

## Matrix

A  $m \times n$  matrix with entries from a field  $F$  is a rectangular array of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $A + B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & a_{13} + b_{13} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & a_{23} + b_{23} \\ a_{31} + b_{31} & a_{32} + b_{32} & a_{33} + b_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} + a_{13}b_{32} & a_{11}b_{13} + a_{12}b_{23} + a_{13}b_{33} \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

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We define elementary operations. There are two type of elementary matrix operations - row operations and column operation. Of these, row operations is more useful. They arise from three operations that can be used to ~~can~~ eliminate variables in a system of linear equations.

Definition: Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Any one of the following three operations on the rows (columns) of  $A$  is called an elementary row (column) operation.

- (i) Interchanging any two rows (columns) of  $A$ .
- (ii) ~~row~~ Multiplying any row (column) of  $A$  by a non-zero scalar.
- (iii) Adding any scalar multiple of a row of  $A$  to another row (column).

Elementary operations are of type 1, type 2 or type 3 depending on whether they are obtained by (i), (ii), or (iii).

Example 1:

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

Interchanging 2nd row of  $A$  with 1st row (elementary operation of type 1), we obtain

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying 2nd column of  $A$  by 2 (Elementary operation of type 2), we obtain

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Adding 2 times the third row of  $A$  to ~~the~~ first row  
(~~the~~ Elementary operation of type 3), we obtain

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 & 7 & 10 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ identity matrix of order } n.$$

Definition: An  $n \times n$  elementary matrix is matrix obtained by performing an elementary operation on  $I_n$ . The elementary matrix is said to be of type 1, 2 or 3 according to whether the elementary operation performed on  $I_n$  is a type 1, 2 or 3 respectively.

Interchanging 1st row of  $I_3$  with 2nd row,  
we obtain elementary matrix

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem: Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ , and suppose that  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by performing an elementary row (column) operation. Then there exists an  $m \times m$  ( $n \times n$ ) ~~row~~ elementary matrix  $E$  such that  $B = EA$ . ( $B = AE$ )

$E$  is obtained from  $I_m$  ( $I_n$ ) by performing the same elementary row (column) operation as that which was performed on  $A$  to obtain  $B$ .

conversely, if  $E$  is an elementary  $m \times m$  ( $n \times n$ ) matrix, then  $EA$  ( $AE$ ) is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by performing the same elementary row (column) operation as that which produces  $E$  from  $I_m$  ( $I_n$ ).

Example 2: Consider the matrix  $A$  in Example 1.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Interchanging 1st row} \\ \text{of } A \text{ with 2nd row} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Again } E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Interchanging 1st row} \\ \text{of } I_3 \text{ with 2nd row} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } EA &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = B. \end{aligned}$$



## □ Echelon form

Definition: A matrix is said to be in reduced row echelon form if the following three conditions are satisfied.

- (a) Any row containing a non zero entry precedes any row in which all the entries are zero (if any)
- (b) The first non zero entry in each row is the only non zero entry in its column.
- (c) The first non zero entry in each row is 1 and it occurs in a column to the right of the first non zero entry in the preceding row.

Example 1: The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is in reduced row echelon form.

Example 2: The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in reduced row echelon form.

As the first column which contains the first non-zero entry in the first row, contains another non-zero entry.

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in reduced

row echelon form. As the first non zero entry in the 2nd row is not to the right of the first non-zero entry of the first row.

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in reduced row echelon form. As the first nonzero entry in the first row is not 1.

The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is not in reduced row echelon form. As the 3rd row which is a non-zero row does not precede the zero row (2nd row).

### Rank of a matrix :

The rank of a matrix  $A$  is the number of nonzero rows in the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .

Example 1:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

□ Procedure to obtain reduced row echelon form of a matrix.

We show the procedure by giving an example.

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: In the leftmost non-zero column, create a 1 in the first row.

On A interchange 1st and 3rd row

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 2: By means of type 3 row operation, use the 1st row to obtain zeros in the remaining positions of the leftmost non-zero column.

Perform  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: Create a 1 in the next row in the leftmost possible column, without using previous row(s).

Perform  $R_2 \rightarrow (-1)R_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Step 4: Use type 3 row operations to obtain zeros below 1 created in the preceding step.

Perform  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 4R_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5: Repeat steps 3 & step 4 on each succeeding row until no nonzero rows remain.

Perform  $R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 6: Work upward beginning with the last nonzero row and add multiples of row to the rows above. This creates zeros above the first nonzero entry in each row.

