

## Lecture 4 — Finding inverses

**THEOREM 1.4.3** If  $R$  is the reduced row echelon form of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , then either  $R$  has a row of zeros or  $R$  is the identity matrix  $I_n$ .

Proof: Suppose the RREF form of  $A$  is

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1n} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \dots & r_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{n1} & r_{n2} & \dots & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: The last row is either a zero row or a non-zero row. If it's a non-zero row, then none of the rows before this row can be a zero row (otherwise, the RREF defn. is violated).

But then every row of  $R$  has a leading 1 and because it's an RREF form, the leading 1 of a row below a previous one is to the right of the leading 1 of that row.

This implies all leading 1's are on the main diagonal.

Since  $R$  is RREF, the non-diagonal entries must be zero.

$$\Rightarrow R = I_n.$$

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

$$A_{m \times n} \xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} B_{m \times n}$$

( $B = EA$  for some "elementary" matrix  $E$ )

$\downarrow$   
 $m \times m$

ERO

Elementary matrix  
(= matrix obtained by applying some ERO to  $I$ )

①  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$

$E = E_1$  is obtained by applying  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$  on  $I_{m \times m}$ .

②  $R_i \rightarrow cR_i$  ( $c \neq 0$ )

$E = E_2$  is obtained by applying  $R_i \rightarrow cR_i$  to  $I_{m \times m}$ .

③  $R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_j$

$E = E_3$  is obtained by applying  $R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_j$  to  $I_{m \times m}$ .

Consider the matrix

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

and consider the elementary matrix

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1$   
in  $I_{3 \times 3}$  gives  $\rightarrow$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which results from adding 3 times the first row of  $I_3$  to the third row. The product  $EA$  is

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 10 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is precisely the matrix that results when we add 3 times the first row of  $A$  to the third row. ◀

Thm. 1.5.1 :

If we do an ERO on  $I_{m \times m}$ , call the corresponding elem. mat.  $E$ , and then pre-multiply  $A_{m \times n}$  by  $E$ , then the resulting matrix  $(EA)_{m \times n}$  has the same effect, that is, it is the matrix obtained by performing the same ERO on  $A$ .

Reverse operations	Elementary matrices
① $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$	$E_1^{-1}$
② $R_i \rightarrow \frac{1}{c}R_i \quad (c \neq 0)$	$E_2^{-1}$
③ $R_i \rightarrow R_i - cR_j$	$E_3^{-1}$

Thm, Every elementary matrix is invertible  
1.5.2 & the inverse is also elementary

Proof: Suppose  $E$  is the matrix obtained by doing an ERD on  $I$ . Now if we do the reverse operation corresponding to the previous ERD on  $E$  and say the corresponding elementary matrix is  $E_0$ , then  $E_0 E$  must be  $I$  (because the reverse ERD cancels the effect of previous ERD). Similarly,  $E E_0 = I \Rightarrow E$  is invertible.

If we have a system  $Ax = b$

$\begin{matrix} \swarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ n \times n & n \times 1 & n \times 1 \end{matrix}$

&  $A$  is invertible, then

$$x = A^{-1}b \quad (\text{left multiplication by } A^{-1})$$

## Finding inverses

Find inverse (if it exists) of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

①

Ans. Write the matrix  $(A | I)$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

② Apply EROs to  $(A|I)$  & try to get RREF form of  $A$  or try to get  $(A|I)$  to be  $(I|B)$  for some  $B$ .

③ Then  $B = A^{-1}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

← We added  $-2$  times the first row to the second and  $-1$  times the first row to the third.

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

← We added 2 times the second row to the third.

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

← We multiplied the third row by  $-1$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -14 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

← We added 3 times the third row to the second and  $-3$  times the third row to the first.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -40 & 16 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

← We added  $-2$  times the second row to the first.

Thus,

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -40 & 16 & 9 \\ 13 & -5 & -3 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

Another example:

Find the inverse (if it exists) of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[A|I]$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -9 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{8} R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 9/8 & 1/4 & -1/8 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 8R_2, \quad R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 6R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 9/8 & 1/4 & -1/8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Since there is a zero-row, we conclude that  $A$  is not invertible.

### THEOREM 1.5.3 Equivalent Statements

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the following statements are equivalent, that is, all true or all false.

- (a)  $A$  is invertible.
- (b)  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- (c) The reduced row echelon form of  $A$  is  $I_n$ .
- (d)  $A$  is expressible as a product of elementary matrices.

Proof: (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b).

