

# Calculating Biological Quantities

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# Last time on CSCI 2897:

We learned that **linear algebra** (matrices and vectors) is like regular algebra, but with a few twists:

- Laws:
  - Associative Law
  - Left Distributive Law
  - Right Distributive Law
  - Commutative Law for Scalars
  - Commutative Law for matrix multiplication? No. Does not usually commute!
- Transposes:
  - $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
  - $(A^T)^T = A$
  - $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- Matrices are machines that turn vectors into other vectors.
  - The identity matrix (ones on the diagonal, zeros elsewhere) reproduces the same vector.
- Trace: sum the diagonals.
- Determinant (2x2):  $ad - bc$

# Solving a system of equations

Let's solve these two equations  $(M_{a \times r}, x)$

$$Mx = b$$

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x + 4y \\ 3x - 2y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

*Handwritten annotations:  $2 \times 2$  (green) above the first matrix,  $2 \times 1$  (green) above the second matrix, and  $2 \times 1$  (green) above the third matrix.*

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$$M\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

generic form

# Solving a system of equations

~~We can also write these equations in "matrix-vector notation."~~

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$6x - 4y = 0 \quad +$$

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$$12x + 0y = 12 \rightarrow x = 1$$

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$(3x - 2y = 0)(-2)$$

$$-6x + 4y = 0$$

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$$0x + 8y = 12 \rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$$

① solve for x.  
plug in, get y  
get x

② solve for y  
plug in, get x  
get y

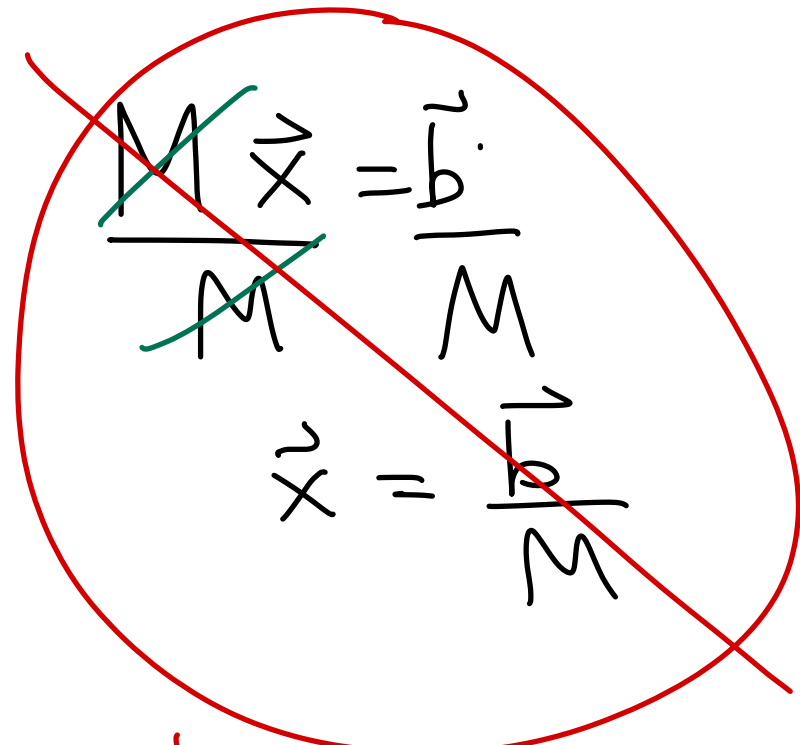
③ operate on  
"lines"

# Solving a system of equations

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$$3x - 2y = 0$$


$$\cancel{\frac{M \vec{x}}{M} = \frac{\vec{b}}{M}}$$
$$\vec{x} = \frac{\vec{b}}{M}$$

illegal

alternative

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha x = 5 \frac{1}{\alpha}$$
$$\alpha^{-1} \alpha x = 5 \alpha^{-1}$$

$\alpha^{-1}$  and  $\alpha$  are  
inverses of each other

$$\alpha^{-1} \alpha = 1$$

$$M \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$
$$M^{-1} M \vec{x} = M^{-1} \vec{b}$$
$$I \vec{x} = M^{-1} \vec{b}$$
$$\vec{x} = M^{-1} \vec{b}$$

# The Inverse Matrix

The **inverse** of a matrix  $A$ , denoted  $A^{-1}$  is a matrix such that  $A^{-1}A = I$

What does our *trick of the transpose* tell us for free?

$$A^T (A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1} A)^T = I^T = I$$

bc  $I$  is diagonal

What else can we get “for free” from this equation?

$$\text{If } A^{-1}A = I$$

$$\Rightarrow A A^{-1} = I$$

If  $A^{-1}$  is the inv mtr  
of  $A$ , then  
 $A^T$  is the inverse of  
 $(A^{-1})^T$

Whoah! Remember: the *inverse* of a number  $a$ , denoted  $a^{-1}$ , is a number such that  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

# The Inverse Matrix (2x2)

There turns out to be a nice formula for an inverse matrix.

What are  
 $w$   $x$   $y$   $z$  in terms  
of  $a$   $b$   $c$   $d$ ?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Let's say that generically, } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $A^{-1}A = I$  then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$wa + xc = 1$$

$$wb + xd = 0$$

$$ya + zc = 0$$

$$yb + zd = 1$$

$$wa + xc = 1$$

$$(wb + xd = 0) \left(-\frac{c}{d}\right)$$

$$\textcircled{+} w\left(-\frac{bc}{d}\right) + x\left(-\frac{cd}{d}\right) = 0$$

$$w\left(a - \frac{bc}{d}\right) + 0 = 1$$

$$w = \frac{1}{a - \frac{bc}{d}} \frac{d}{d} = \frac{d}{ad - bc}$$

$$w = \frac{d}{ad - bc}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}wa + xc &= 1 \\wb + xd &= 0 \\ya + zc &= 0 \\yb + zd &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } A^{-1}A = I \text{ then: } \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}wb + xd &= 0 \\ \text{plug in } w\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{ad-bc} \cdot b + xd &= 0 \\ xd &= \frac{-bd}{ad-bc}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{-b}{ad-bc}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{w = \frac{d}{ad-bc}}$$



What is the inverse matrix of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 1 \cdot 1 - (2 \cdot 0.5) \\ &= 1 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

illegal! Can't  
div by 0.

$$\det(A) = 0$$

$A^{-1}$  does not exist!

$$\det(A^T) = 0$$

$A^{T^{-1}}$  does not exist!

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$$x + 2y = 9$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2}x + y = 3 \right) (-2)$$

$$-x - 2y = -6$$

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$$0x + 0y = -3$$

$$x + 2y = 9$$

$$x + 2y = 6$$

contradict!

$$\frac{1}{2}x + y = 4.5$$

$$0 = 0$$