

# Matrix Inverse

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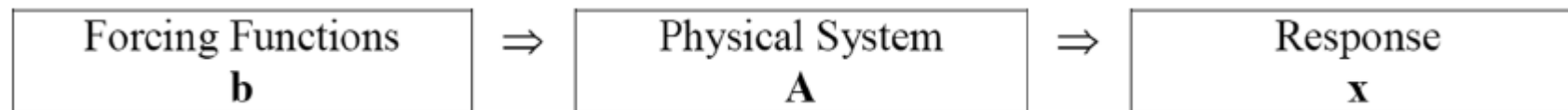
# 1.1: Matrix Inverse



# Matrix Inverse

- Express  $m$  simultaneous linear equations with  $n$  unknowns in matrix form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$



# Matrix Inverse

- The matrix  $Z$  which satisfies  $AZ = I$  is the inverse of matrix  $A$
- $A$  is not always invertible! See [Invertible Matrix Theorem](#)
- Quick ways to check if  $A^{-1}$  exists:
  - $\det(A) \neq 0$
  - $\text{rank}(A) = n$
  - $\text{rref}(A) = I$

For the remainder of this PPT, assume  $A$  is invertible

# Matrix Inverse

- **Superposition:** if a system is subject to several different forcing functions ( $b$ ), the responses ( $x$ ) can be computed individually and the results can be summed to obtain a total response.

$$f(b_1) + f(b_2) = f(b_1 + b_2)$$

Application to linear systems:  $x_{total} = \sum x$

- **Proportionality:** scaling the forcing function causes the response to be scaled by the same amount.

$$f(\alpha b) = \alpha f(b)$$

Application to linear systems:  $Ax = b, b \rightarrow \alpha b, x \rightarrow \alpha x$

# Matrix Inverse

- Superposition example:

$$f(b) = 2b$$

$$f(3) + f(5) = 6 + 10 = 16$$

$$f(3 + 5) = f(8) = 16$$

$$f(b) = \sin(b) \rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \neq \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

- Proportionality example:

$$f(b) = ???, f(5) = 10, \alpha = 2$$

$$f(5\alpha) = \alpha f(5) = 2(10) = 20$$

$$f(b) = \sin(b) \rightarrow \sin\left(\alpha \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \neq \alpha \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

# Matrix Inverse

- To solve  $Ax = b$ , compute  $x = A \backslash b = A^{-1}b$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{-1} & a_{21}^{-1} & \cdots & a_{1n}^{-1} \\ a_{21}^{-1} & a_{22}^{-1} & \cdots & a_{2n}^{-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}^{-1} & a_{m2}^{-1} & \cdots & a_{mn}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= a_{11}^{-1}b_1 + a_{12}^{-1}b_2 + a_{13}^{-1}b_3 + \cdots + a_{1n}^{-1}b_m \\ x_2 &= a_{21}^{-1}b_1 + a_{22}^{-1}b_2 + a_{23}^{-1}b_3 + \cdots + a_{2n}^{-1}b_m \\ &\vdots \\ x_n &= a_{m1}^{-1}b_1 + a_{m2}^{-1}b_2 + a_{m3}^{-1}b_3 + \cdots + a_{mn}^{-1}b_m \end{aligned}$$



# Matrix Inverse

$$x_n = \underbrace{a_{m1}^{-1}}_{\downarrow} b_1 + a_{m2}^{-1} b_2 + \underbrace{a_{m3}^{-1} b_3}_{\nearrow} + \cdots + \underbrace{a_{mn}^{-1} b_m}_{\nearrow}$$

Effect of a unit  
change in  $b_1$

Add the contributions from the other  
various  $b$ 's (*superposition*)

- Each element of  $A^{-1}$  is a proportionality constant which represents the response of a single part of the system to a unit change in the stimulus of any other part of the system!

$$a_{ij}^{-1} = \text{change in } x_i \text{ due to a unit change in } b_j$$

- $a_{11}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_1$  due to a unit change in  $b_1$
- $a_{13}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_1$  due to a unit change in  $b_3$

