

# 2.5 INVERSE MATRICES

PROPER DEFINITION OF INVERSE MATRIX

→ THE NON-PROPER DEFINITION WAS

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

(if  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  then the inverse does exist)

HOW TO FIND INVERSE MATRIX

## WHAT IT IS

GIVEN AN  $N \times N$  (SQUARE) MATRIX, THERE IS AN INVERSE MATRIX THAT SATISFIES

$$A^{-1}A = I \quad \text{AND} \quad AA^{-1} = I$$

← ONLY DEFINED FOR SQUARE MATRICES!

• CANNOT HAVE INVERSE IF NOT SQUARE

• THERE ARE SQUARE MATRICES WHO DO NOT HAVE INVERSES

RECALL: IN 1.3 WE SAID THERE WERE SQUARE MATRICES WHOSE INVERSE DOES NOT EXIST!

↳ SO! A IS INVERTIBLE / NON-SINGULAR IF  $A^{-1}$  EXISTS

but NON-INVERTIBLE / SINGULAR IF  $A^{-1}$  DOES NOT EXIST

(usually a tedious process,

but this special case is EZ!)

## • HOW TO FIND INVERSES •

## FINDING INVERSE I: SPECIAL CASE

a  $2 \times 2$  CASE:

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

the  $\det A (ad-bc) \neq 0$   
↳ determinant

EXAMPLE:

✓  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det A = (2 \cdot 5) - (4 \cdot 2) = -2 \neq 0$   
↳ A IS INVERTIBLE

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

✗  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det B = (1 \cdot 4) - (2 \cdot 2) = 0$   
B IS SINGULAR

## ANOTHER SPECIAL CASE: INVERSE OF ELEMENTARY MATRIX

FIND THE INVERSE OF:

a)

$$E_{21} = R_2 + 2R_1 \quad (*)$$

$E_{21}A$  = WHAT YOU GET BY APPLYING (\*) TO A.

• NOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR  $E_{21}^{-1}$

$$E_{21}E_{21}^{-1} = I \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_{21}^{-1}(E_{21}A) = A$$

•  $E_{21}^{-1}$  THE OPERATION THAT UNDOES THE (\*)

\* SO, WHAT OPERATION UNDOES THE (\*)?

SO YOU DO  $R_2 - 2R_1$ , WHICH =  $E_{21}^{-1}$

↳ UNDOES (R:  $R_2 + 2R_1$ )

$$E_{21}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b)

$$P_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

APPLY THE SAME PRINCIPLE IN a)

$$P_{13}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

UNDO THE SWAP

$P_{13}^{-1}$  CORRESPONDS TO THE OPERATION THAT UNDOES  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

IS ACTUALLY JUST SWAPPING AGAIN. APPLY  $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$  TO I.

SO  $P_{13}^{-1}$  IS JUST  $P_{13}$

INVERSE = ORIGINAL MATRIX

OTHER SPECIAL CASES:

$$I \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot I \quad a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$I \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot I$$

# INVERSE OF PRODUCT

SUPPOSE  $A$  &  $B$  ARE BOTH  $n \times n$  & ARE BOTH INVERTIBLE, WE WANT  $(AB)^{-1}$

↳ HOW IS THIS RELATED TO  $A^{-1}$  &  $B^{-1}$ ?

ORDER  
↓  
MATTERS

IF  $A$  &  $B$  ARE BOTH INVERTIBLE  $n \times n$  MATRICES, THEN  $AB$ , and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

PROOF:

$$(B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = B^{-1}\underbrace{A^{-1}A}_I B = \underbrace{B^{-1}B}_I = I \quad \checkmark$$

$$(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A \underbrace{BB^{-1}}_I A^{-1} = \underbrace{AA^{-1}}_I = I \quad \checkmark$$

means they are candidates for inverses for each other

THEREFORE  $B^{-1}A^{-1}$  = INVERSE OF  $AB$

$$\hookrightarrow (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \quad \uparrow \text{ end of proof}$$

## FINDING INVERSE II: GENERAL CASE

### GAUSS-JORDAN ELIMINATION

WHAT IF  $A$  IS NOT ANY OF THE SPECIAL CASES?

CONSIDER THE 3 TYPES OF ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS (EROS)

- 1) ADDING / SUBTRACTING A CONSTANT  $\neq$  ROW TO ANOTHER ROW  $\rightarrow R_i \pm cR_j$
- 2) SWAPPING ROWS:  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$
- 3) MULTIPLY A ROW BY A NON-ZERO  $\neq$ :  $cR_i$

CONSIDER APPLYING THESE EROS TO  $A \rightarrow$  SUPPOSE THAT  $k$  EROS REDUCE  $A$  TO  $I$

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} E_1 A \xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} E_2 E_1 A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \underbrace{E_k \dots E_2 E_1}_A A = I$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$E_k \dots E_2 E_1 = A^{-1}$$

WE USE A SHORT CUT TO GET  $E_k \dots E_2 E_1 \rightarrow$

APPLY THE OPERATIONS TO THE AUGMENTED MATRIX  $[A \ I]$

a) FIND INVERSE OF  $A =$

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

EXAMPLE

$$[A \ I]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & I \\ I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

LOGIC

$$[A \ I]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} E_1 [A \ I]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} [E_2 E_1 A \ E_2 E_1 I]$$

$$= [E_1 A \ E_1 I]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ERO}} \dots$$

$$[E_k \dots E_2 E_1 A \ E_k \dots E_2 E_1 I] = [I \ A^{-1}]$$

$$[A \ I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{E_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{E_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{E_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [I \ A^{-1}] \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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WRITE THE INVERSE AS A MULTIPLE OF THE ELEMENTARY MATRICES:

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_3 E_2 E_1 A & E_3 E_2 E_1 I \\ I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A^{-1} = E_3 E_2 E_1$$

IN THAT ORDER

b) find the EROS

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

WHAT'S  $A$  IN TERMS OF THE ELEMENTARY MATRICES:

$$A = (A^{-1})^{-1} = (E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1}$$