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Inverse and Transpose

The **inverse** of a matrix A is denoted A^{-1} . Multiplying by the inverse results in the identity matrix.

A non square matrix does not have an inverse matrix. We can compute inverses of matrices in octave with the `pinv(A)` function and in Matlab with the `inv(A)` function. Matrices that don't have an inverse are *singular* or *degenerate*.

The **transposition** of a matrix is like rotating the matrix 90° in clockwise direction and then reversing it. We can compute transposition of matrices in matlab with the `transpose(A)` function or `A'`:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & c & e \\ b & d & f \end{bmatrix}$$

In other words:

$$A_{ij} = A_{ji}^T$$

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1 % Initialize matrix A
2 A = [1,2,0;0,5,6;7,0,9]
3
4 % Transpose A
5 A_trans = A'
6
7 % Take the inverse of A
8 A_inv = inv(A)
9
10 % What is A^(-1)*A?
11 A_invA = inv(A)*A
12
13
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