# Matrix Inverse

- For non-unity changes to  $b$ , superposition and proportionality can be used to quickly analyze  $x$  without re-solving the system

$$x_n = a_{m1}^{-1}b_1 + a_{m2}^{-1}b_2 + a_{m3}^{-1}b_3 + \cdots + a_{mn}^{-1}b_m$$

becomes

$$\Delta x_{n,tot} = a_{m1}^{-1}(\Delta b_1) + a_{m2}^{-1}(\Delta b_2) + \cdots + a_{mn}^{-1}(\Delta b_m)$$

$$\Delta x_{3,tot} = \underbrace{a_{31}^{-1}}_{\text{Effect of a unit change in } b_1} \underbrace{(\alpha b_1)}_{\text{The change is scaled by } \alpha, \text{ not unity (proportionality)}} + \underbrace{a_{32}^{-1}(\beta b_2)}_{\text{Add the contributions from the other various changes in the } b\text{'s (superposition)}} + \underbrace{a_{33}^{-1}(\gamma b_3)}_{\text{Add the contributions from the other various changes in the } b\text{'s (superposition)}}$$

Effect of a unit change in  $b_1$

The change is scaled by  $\alpha$ , not unity  
(*proportionality*)

Add the contributions from the other various changes in the  $b$ 's  
(*superposition*)

# Matrix Inverse

- 2x2 matrix:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \left( \frac{1}{\det(A)} \right) \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{A^{-1} = \left( \frac{1}{ad - bc} \right) \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}}$$

- If  $A$  is 3x3 or larger, compute  $A^{-1}$  in MATLAB via `inv()`

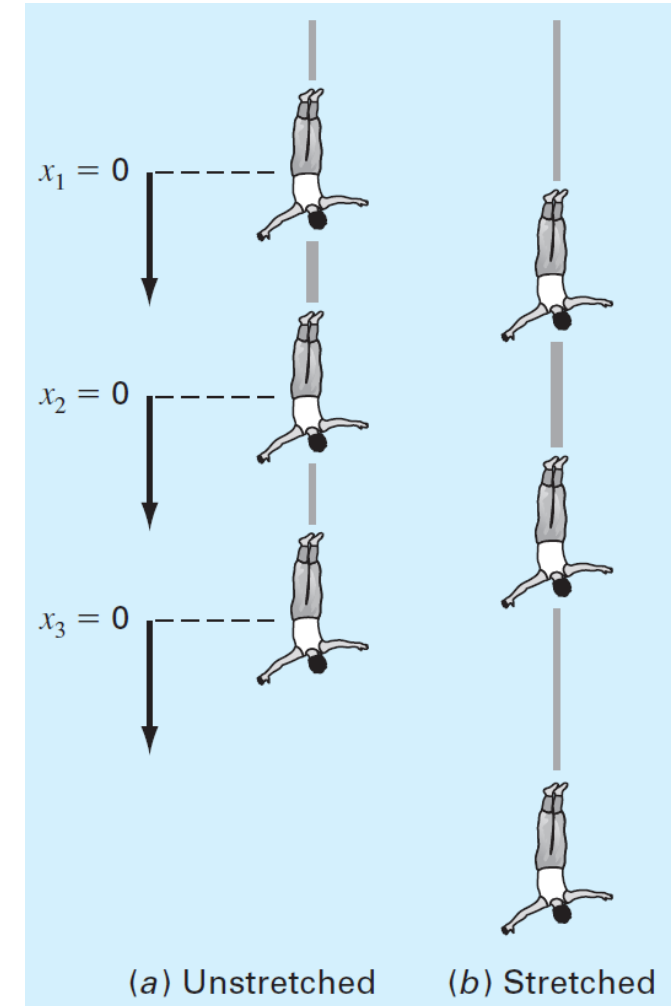
## 1.2: Example



# Example

- 3 bungee jumpers ( $m_1 = 60, m_2 = 70, m_3 = 80 \text{ kg}$ ) are connected by  $20 \text{ m}$  long bungee cords of various elasticities ( $k_1 = 50, k_2 = 100, k_3 = 50 \frac{N}{m}$ )
- After jumping, they come to rest at some distance ( $x_1, x_2, x_3$ ) past their equilibrium ( $x_1, x_2, x_3 = 0$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} (k_1 + k_2) & -k_2 & 0 \\ -k_2 & (k_2 + k_3) & -k_3 \\ 0 & -k_3 & k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 g \\ m_2 g \\ m_3 g \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example

