Solution Section 1.4 – Inverse Matrices - Finding A^{-1}

Exercise

Apply Gauss-Jordan method to find the inverse of this triangular "Pascal matrix"

Triangular Pascal matrix
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & | & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & | & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 - 2R_2 \\ R_4 - 3R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & | & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_4 - 3R_3$$

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

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

 \blacksquare The inverse matrix A^{-1} looks like A, except odd-numbered diagonals are multiplied by -1.

If A is invertible and AB = AC, prove that B = C

Solution

$$AB = AC$$

Multiply by A^{-1} both sides.

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

Multiplication is associative

$$\left(A^{-1}A\right)B = \left(A^{-1}A\right)C \qquad A^{-1}A = I$$

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

$$IB = IC$$

$$B = C$$

Exercise

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find two matrices $B \neq C$ such that AB = AC

Let
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B \neq C \Longrightarrow AB = AC$$

If A has row 1 + row 2 = row 3, show that A is not invertible

- a) Explain why Ax = (1, 0, 0) can't have a solution.
- b) Which right sides (b_1, b_2, b_3) might allow a solution to Ax = b
- c) What happens to **row** 3 in elimination?

Solution

a) Let A_1 , A_2 , A_3 be the row vectors of A and x is a solution to Ax = (1, 0, 0).

Then
$$A_1.x = 1$$
, $A_2.x = 0$, $A_3.x = 0$.

Since
$$A_1 + A_2 = A_3$$

Means
$$A_1.x + A_2.x = A_3.x$$

Implies 1+0=0 a contradiction

b) If $Ax = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \Rightarrow A_1.x = b_1, A_2.x = b_2, A_3.x = b_3$

Since
$$A_1 + A_2 = A_3$$

$$A_1.x + A_2.x = A_3.x$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 = b_3$$

c) In the elimination matrix, the third row will be zero.

Exercise

True or false (with a counterexample if false and a reason if true):

- a) A 4 by 4 matrix with a row of zeros is not invertible.
- b) A matrix with 1's down the main diagonal is invertible.
- c) If A is invertible then A^{-1} is invertible.
- d) If A is invertible then A^2 is invertible.

- a) True, because it can have at most 3 pivots.
- **b**) False, if the matrix: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and only has 2 pivots, thus is not invertible.
- c) True, If A is invertible then necessarily A^{-1} is invertible.

d) True, $A^2x = 0$ where x is nonzero matrix.

$$A^{-1}A^2x = (A^{-1}A)Ax = IAx = Ax = 0$$

Since A is invertible, this can only be true if x was zero to begin with. Thus A^2 must also be invertible.

Exercise

Do there exist 2 by 2 matrices A and B with real entries such that AB - BA = I, where I is the identity matrix?

Solution

Let
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB - BA = \begin{pmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} bg - cf & af + bh - be - df \\ ce + dg - ag - ch & cf - bg \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$bg - cf = 1$$

$$cf - bg = 1$$

Therefore, $AB - BA \neq I$ for any 2 by 2 matrices.

If B is the inverse of A^2 , show that AB is the inverse of A.

Solution

Since *B* is the inverse of A^2 that implies: $\underline{B} = (A^2)^{-1} = (AA)^{-1} = \underline{A^{-1}A^{-1}}$

Show that AB is the inverse of A

$$(AB)A = \left(A\left(A^{-1}A^{-1}\right)\right)A$$
$$= \left(\left(AA^{-1}\right)A^{-1}\right)A$$
$$= \left(IA^{-1}\right)A$$
$$= A^{-1}A$$
$$= I$$

Therefore, AB is the inverse of A.

Exercise

Find and check the inverses (assuming they exist) of these block matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & I \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C+A & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C+A=0 \Rightarrow A=-C$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C & I \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E & 0 \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} AE & 0 \\ CE+DF & DG \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} AE = I \\ CE + DF = 0 \rightarrow \\ DG = I \end{cases} \begin{cases} E = A^{-1} \\ G = D^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$CE + DF = 0 \rightarrow CA^{-1} + DF = 0$$

$$DF = -CA^{-1}$$

$$D^{-1}DF = -D^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

$$IF = -D^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

$$F = -D^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

$$F = -D^{-1}CA^{-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ -D^{-1}CA^{-1} & D^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & I \\ I & B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & B \\ A + D & I + DB \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} B = 0 \\ A + D = 0 \Rightarrow A = -D \\ I + DB = I \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & D \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -D & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For which three numbers *c* is this matrix not invertible, and why not?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & c & c \\ c & c & c \\ 8 & 7 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c = 0$$
, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (zero column 2 / row 2)

$$c = 2$$
, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ (equal rows)

$$c = 7$$
, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 7 \\ 7 & 7 & 7 \\ 8 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ (equal columns)

Find A^{-1} and B^{-1} (if they exist) by elimination.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}R_1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{2}{\underset{3}{\longrightarrow}} R_{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & | & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & | & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & | & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R_1 - \frac{1}{2}R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\
0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4}
\end{pmatrix}
R_1 - \frac{1}{3}R_3$$

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

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\
-\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\
-\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4}
\end{pmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$B^{-1}$$
 doesn't exist, and if we add the columns in B , the result is zero.

Find A^{-1} using the Gauss-Jordan method, which has a remarkable inverse.

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R_2 + R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R_3 + R_4$$

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

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

Find the inverse.

$$a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c) \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f) \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -4\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g) \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 17 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 4 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 13 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

b)
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{7-8} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c)
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-15 - 24} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{39} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{39} & \frac{2}{13} \\ \frac{4}{39} & \frac{1}{13} \end{bmatrix}$$

d)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 - R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 - R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1 - R_3$$

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

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

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

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

e)
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f) \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 3\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -4\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{26} & -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{26} & 0 \\ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{13} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{26} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

g)
$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 17 & 2 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 4 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 13 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = doesn't \ exist$$
 This matrix is singular

Show that *A* is not invertible for any values of the entries

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d & 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f & 0 & g \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

Since the matrix A had zero's on its diagonals, therefore A is not invertible.

Exercise

Prove that if A is an invertible matrix and B is row equivalent to A, then B is also invertible.

Solution

Since B is row equivalent to A, there exist some elementary matrices $E_1, E_2, ..., E_n$ such that $B = E_n ... E_1 A$. Because $E_1, E_2, ..., E_n$ and A are invertible, then B is also invertible.

Exercise

Determine if the given matrix has an inverse, and find the inverse if it exists. Check your answer by multiplying $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$

a)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

a)
$$2(-5)-3(-3) = -10+9 = -1$$

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

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

b)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - 2R_1$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - 3R_2$$

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

The inverse matrix doesn't exist

Exercise

Show that the inverse of
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$
 is $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & \sin(-\theta) \\ -\sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & \sin(-\theta) \\ -\sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (\cos\theta)\cos(-\theta) - (\sin\theta)\sin(-\theta) & (\cos\theta)\sin(-\theta) - (\sin\theta)\cos(-\theta) \\ (-\sin\theta)\cos(-\theta) - (\cos\theta)\sin(-\theta) & (-\sin\theta)\sin(-\theta) + (\cos\theta)\cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta\cos\theta + \sin\theta\sin\theta & -\cos\theta\sin\theta - \sin\theta\cos\theta \\ -\sin\theta\cos\theta + \cos\theta\sin\theta & \sin\theta\sin\theta + \cos\theta\cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta & (even) \\ \sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta & (odd) \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= I$$