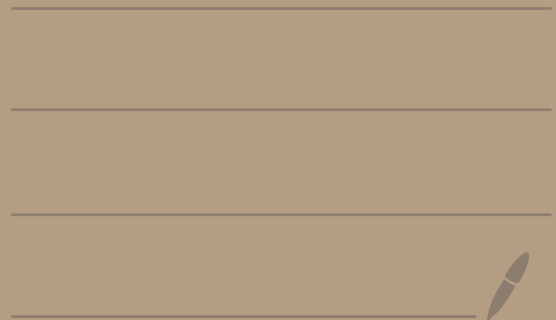


# 9 - Feb 6 Lecture

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- Inverse of a matrix (“invertible”)
- Shortcut to invert  $2 \times 2$  matrices
- General method to invert all square matrices
- Properties of inversion



An addition to last lecture	<p>If you have <math>B = C</math>, then <math>AB = AC</math> and <math>BD = CD</math></p> <p>Note: multiply on the same side since <math>AB \neq CA</math> in general.</p>	
Inverse of a Matrix	<p>A <math>n \times n</math> matrix <math>B</math> is "invertible" if there exists another <math>n \times n</math> matrix <math>C</math> such that <math>BC = CB = I_n</math>.</p> <p>If <math>B</math> is invertible, this <math>C</math> matrix is called the inverse of <math>B</math> and is denoted <math>B^{-1}</math>.</p>	
The "trivial" examples:	<p>1) <math>I_n</math> is invertible with inverse <math>I_n^{-1} = I_n</math>.</p> <p>2) <math>O_{n \times n}</math> is not invertible since there is nothing we can multiply with <math>O_{n \times n}</math> to give <math>I_n</math>.</p>	
Ex 1:	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is not invertible.	
Ex 2:	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible with $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . <p>How do we know this? Keep reading... ☺</p> <p>Note: non-square matrices are not invertible.</p> <p>Note: the inverse matrix is unique. If <math>AB = BA = I_n = AC = CA</math>, then <math>B = C</math>.</p> <p>Sometimes, textbooks will use the term "singular" instead. Singular is the opposite of invertible, so "non-invertible" = "singular" "invertible" = "nonsingular"</p>	
Shortcut for Inverting $2 \times 2$ Matrices	<p>Let <math>A = \begin{bmatrix} a &amp; b \\ c &amp; d \end{bmatrix}</math>.</p> <p>(aka "the determinant")</p> <p>1) If <math>ad - bc = 0</math>, then <math>A</math> is <u>not</u> invertible.</p> <p>2) If <math>ad - bc \neq 0</math>, then <math>A</math> is invertible with inverse <math>A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d &amp; -b \\ -c &amp; a \end{bmatrix}</math></p> <p>To demonstrate this, let's look at the examples from above again:</p>	
Ex 1:	<p>Why is this not invertible?</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Because $ad - bc = 0$ . $1(0) - 0(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$ not invertible	
Ex 2:	<p>Why is this matrix invertible? What's the inverse?</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ Since $ad - bc \neq 0$ . $1(5) - 2(3) = 5 - 6 = -1 \Rightarrow$ invertible $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	

Ex 3:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$   $ad-bc = 1(-4) - 2(3) = -4 - 6 = -10 \Rightarrow$  invertible  $\frac{1}{-10} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ 3/10 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$  the inverse

If you were to multiply the matrix and its inverse together (on either side), you would get  $I_2$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ 3/10 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ 3/10 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$

General Method to Find Inverse for all Square Matrices

To invert the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , make an augmented matrix with  $A$  to the left of the line and  $I_n$  to the right of the line. Then, row reduce to RREF.

1) If the left side reduces to  $I_n$ , then  $A$  is invertible and the right side is  $A^{-1}$ .

2) If the left side does not reduce to  $I_n$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

Ex 1: Is this matrix invertible? If yes, what is its inverse?

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

① Augment  $B$  with  $I_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -7 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

② Row reduce to RREF

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -3/7 & -1/7 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_1' = \frac{1}{-7} R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -3/7 & -1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/7 & 5/7 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_2' = R_2 + 5R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -3/7 & -1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -7 \end{array} \right] R_2' = -7R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -7 \end{array} \right] R_1' = R_1 + 3/7 R_2 \leftarrow \text{RREF}$$

$\uparrow$  This is the inverse of  $B$ ,  $B^{-1}$

This is  $I_2 \Rightarrow B$  is invertible

The RREF matrix tells us that:

①  $B$  is invertible.

