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The inverse of a Square Matrix (recall)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The inverse of A is another $n \times n$ matrix B such that $AB = BA = I_{n \times n}$ and is denoted by A^{-1} .

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What about the converse i.e. does $\det(A) \neq 0 \Rightarrow A$ is invertible?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A) = \boxed{ad - bc \neq 0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} ae + bg &= 1 \\ af + bh &= 0 \\ ce + dg &= 0 \\ cf + dh &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ade + bdg &= d \\ bce + bdg &= 0 \\ (ad-bc)e &= d \\ \Rightarrow e &= \frac{d}{ad-bc} \end{aligned}$$

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Definition

The adjugate matrix of A is defined as : $\text{adj}(A) := C^T$.

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$$\frac{1}{\det(A)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{kj} \right) = 0 \quad i \neq k$$

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Multiplying both sides by A^{-1} we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned}Ax &= b \\ A^{-1}Ax &= A^{-1}b \\ I_n x &= A^{-1}b \\ x &= A^{-1}b.\end{aligned}$$

Example

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Hence the solution is $x_1 = 45, x_2 = 125, x_3 = 150$.

Homogeneous System of Linear Equations

A system of linear equations is homogeneous if all of the constant terms are 0 i.e. $b = 0$.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

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- ▶ has an infinite number of solutions if its coefficient matrix is not invertible i.e. its determinant is 0.

Thank you