

Section 2.2

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SECTION 2.2: THE INVERSE OF A MATRIX

Before class, please read through the section. For the vocabulary words that have a “*”, write (or complete) the definition of the term in the corresponding “box”. Any examples for the definitions will be completed in class.

Warm up- Using multiplication only, solve the equation for x :

$$2x = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \rightarrow \underline{1} \cdot x = \underline{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow x = \underline{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Here, 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ are multiplicative inverses.

* Definition: Invertible Matrix

A $n \times n$ matrix A is said to be invertible if there is a $n \times n$ matrix C such that

$$\underline{CA = I} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{AC = I} \quad \text{where } I \text{ is the } n \times n \text{ identity matrix}$$

In this case, C is an inverse of A . It is uniquely determined by A .

This unique matrix is denoted: $\underline{A^{-1}}$

* Definition:

A matrix that is not invertible is called: a singular matrix

An invertible matrix is called: a nonsingular matrix

Theorem 4

Define A as follows:

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

If $ad - bc \neq 0$, then A is invertible and:

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

If $ad - bc = 0$ then:

A is not invertible.

Note: For 2×2 matrices of this form: $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = A$
 $ad - bc$ is called the determinant of A
we write $\det(A) = ad - bc = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$
↑ vertical lines, not brackets.

Example: Let A be defined as follows. Is A invertible? How do you know? If A is invertible, find the inverse of A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-7) - (5)(-3) = -14 + 15 = 1 \neq 0, \text{ so } A \text{ is invertible.}$$

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

How can matrix inverses be used to help solve a system of equations?

Theorem 5

If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^n , the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has the unique solution:

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

Idea: Why is this the case?

- Notice if $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

$$A\vec{x} = A(A^{-1}\vec{b}) = \underline{AA^{-1}}\vec{b} = \underline{I_n}\vec{b} = \vec{b} \text{ so } \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} \text{ is a solution to } A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

- $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ multiply (on the left) by A^{-1}

order matters!

$$A^{-1} \cdot A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{I_n}\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} \rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

Example: Use the inverse of a matrix to solve the system

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 = 3, \quad -3x_1 - 7x_2 = -7$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + 5x_2 = 3 \\ -3x_1 - 7x_2 = -7 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ is A invertible? In the previous example, we found that this matrix is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so the unique solution (by Thm 5)}$$

i.e. $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7(3) + (-5)(-7) \\ 3(3) + (2)(-7) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -21 + 35 \\ 9 - 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

check

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(-7) + (5)(3) & 2(-5) + (5)(2) \\ -3(-7) + (-7)(3) & -3(-5) + (-7)(2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -14 + 15 & -10 + 10 \\ 21 - 21 & 15 - 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2x2 identity matrix ✓

Theorem 6

1. If A is an invertible matrix, then A^{-1} is invertible and:

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

2. If A and B are $n \times n$ invertible matrices, then so is AB and: $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

Generalization: The product of $n \times n$ invertible matrices is invertible and:
the inverse is the product of their inverses in the reverse order.

3. If A is an invertible matrix, then so is A^T and: $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

Notice the order!

* Definition: Elementary Matrix:

An elementary matrix is one that is obtained by: **performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix**

Example: Consider the elementary row operation $2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$, find the corresponding 3×3 elementary matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Let A, E_2, E_3 be defined below. Compute E_2A and E_3A and describe how these products can be obtained by elementary row operations on A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{where } a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i \text{ are real numbers})$$

$$\rightarrow E_2A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+0+0 & b+0+0 & c+0+0 \\ 0+0+g & 0+0+h & 0+0+i \\ 0+d+0 & 0+e+0 & 0+f+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ g & h & i \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{This is obtained by Interchanging rows 2 and 3 of matrix A.}$$

$$\rightarrow E_3A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7a & 7b & 7c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{This is obtained by multiplying row 1 of A by 7.}$$

If an elementary row operation is performed on an $m \times n$ matrix A , the resulting matrix can be written as:

$\rightarrow E \cdot A$ where the $m \times m$ matrix E is created by performing the same elementary row operation on I_m

Are elementary matrices invertible? Yes!

Let E be an elementary matrix. The inverse of E is the elementary matrix of the same type that transforms E back to the identity matrix.

Example: Find the inverse of

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{8x3 identity matrix} \\ \downarrow \\ E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{An elementary matrix} \\ \text{To put } E_1 \text{ back to } I_3 \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{R2} \leftarrow R2 - 2R1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R1+R2 \rightarrow R2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] = I_3 \end{array}$$

Theorem 7

An $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if and only if: A is row equivalent to I_n (an $n \times n$ identity matrix)

In this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces A to I_n :

also transforms I_n to A^{-1}

Idea behind Theorem 7:

If A is row equivalent to I_n , there is a series of elementary matrices E_1, E_2, \dots, E_p such that

$$E_p \cdots E_2(E_1 A) = I_n \Rightarrow (E_p \cdots E_2 E_1) A = I_n$$

↑ each elementary matrix is invertible.
so $(E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)$ is invertible.

$$(E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)'(E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)A = (E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)'I_n$$

$$I_n A = (E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)' \Rightarrow A = (E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)^{-1} \text{ so } A \text{ is invertible.}$$

and:

$$A^{-1} = ((E_p \cdots E_2 E_1)^{-1})' = E_p \cdots E_2 E_1 = \underline{E_p \cdots E_2 E_1} I_n$$

so, A^{-1} results from applying E_1, E_2, \dots, E_p successively to I_n . (note the order!)

check

$$\begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1+0+0 & 0+0+0 & 0+0+0 & 1 \\ 2+(-2)+0 & 0+1+0 & 0+0+0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = I_3 \end{array}$$

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix

Algorithm for finding A^{-1} : Row reduce the augmented matrix $[A | I_n]$. If A is row equivalent to I_n , $[A | I_n]$ is row equivalent to $[I_n | A^{-1}]$. Otherwise, A does not have an inverse.

Note about augmented matrices:

In chapter 1, we talked about augmented matrices of a linear system.

In general, augmented matrices are formed by adding additional columns (with the same number of rows) to a matrix.

Example: Let A be defined as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use this algorithm to find A^{-1} . Check that this is the same result as you previously obtained.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -7 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{3}{2}R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{3}{2}(5) - 7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -14 & -10 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-5R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -7 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, if it exists.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-4R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

No leading entry!
 Not row equivalent to I_2

The inverse of A does not exist.
 A is singular.

Example: (on your own) Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -7 & -9 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
if it exists.

$$\left[A \mid I_3 \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & -7 & -9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1 \leftrightarrow R3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -7 & -9 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R2 + R3 \rightarrow R3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R1 + R2 \rightarrow R2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-R2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{2R2 + R3 \rightarrow R3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R3 + R2 \rightarrow R2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-4R3 + R1 \rightarrow R1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -4 & 4 & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-3R2 + R1 \rightarrow R1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$

$I_3 \quad A^{-1}$

so,

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