②  $B^{-1}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Note: If you have  $B\vec{x} = \vec{c}$  and you know  $B^{-1}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , you can easily find  $\vec{x}$ .

Ex: So, an alternative way to solve Q5 on test 1 would be:

Recall that we were given a system of linear equations:

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

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

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

We can convert the equations into the following matrix, which will be our matrix  $B$ .

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

Now we can row reduce to find  $B^{-1}$ .

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

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_2' = \frac{1}{3} R_2$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_1' = R_1 + 3R_2$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_3' = \frac{1}{2} R_3$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/6 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1' = R_1 + R_3 \\ R_2' = R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \leftarrow \text{RREF}$$

$\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $B$  invertible  $B^{-1}$

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \\ -1/6 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We were given  $\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We know that  $B\vec{x} = \vec{c} \rightarrow B^{-1}B\vec{x} = B^{-1}\vec{c} \rightarrow I_n\vec{x} = B^{-1}\vec{c} \rightarrow \vec{x} = B^{-1}\vec{c}$

$$\begin{aligned} B\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow B^{-1}B\vec{x} = B^{-1}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \\ -1/6 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 1 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/6 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/6 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{This is the solution to Q5!} \end{aligned}$$

## Properties of Matrix Inversion

1) A  $n \times n$  matrix B is invertible if and only if the RREF of B is  $I_n$ .

2)  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$  (the inverse of an inverse is the original matrix)

3)  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  (assuming A, B invertible)

4)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$  (transpose and inverse can be applied in any order)

Recall the 3 most common matrix multiplication mistakes:

- 1)  $AB = BA$
  - 2)  $XY = XZ \Rightarrow Y = Z$
  - 3)  $CD = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0 \text{ or } D = 0$
- } THESE ARE NOT TRUE

There are similar-looking rules for inverses, but these ones are TRUE:

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

2)  $XY = XZ$  and X is invertible  $\Rightarrow Y = Z$

3)  $CD = 0$  and either C invertible or D invertible  $\Rightarrow$  other matrix is the zero matrix

(This content was planned for lecture 10)

If you can find  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , that proves that  $A$  is not invertible.

We can do a proof by contradiction to show this.

Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

Suppose  $A^{-1}$  exists. Then  $A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0} \rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , which is a contradiction.

Ex 1:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow A \text{ is not invertible}$$

$\vec{x}$  represents linear dependence relation on the columns of  $A$

Also, a  $n \times n$  matrix is invertible if and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

Ex 2. (Example from past years (2nd-year-level).)

Given an  $n \times n$  matrix following the pattern, below, determine if the matrix is invertible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{not invertible since } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \text{ and } \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}.$$

Note: If sum of each row in matrix is 0, can multiply matrix by vector with all 1s to get  $\vec{0}$ .

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Add. to last lecture	<p>If you have <math>B=C</math> then <math>\underline{AB} = \underline{AC}</math> and <math>\underline{BD} = \underline{CD}</math> (note: multiply on same side)</p> <p>So <math>\underline{AB} \neq \underline{CA}</math> in general (if they are it's commutative)</p>
Inverse of a Matrix	<p>A <math>n \times n</math> matrix <math>B</math> is called "invertible" if there exists another <math>n \times n</math> matrix <math>C</math> such that <math>BC = CB = I_n</math></p> <p>If <math>B</math> is invertible, this <math>C</math> matrix is called the inverse of <math>B</math>, denoted <math>B^{-1}</math>.</p>
"trivial examples"	<p><math>I_n</math> is invertible with inverse <math>I_n^{-1} = I_n</math></p> <p><math>O_{n \times n}</math> is not invertible, nothing multiplied by <math>O_{n \times n}</math> gives <math>I_n</math>.</p> <p><math>\begin{bmatrix} 1 &amp; 0 \\ 0 &amp; 0 \end{bmatrix}</math> not invertible</p> <p><math>\begin{bmatrix} 1 &amp; 2 \\ 3 &amp; 5 \end{bmatrix}</math> is invertible with <math>\begin{bmatrix} -3 &amp; 2 \\ 3 &amp; -1 \end{bmatrix}</math></p> <p>must be a square matrix</p> <p>Non-square matrices are not invertible.</p> <p>The inverse matrix is unique. If <math>AB = BA = I_n = AC = CA</math>, then <math>B = C</math>.</p> <p>Non-invertible = singular    Singular is the opposite of invertible.</p> <p>Invertible = nonsingular</p>
Shortcut for all $2 \times 2$ matrices	<p>Let <math>A = \begin{bmatrix} a &amp; b \\ c &amp; d \end{bmatrix}</math>. If <math>ad - bc = 0</math> then <math>A</math> is not invertible. If <math>ad - bc \neq 0</math> then <math>A</math> is invertible with inverse <math>A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d &amp; b \\ c &amp; a \end{bmatrix}</math></p> <p>try with , will cancel to <math>I_2</math>.</p> <p>Ex 1: <math>\begin{bmatrix} 1 &amp; 0 \\ 0 &amp; 0 \end{bmatrix}</math> <math>1 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow</math> not invertible</p> <p><math>\begin{bmatrix} 1 &amp; 2 \\ 3 &amp; 5 \end{bmatrix}</math> <math>1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 3 = 5 - 6 = -1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow</math> invertible with</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