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} &\Rightarrow A^{-1}(A\mathbf{x}) = A^{-1}\mathbf{0} \\ &\Rightarrow (A^{-1}A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow I\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \rightarrow (c) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & & = 0 \\ & x_2 & = 0 \\ & & \vdots \\ & & x_n = 0 \end{array}$$

Apply Gauss-Jordan to get  $\rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \quad x_n = 0$

The coeff. matrix in the resulting system is  $I_n$ .

(c)  $\rightarrow$  (d)

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \rightarrow (a) \quad A &= E_1 E_2 \dots E_k \\ A^{-1} &= (E_1 E_2 \dots E_k)^{-1} = E_k^{-1} E_{k-1}^{-1} \dots E_2^{-1} E_1^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Prove that

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

Proof: We want to show

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

By matrix associativity,

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

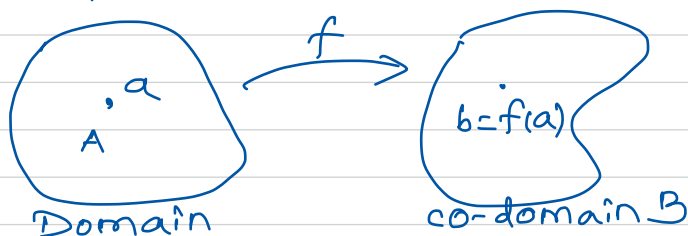
$$\text{Similarly, } (B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = I = I.$$

□



# MATRIX TRANSFORMATIONS

Function / transformation



We are concerned with

$$A = \mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$B = \mathbb{R}^m$$

Recall a standard linear system:

$$w_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n$$

$$w_2 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n$$

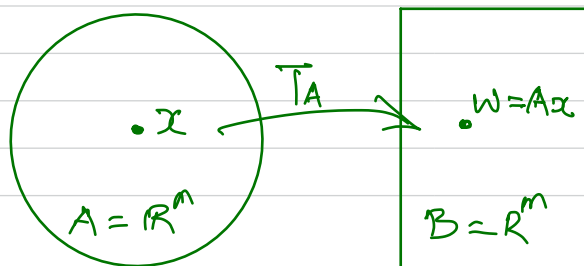
$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$w_m = a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n$$

In other words

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix} = A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$w \in \mathbb{R}^m$



$T_A$  is called a matrix transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

$T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  because we multiply the elements in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by a matrix  $A$ .

$$x \mapsto W = \underset{m \times n}{A} \underset{n \times 1}{x} \Rightarrow T_A(x) = Ax$$

$\Rightarrow A$  must be of size  $m \times n$ .

Eg. ① Zero transformation

$T_0(x)$ : matrix transformation corresponding to the zero matrix.

$$T_0(x) = \underset{m \times n}{0} \underset{n \times 1}{x} = \underset{m \times 1}{0} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

② Identity transformation

$$T_I(x) = Ix = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$T_I(x) = \underset{n \times n}{I} \underset{n \times 1}{x} = \underset{n \times 1}{x} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Note  
that  $T_I : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

## Properties of matrix transformation

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix so that  $T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .  
Then for any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\textcircled{1} T_A(u+v) = T_A(u) + T_A(v)$$

Since

$A(u+v) = Au + Av$ , the result follows.

$$\textcircled{2} T_A(ku) = k T_A(u)$$

$$A(ku) = k(Au)$$

$$\textcircled{3} T_A(0) = 0 \quad \text{1st proof: Let } u=v=0 \text{ in } \textcircled{1}$$

$$T_A(0) = T_A(0) + T_A(0) \Rightarrow T_A(0) = 0$$

$$\text{2nd: Let } u = -v \text{ in } \textcircled{1}. \text{ Then } T_A(0) = T_A(-v) + T_A(v) \\ = -T_A(v) + T_A(v) \\ = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{4} T_A(u-v) = T_A(u) - T_A(v).$$

Use  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$ .

Are the maps below matrix transformations?

$$\textcircled{1} T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$x \rightarrow 2x$$

Matrix  
transformation

$$\textcircled{2} T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Not a matrix  
transformation

## Section 1.8

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i \right\}$$

special members of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \vec{e}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

They are called standard basis vectors for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be uniquely written as a linear combination of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ , that is,

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } \vec{x} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n.$$

Defn. A transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be a linear transformation if  $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

- (1)  $T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)$  (Additivity)
- (2)  $T(ku) = kT(u)$  (Homogeneity)