- $a_{ij}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_i$  due to unit change in force applied to  $j$ th jumper
- $a_{12}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_1$  due to unit change in force applied to 2<sup>nd</sup> jumper
- $a_{31}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_3$  due to unit change in force applied to 1<sup>st</sup> jumper

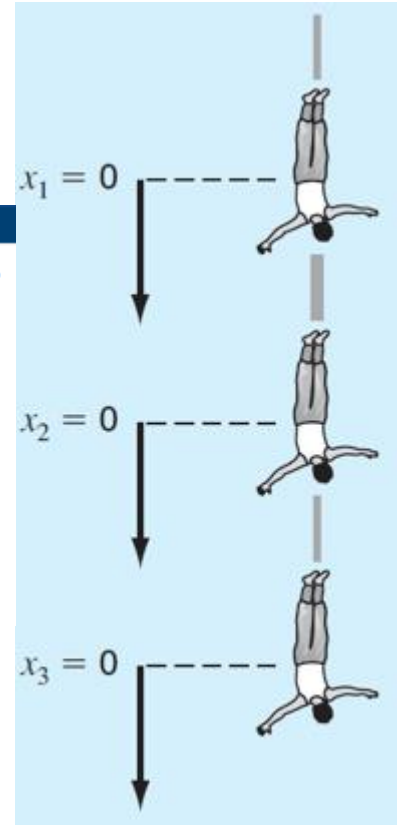
## Command Window

```
>> A = [150 -100 0; -100 150 -50; 0 -50 50];
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>> inv(A)
```

```
ans =
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0.0200	0.0200	0.0200
0.0200	0.0300	0.0300
0.0200	0.0300	0.0500



# Example

- It is known that  $g_{moon} = \frac{g_{Earth}}{6}$ .  
How would the jumpers' deflections change if they jumped on the moon?

$$b_{Earth} = g_{Earth} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow b_{moon} = \frac{b_{Earth}}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{By proportionality: } x_{moon} = \frac{x_{Earth}}{6}$$

Command Window

```
>> A = [150 -100 0;-100 150 -50;0 -50 50]; b = 9.81*[60:10:80]';  
>> x_Earth = A\b
```

```
x_Earth =  
  
    41.2020  
    55.9170  
    71.6130
```

```
>> x_moon = x_Earth/6
```

```
x_moon =  
  
     6.8670  
     9.3195  
    11.9355
```

```
>> b_moon = (9.81/6)*[60:10:80]';
```

```
>> x_moon = A\b_moon
```

```
x_moon =  
  
     6.8670  
     9.3195  
    11.9355
```

# Example

- How would the jumpers' deflections change if additional forces of  $\Delta F_1 = 10\text{ N}$ ,  $\Delta F_2 = 50\text{ N}$ , and  $\Delta F_3 = 20\text{ N}$  were applied?

$$\Delta x_{n,tot} = a_{m1}^{-1}(\Delta b_1) + a_{m2}^{-1}(\Delta b_2) + \dots + a_{mn}^{-1}(\Delta b_m)$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta x_{3,tot} = (0.02)(10) + (0.03)(50) + (0.05)(20)$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\Delta x_{3,tot} = 2.7\text{ m}}$$

```
Command Window
>> delta_F = [10 50 20]';
>> delta_x = inv(A)*delta_F

delta_x =

    1.6000
    2.3000
    2.7000

>> x_tot = (A\b) + delta_x

x_tot =

    42.8020
    58.2170
    74.3130
```



# Summary

- $a_{ij}^{-1}$  = change in  $x_i$  due to a unit change in  $b_j$
- Superposition and proportionality are useful when analyzing linear systems
- Inverse of 2x2 matrix can be computed by hand; larger inverse can be computed in MATLAB