mult. on either  
side =  $2 \times 2$  identity  
matrix

Ex. 3  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $1(-4) - 2(3) = -10 \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  invertible  $\frac{1}{-10} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ 3/10 & -1/10 \end{bmatrix}$

This  $ad-bc$  term is called "the determinant"

General method for all  
square matrices

If we want to invert the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we make an augmented matrix with  $A$  on the left and  $I_n$  ( $n \times n$  identity matrix) on the right. Then we row reduce.

If the left side of the augmented matrix reduces to  $I_n$ , then the right side will be  $A^{-1}$ .

If the left side does not reduce to  $I_n$ ,  $A$  is not invertible.

Ex:  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Augment  $B$  with  $I_2$  and row reduce.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -7 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -\frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_1' = \frac{1}{-7} R_1 \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -\frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{7} & -\frac{5}{7} & 1 \end{array} \right] R_2' = R_2 + 5R_1 \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -\frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -7 \end{array} \right] R_2' = -7R_1 \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -7 \end{array} \right] R_1' = R_1 + \frac{3}{7}R_2 \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $I_2 \quad$  this the inverse  
This matrix is invertible.

This tells us  $B$  is invertible and  $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .



(Q5 from test)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & | & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \\
 &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & | & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\
 &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -2/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2' = \frac{1}{3} R_2
 \end{aligned}$$

After row reducing you get

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -1/6 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow B \text{ invertible, } B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \\ -1/6 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Extra Note

Prof says this is harder and not really relevant

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} &\Rightarrow B^{-1} B(\vec{x}) = B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\Rightarrow \vec{x} = B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

If you have  $B\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and you know  $B^{-1}$  you can easily find  $\vec{x}$ .

$$B\vec{x} = \vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = B^{-1}\vec{c}$$

Properties

1) A nxn matrix B is invertible if and only if it is row equivalent to In (RREF of B is In)

2) Inverse of an inverse is the original matrix  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$  (b/c  $AB = BA = In$  ?)

3)  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  (assuming A, B invertible)  
Inverse distributes and swaps order of matrices.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) &= AB B^{-1} A^{-1} \\
 &= AA^{-1} \\
 &= I_n
 \end{aligned}$$

4)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$   
Transpose and inverse can be applied in any order.

Recall: 3 common matrix multiplication mistakes

$$AB = BA$$

$$XY = XZ \rightarrow Y = Z$$

$$CD = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0 \text{ or } D = 0$$

These are true:

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

2)  $XY = XZ$  and  $X$  is invertible  $\rightarrow Y = Z$  (multiply  $XY = XZ$  on the left by  $X^{-1}$ )

3)  $CD = 0$  and either  $C$  invertible or  $D$  invertible  $\Rightarrow$  other matrix is the zero matrix

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Pf. by contradiction

Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ ,  <sup>$\rightarrow$  non-trivial  $\vec{x}$</sup>  then  $A$  is not invertible.

Why? Suppose  $A^{-1}$  exists. Then  $A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{0}$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{0} \leftarrow \text{contradiction}$$

If you can find  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , that proves that  $A$  is not invertible.

Ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A, \quad A \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$   <sup>$\leftarrow$  linear dependence rln on columns of  $A$</sup>

These  $\vec{x}$  represent linear dependence relations on the columns of  $A$ .

A ( $n \times n$  matrix) is invertible if and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

Is this invertible?

A favoured past  
question  
(2nd yr question)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & \vdots & \ddots & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

No :)

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