

Inverse of a Matrix

1. What is the inverse of a matrix
 - a) If B is an inverse of A, then A is an inverse of B, A and B are inverses to each other
 - b) A is called invertible if there is a matrix B, such that $AB = I$ and $BA = I$
 - c) Non-square matrix cannot be invertible
 - d) The inverse of a matrix is unique
 - e) A and B are invertible $n \times n$ matrices, AB is invertible: $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
 - f) A is invertible, A^T is invertible: $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
2. Invertible
 - a) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. A is invertible if and only if:
 - The columns of A span R^n
 - For every b in R^n , the system $Ax=b$ is consistent
 - The rank of A is n
 - The columns of A are linear independent
 - The only solution to $Ax=0$ is the zero vector
 - The nullity of A is zero
 - The reduced row echelon form of A is I_n
 - A is a product of elementary matrices
 - There exists an $n \times n$ matrix B such that $BA = I_n$
 - There exists an $n \times n$ matrix C such that $AC = I_n$
 - b) One-to-one
 - i) If co-domain is smaller than domain, f cannot be one-to-one
 - ii) If a matrix is dwarf-fat, it cannot be one-to-one
 - iii) $f(x) = b$ has at most one solution
 - iv) if a matrix is one-to-one, its columns are independent
 - c) Onto
 - i) If co-domain is larger than domain, f cannot be onto
 - ii) If a matrix is high-thin, it cannot be onto
 - iii) $f(x) = b$ always have solution
 - iv) if a matrix is onto, rank A = num of rows
 - d) one-to-one and onto
 - i) the domain and co-domain must have the same size
 - ii) the corresponding matrix is square
 - iii) one-to-one \iff onto
3. Inverse of elementary matrices
 - a) Every elementary row operation can be performed by matrix multiplication
 - b) Find elementary matrix: apply the desired ERO on Identity matrix
 - c) Inverse of elementary matrix: reverse ERO on identity matrix
4. Inverse of general invertible matrices
 - a) Let A be $n \times n$ matrix, A is invertible if and only if RREF of A is I_n
 - b) $E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = R = I_n \implies A^{-1} = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1$
 - c) Let A be $n \times n$ matrix, transform $[A \ I_n]$ into its RREF $[R \ B]$, R is the RREF of A, B is an $n \times n$ matrix (not RREF), if $R = I_n$, then A is invertible and $B = A^{-1}$