A = n$
 $\iff I_n$ is the RREF of A .

Gauss-Jordan Method for ~~find~~ computing A^{-1} :

$$[A \mid I_n] \xrightarrow[\text{if rank } A = n]{\text{row operations}} [I_n \mid A^{-1}]$$

If $\text{rank } A < n$, then A is not invertible (A is singular)

Ex: Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution

$$[A \mid I_3] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow[R_3 + \frac{1}{2}R_2]{R_1 + R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\text{(-1) } R_3]{R_1 + R_3, -\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ = [I_3 \mid A^{-1}] \end{array}$$

Ex. Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution $[A | I_3] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1}}$

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

Since $\text{rank } A = 2 < 3$, A is not invertible.

Properties. If A and B are $n \times n$ invertible matrices, then

1). $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$, 2). $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$,

3). $(A^k)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^k$, 4). $(aA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}A^{-1}$ if $a \neq 0$.

Remark. The 2×2 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible

$$\iff ad - bc \neq 0, \text{ in this case } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex. Find A if $(A - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution $A - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{11}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex. Find B if $ABA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution $A^{-1}(ABA^{-1})A = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} A$

$$\Rightarrow B = IBI = (A^{-1}A)B(A^{-1}A) = A^{-1}(ABA^{-1})A$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find A^{-1} .

Solution $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - 5R_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

$\begin{array}{l} R_1 + \frac{1}{4}R_3 \\ R_2 + \frac{3}{4}R_3 \\ -\frac{1}{4}R_3 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -\frac{15}{4} & 1 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{4} & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$

$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{13}{8} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{15}{8} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{4} & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] = [I | A^{-1}]$

Section 2.7 Transposes and Permutations

Defⁿ. The transpose of A is the matrix obtained by exchanging rows and columns of A , denoted by A^T .

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

Properties. 1. $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$, 2. $(aA)^T = aA^T$,
3. $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, 4. $(A^T)^T = A$, 5. $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$.

Defⁿ. A is symmetric if $A^T = A$.

A is anti-symmetric if $A^T = -A$.

Ex. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 6 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are symmetric.

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are anti-symmetric.

Ex. If A is a square matrix, then

$$(A + A^T)^T = A^T + (A^T)^T = A^T + A = A + A^T,$$

$$(A - A^T)^T = A^T - (A^T)^T = A^T - A = -(A - A^T)$$

So $A + A^T$ is symmetric, $A - A^T$ is anti-symmetric.