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$$\begin{aligned} -x + 2y &= 5 \\ 3x + 5y &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

2x2 2x1

$AX = B$

Matrix of Constants

Matrix of variables

Coeff. matrix

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and if $ad - bc \neq 0$, then the inverse of

A , denoted by A^{-1} , is given as follows.

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

To verify $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_{2 \times 2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{ad}{ad-bc} + \frac{-bc}{ad-bc} & \frac{-ab}{ad-bc} + \frac{ba}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{cd}{ad-bc} + \frac{-dc}{ad-bc} & \frac{-cb}{ad-bc} + \frac{da}{ad-bc} \end{bmatrix} \\ A \quad A^{-1} = I_{2 \times 2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{ad-bc}{ad-bc} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{ad-bc}{ad-bc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $A^{-1}A = I_{2 \times 2}$.

Ex Find the inverses of the following matrices (if possible):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix A : $ad - bc = 2(-6) - 3(-4) = -12 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow A$ does not have an inverse (A is not invertible).
non-invertible
singular.

Matrix B: $ad-bc = 5(1) - (-6)(2) = 5 + 12 = 17 \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow B does have an inverse.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B^{-1} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -(-6) \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/17 & 6/17 \\ -2/17 & 5/17 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Check: } BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/17 & 6/17 \\ -2/17 & 5/17 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17/17 & 0 \\ 0 & 17/17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & & 2 \times 2 \\ & = & \end{matrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/17 & 6/17 \\ -2/17 & 5/17 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex Find the inverses of the following matrices (if possible):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$ad-bc = -17 \neq 0$$

$$ad-bc = 0 \Rightarrow B \text{ is a singular matrix.}$$

Note: In the previous example, A was not invertible and if we look at the 2 rows of A, we can see that they are scalar multiples of each other.

In this example, B is not invertible. We can see again that the 2 rows of B are scalar multiple of each other.

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/17 & 2/17 \\ 1/17 & 5/17 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we verify our answers, $AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem If matrix A is invertible, then the system of linear equations $AX=B$ has a unique solution, given by $A^{-1}B$.

In other words, if A is invertible, then $X=A^{-1}B$.

Proof. Given: A is invertible $\Rightarrow AA^{-1}=A^{-1}A=I$

$$\begin{aligned} AX &= B && \text{Multiply both sides by } A^{-1} \text{ on the left} \\ A^{-1}(AX) &= A^{-1}B \\ (A^{-1}A)X &= A^{-1}B \\ IX &= A^{-1}B \\ \boxed{X} &= \boxed{A^{-1}B} \end{aligned}$$

Ex Solve the following system using the inverse of the coefficient matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 5y &= 2 \\ -3x + 4y &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad-bc = 2(4) - (-5)(-3) = -7$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-7} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4/7 & -5/7 \\ -3/7 & -2/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Verifying: $x = -83/7$

$$y = -36/7$$

$$2\left(-\frac{83}{7}\right) - 5\left(-\frac{36}{7}\right) \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \checkmark$$

$$-3\left(-\frac{83}{7}\right) + 4\left(-\frac{36}{7}\right) \stackrel{?}{=} 15 \checkmark$$

$$X = A^{-1}B$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4/7 & -5/7 \\ -3/7 & -2/7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{7}(2) + \left(-\frac{5}{7}\right)(15) \\ -\frac{3}{7}(2) + \left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)(15) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & = & 2 \times 1 \\ \hline & = & \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{8}{7} - \frac{75}{7} \\ -\frac{6}{7} - \frac{30}{7} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{83}{7} \\ -\frac{36}{7} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Ex Solve the following system using the inverse of the coefficient matrix

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

The matrix representation of the system is $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{12+6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{18} & -\frac{2}{18} \\ \frac{3}{18} & \frac{3}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{18} & -\frac{2}{18} \\ \frac{3}{18} & \frac{3}{18} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4(-12)}{18} + \frac{(-2)(-6)}{18} \\ \frac{3(-12)}{18} + \frac{3(-6)}{18} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-48+12}{18} \\ \frac{-36-18}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{36}{18} \\ -\frac{54}{18} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= -2 \text{ is the solution.} \\ y &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Verifying the answer in the system:

$$3(-2) + 2(-3) = -12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-3(-2) + 4(-3) = -6 \quad \checkmark$$