

$$a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$1 \cdot a = 1 \cdot a = a$$

$$I_m \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

IDENTITY MATRIX

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$I_m A = A I_n = A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & & 1 & & 0 \\ 0 & & & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

BUT PRODUCT OF MATRICES IS NOT SYMMETRIC

$$a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a \neq 0$$

$$a^{-1} \cdot a = a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$$

$$a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$$

ONLY FOR SQUARE MATRIX

DEFINITION:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  A IS CALLED INVERTIBLE IF IT EXISTS  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  SUCH THAT  $CA = AC = I_n$  OTHERWISE A IS SAID NON INVERTIBLE

OBSERVATION: IF IT EXISTS, THE MATRIX C IS UNIQUE

$$CA = AC = I_n$$

$$BA = AB = I_n$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

PROPERTY OF THE IDENTITY

$$B = B I_n = B A C = I_n C = C \text{ so } B = C$$

THE MATRIX C (IF IT EXISTS) IS UNIQUE AND IT IS CALLED THE INVERSE MATRIX OF A. IT IS INDICATED WITH  $C = A^{-1}$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ INVERTIBLE}$$

$$A^{-1} A = I_n \quad A^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

INVERSE OF A

$$\boxed{N=2} \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

CHECK THAT IF  $(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) \neq 0$

THEN A IS INVERTIBLE, ITS INVERSE BEING

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} A = I_n$$

$A^{-1}$

A

$$A^{-1} A = \frac{1}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22}a_{11} - a_{12}a_{21} & a_{22}a_{12} - a_{12}a_{22} \\ -a_{21}a_{11} + a_{11}a_{21} & -a_{21}a_{12} + a_{11}a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A A^{-1} = I_n$$

**THEOREM:** IF  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  IS AN INVERTIBLE MATRIX, THEN THE LINEAR SYSTEM  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  ( $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ) ALWAYS HAS ONE UNIQUE SOLUTION  $\underline{x}$  FOR ANY  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \quad \underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{b} \text{ IS A SOLUTION CHECK } A(A^{-1}\underline{b}) \stackrel{?}{=} \underline{b}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$AA^{-1}\underline{b} = I_N \underline{b} = \underline{b}$$

UNIQUENESS OF  $\underline{x}$

$$A\underline{y} = \underline{b}$$

$$\underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

$$\underline{y} = I_N \underline{y} = A^{-1}A\underline{y} = A^{-1}(A\underline{y}) = A^{-1}\underline{b} = \underline{x} \quad \text{SO } \underline{y} = \underline{x}$$

**THEOREM**

- ①  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  INVERTIBLE. THEN ALSO  $A^{-1}$  IS INVERTIBLE AND ITS INVERSE IS  $A$
- ②  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  INVERTIBLE. THEN  $AB$  IS ALSO INVERTIBLE, WITH  $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$
- ③  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  INVERTIBLE. THEN  $A^T$  IS INVERTIBLE, WITH  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_N$$

$$A^{-1} \text{ INVERTIBLE } CA^{-1} = A^{-1}C = I_N \quad ? \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

$$C = A$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{IS } AB \text{ INVERTIBLE?}$$

$$C(AB) = (AB)C = I_N$$

$$C = B^{-1}A^{-1} \quad C(AB) = (B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = B^{-1}\underbrace{A^{-1}A}_{I_N}B = B^{-1}I_NB = B^{-1}B = I_N$$

**OBSERVATION**  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  ALL INVERTIBLE

THEN  $(A_1A_2A_3 \dots A_p) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  IS INVERTIBLE, AND THE INVERSE IS  $(A_p^{-1} \dots A_3^{-1}A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1})$

**ELEMENTARY MATRIX** AN ELEMENTARY MATRIX  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  IS A MATRIX OBTAINED BY APPLYING AN ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION TO  $I_N$

$$N=3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION

- SWITCH THE FIRST AND THIRD ROWS  $\rightarrow E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- MULTIPLY THE SECOND ROW BY 3  $\rightarrow E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- SUBTRACT THE FIRST ROW MULTIPLIED BY 2 TO THE SECOND ROW  $\rightarrow E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2} \quad E_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_2 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 15 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_3 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**OBSERVATION:** • (IMPORTANT!) APPLYING AN ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION TO A MATRIX  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  IS EQUIVALENT TO CALCULATE THE PRODUCT  $EA$ , WHERE  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  IS THE ELEMENTARY MATRIX ASSOCIATED TO THAT SAME ROW OPERATION (THAT IS, THE MATRIX OBTAINED BY APPLYING THE SAME ROW OPERATION TO  $I_m$ )