Perform  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 7: Repeat the process describe in step 6 for each preceding row until it is performed with the second row. This completes the procedure.



perform  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2$

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

This is the reduced row echelon form of A.

□ Rank of a matrix:

The rank of a matrix A is the number of non zero rows in the reduced row echelon form of A.

Example 1:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ -4 & -8 & 1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 4R_1 \end{matrix}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{matrix} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 7R_3$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ the number of non-zero ~~rows~~ rows is 3

$$\therefore \text{rank}(A) = 3.$$

Example 2:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 3R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{7}R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{3}{2}R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  The number of non-zero rows is 3

$$\therefore \text{rank}(A) = 3.$$



Exercises: Find the rank of the following matrices

1. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Some properties of rank of a matrix.

1. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $P$  and  $Q$  are invertible (inverse exist)  $m \times m$  and  $n \times n$  matrices then

$$(a) \text{rank}(AQ) = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$(b) \text{rank}(PA) = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$(c) \text{rank}(PAQ) = \text{rank}(A)$$

2. The rank of any matrix equals the maximum number of its linearly independent columns (rows). In other words rank of a matrix is the dimension of the subspace generated by its columns (rows).

~~3. The rank of any matrix equals the~~

3.  $\text{rank}(A^t) = \text{rank}(A)$ ,  $A^t$  is transpose of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$A^t = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times m}$$

□

Determinants:

Every square matrix can be associated to an expression or a number which is known as determinant.

The determinant of a square matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  of order  $n$  is denoted by  $|A|$  and given by

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

Determinant of a square matrix of order 2.

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

Determinant of a square matrix of order 3

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A| = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$



## Properties of Determinant

1. If any row (or column) of a matrix  $A$  is completely zero, then  $|A| = 0$
2. If any two rows or two columns of a matrix are interchanged, the value of determinant is multiplied by  $-1$ .
3. If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix and  $k$  be any scalar, then  $|kA| = k^n |A|$
4.  $|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$  where  $A$  &  $B$  are two matrices.  
Also  $|A^n| = (|A|)^n$ .

## Minors and Co-factors:

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cancel{a_{11}} & \cancel{a_{12}} & \cancel{a_{13}} \\ \cancel{a_{21}} & \cancel{a_{22}} & \cancel{a_{23}} \\ \cancel{a_{31}} & \cancel{a_{32}} & \cancel{a_{33}} \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ . If delete the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column passing through  $a_{ij}$  of  $A$ , then the determinant of square submatrix of order  $(n-1)$  is called minor of  $a_{ij}$  and is denoted by  $M_{ij}$ .

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

The minor of  $a_{11}$  is  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = M_{11}$

The minor of  $a_{21}$  is  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = M_{21}$

and so on.

The minor  $M_{ij}$  multiplied by  $(-1)^{i+j}$ , is called the co-factor of the element  $a_{ij}$  and is denoted by  $A_{ij}$ .

$$\text{The co-factor of } a_{11} = A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = M_{11} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{The co-factor of } a_{21} = A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} M_{21} = -M_{21} \\ = - \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

Adjoint of a square matrix :

Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ . The adjoint of  $A$  is defined as the transpose of  $(A_{ij})_{n \times n}$  where  $A_{ij}$  is the co-factor of  $a_{ij}$  in the determinant  $|A|$ .

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } A \text{ or } \text{Cof}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \text{adj}(A) = [\text{Cof}(A)]^t$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



## Inverse of a matrix:

A square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$  is said to be invertible if there is a square matrix  $B$  of order  $n$  such that

$$AB = BA = I_n \quad \left( I_n = \text{identity matrix of order } n \right)$$

$B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ .

and given by  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|}$ , provided  $|A| \neq 0$ .

(i) Inverse of a square matrix  $A$  exists if and only if  $A$  is non-singular; that is,  $|A| \neq 0$ .

(ii) Inverse of a square matrix if exists is unique.

(iii)  $A$  and  $B$  are inverse of each other if  $AB = BA = I$ .

(iv) If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of same order, then  $AB$  is invertible if and only if both  $A$  &  $B$  are non-singular and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

□ Augmented matrix: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $m \times n$  and  $n \times p$  matrices respectively. Then augmented matrix  $(A|B)$  is the  $m \times (n+p)$  matrix  $(AB)$ , i.e. a matrix whose first  $n$  columns are the columns of  $A$  and last  $p$  columns are the columns of  $B$ .

Example:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

The augmented matrix  $(A|B) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{array} \right)$



□ If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then it is possible to transform  $(A | I_n)$  into the matrix  $(I_n | A^{-1})$  by means of a finite number of elementary row operations.

Example: find the inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(A | I_3) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \end{array}$$

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

$$\downarrow R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} R_2$$

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

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{2} R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3, \quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & \frac{7}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/6 & -1/3 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ -1/6 & 1/3 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/6 & -1/3 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ -1/6 & 1/3 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercises: Find the inverse of the following matrices

1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 5 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

□ ~~Let~~  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then  
if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$  if and only if  $A^{-1}$  exists.  
In other words, if  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ , then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

## □ System of Linear Equations :

Consider the system of equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

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Where  $a_{ij}$  &  $b_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) are scalar in a field  $F$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are  $n$ -variables.

It is a system of  $m$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns over the field  $F$ .

The  $m \times n$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

is called the coefficient matrix of the system ①.

$$\text{Let } x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} \text{ and } b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

The system ① can be rewritten as

$$\boxed{Ax = b}$$

A solution to the system ① is an  $n$ -tuple

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix} \in F^n$$

such that  $As = b$



The set of all solutions to the system (1) is called the solution set of the system.

The system (1) is called consistent if its solution set is non-empty, otherwise it is called inconsistent.

□ A system  $Ax=b$  of  $m$  linear equations and  $n$  unknown variables is said to be homogeneous if  $b=0$ . Otherwise the system is said to be non-homogeneous.

Here  $b=0$  means  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$ .

Any homogeneous equation has at least one solution, namely the zero vector

$$\text{i.e. } x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } Ax=0.$$

□ Let  $Ax=b$  be a system of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknown variables. If  $A$  is invertible, then the system has exactly one solution, namely,  $x = A^{-1}b$ . Conversely, if the system has exactly one solution, then  $A$  is invertible.

□ Let  $Ax = b$  be a system of equations, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

augmented  
The matrix  $[A|b] = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{pmatrix}$

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Criteria for a system of non-homogeneous linear equations  $Ax = b$ :

(1) If  $\text{rank}(A) \neq \text{rank}(A|b)$ , then the system ~~has~~ is inconsistent.

(2) If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) = \text{number of unknown variables}$ , then the system has unique solution.

(3) If  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) < \text{number of unknown variables}$ , then the system has infinite number of solutions.

Criteria for a system of homogeneous linear equation  $Ax=0$  :

(1) If  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , the number of unknown variables, then the system has only the trivial solution or unique solution, namely  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(2) If  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ , the number of unknown, then the system has an infinite number of solution.

Example 1:

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = 2$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 4$$

Let

$$Ax = b$$

Where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A|b) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow[R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1]{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_3} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

A
b



Observe that  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$  but  $\text{rank}(A|b) = 3$   
 Hence the system is inconsistent  
 or there is no solution to this system.

Example 2 :

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

Let  $Ax = b$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$(A|b) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3]{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|b) = 3$   
 $\therefore$  the solution is unique.

Now we can write,  $x_1 = -6$   
 the equations are  $x_2 = 5$

$$x_3 = -1$$

$\therefore x_1 = -6, x_2 = 5, x_3 = -1$  is the solution.

### Example 3:

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 - 9x_5 = 17$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 = 6$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 - 5x_5 = 8$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 - 8x_5 = 14$$

Let  $Ax = b$

The augmented matrix  $(A|b) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 & 17 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$

$\downarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 & 17 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A/b)$$

$$= 3 < 4$$

$\therefore$  This system has  
infinite number  
of solutions

We can now write the equations as

$$x_1 + 2x_3 + 2x_5 = 3$$

$$x_2 - x_3 + x_5 = 1$$

$$x_4 - 2x_5 = 2$$

We have,

$$x_1 = 3 - 2x_3 + 2x_5, \quad x_2 = x_3 + x_5 + 1,$$

$$x_4 = 2 + 2x_5$$

$$\text{Let } x_3 = t_1, \quad x_5 = t_2$$

$$\text{Then } x_1 = 3 - 2t_1 + 2t_2$$

$$x_2 = t_1 + t_2 + 1$$

$$x_4 = 2 + 2t_2$$

So the solution is

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 2t_1 + 2t_2 \\ t_1 + t_2 + 1 \\ t_1 \\ 2 + 2t_2 \\ t_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where

$$t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$



Exercises: Solve the following systems of linear equations.

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 3 \\ x_1 - 4x_2 + 7x_3 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= 1 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 + 8x_3 - x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 + 6x_4 &= 5 \\ x_2 + 2x_4 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

1. Echelon form.

2. Finding the rank of a matrix.

3. Computing inverse of a matrix,

4. Solving system of linear equations.