• ALL ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION ARE REVERSIBLE THEREFORE ALL MATRICES ARE INVERTIBLE  
 ↪ CAN GO TO THE ORIGINAL

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 THE INVERSE MATRIX IS THE ELEMENTARY MATRIX ASSOCIATED TO THE REVERSE ROW OPERATION

$$E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \bullet \text{ DIVIDE THE SECOND ROW BY 3 } = \text{MULTIPLY THE 2ND ROW BY } 1/3 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = E$$

$$EE_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_3^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  ECHELON FORM  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

IF THE MATRIX IS SQUARED AND YOU MUST HAVE A PIVOT POSITION IN EVERY ROW THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & * & * & * \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{THAT IS THE SAME TO HAVE ONE PIVOT POSITION IN EVERY COLUMN}$$

**THEOREM**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (SQUARE) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE EQUIVALENT

- A HAS A PIVOT POSITION IN EVERY ROW
- A HAS A PIVOT POSITION IN EVERY COLUMN
- THE PIVOT POSITIONS ARE ALL ON THE DIAGONAL
- (THERE ARE EXACTLY  $n$  PIVOT POSITIONS)

# THEOREM

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  IS INVERTIBLE IF AND ONLY IF IS ROW EQUIVALENT TO THE IDENTITY MATRIX  $I_N$ .  
THE INVERSE MATRIX  $A^{-1}$  CAN BE COMPUTED BY APPLYING TO  $I_N$  THE SAME ROW OPERATIONS THAT WERE APPLIED IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM  $A$  INTO  $I_N$

## LETS EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS TRUE ("PROOF")

WHY IF  $A$  IS INVERTIBLE THEN IT MUST BE ROW EQUIVALENT TO  $I_N$ ?

TODAY  $A$  IS INVERTIBLE  $\Rightarrow$  THE SYSTEM  $Ax=b$  ALWAYS HAVE A SOLUTION  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^N \Rightarrow$  THE MATRIX  $A$  HAS A PIVOT POSITION IN EVERY ROW

TODAY  $\Rightarrow$  THE MATRIX  $A$  HAS ALL PIVOT POSITION ON THE DIAGONAL  $\Rightarrow$  WITH ROW OPERATION

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & * & * & * \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

WHY A MATRIX THAT IS ROW EQUIVALENT TO THE IDENTITY MUST BE INVERTIBLE?

SAME AS DOING ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION

$A \xrightarrow{\text{ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATION}} I_N$

$E_1 \dots E_3 E_2 E_1 A$

ELEMENTARY MATRIX

$(E_1 \dots E_3 E_2 E_1) A = I_N$

$A$  IS INVERTIBLE AND  $A^{-1} = E_1 \dots E_3 E_2 E_1 = E_1 \dots E_3 E_2 E_1 I_N$

## EXAMPLE

PIVOT POSITION ON THE DIAGONAL  $\Rightarrow A$  IS INVERTIBLE

COMPUTE THE INVERSE

IDENTITY MATRIX

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3 \cdot R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3 \cdot R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cdot 1/2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3 \cdot R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3 \cdot R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1 \cdot R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cdot 1/2} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 4 & 0 \\ 7/2 & 3/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}$$

$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ I_3 \mid A^{-1} \right]$

$A$   $I_N$

$[A \mid I] \xrightarrow{\text{ROW REDUCTION ALGORITHM}} [I \mid A^{-1}]$

"DO THE SAME CALCULATION ON THE 3x6 MATRIX"

## THEOREM

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (SQUARE) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE EQUIVALENT

- $A$  IS INVERTIBLE
- $A$  IS ROW EQUIVALENT TO  $I_n$
- $A$  HAS  $n$  PIVOT POSITIONS (ALL ON THE DIAGONAL)
- THE SYSTEM  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  HAS ONLY THE TRIVIAL SOLUTION
- THE EQUATION  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  HAS (AT LEAST) ONE SOLUTION FOR EACH  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- THE COLUMNS OF  $A$  SPAN ALL  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- THERE IS  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  SUCH THAT  $CA = I_n$
- THERE IS  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  SUCH THAT  $AC = I_n$
- $A^T$  IS AN INVERTIBLE MATRIX