

Lesson 05 – Finding the Inverse

Ch 3

Elementary Matrices

Elementary matrices are matrices that can be obtained from the $n \times n$ identity matrix by performing a single elementary row operation.

$$\text{Eg } I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{multiply row 2 by 2} \Rightarrow E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{switch rows 2 \& 3} \Rightarrow E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If we start with I and perform exactly one elementary row operation, then the resulting matrix is called an elementary matrix.

3 Types

1. Interchanging two rows of I .
2. Multiplying a row of I by a non-zero constant.
3. Replacing a row of I by adding it to a multiple of another.

Theorem

If E results from a row operation on I_m , then $EA_{m \times n}$ is the matrix resulting from the same row operation on A .

Eg 1
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

We can always restore E back to I by applying the inverse row operation.

Operation

switch row i with j

Multiply row i by c

Row i \times c plus row j

Inverse

switch row j with i.

multiply row i by $1/c$.

row i $\times -c$ plus j

Thm: Every elementary matrix is invertible (ie nonsingular) and the inverse is also an elementary matrix.

Row Equivalent

- A matrix B is row equivalent to A if there is a finite sequence of elementary matrices s.t.:

$$B = E_m E_{m-1} \cdots E_1 A$$

Theorem: Equivalent Conditions for Invertibility (Nonsingularity)

Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. The following are equivalent:

- a) A is invertible.
- b) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution $\mathbf{0}$.
- c) The reduced row echelon form of A is I .
- d) A is expressible as a product of elementary matrices.

So if A is invertible and, then A is row equivalent to I and:

$$E_m E_{m-1} \cdots E_1 A = I$$

So the sequence of row operations that transforms $A \rightarrow I$ will transform $I \rightarrow A^{-1}$.

Finding A^{-1}

$$1) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Note: When performing row operations, we get a row of zeroes, that means A cannot be reduced to I; thus A is not invertible. We conclude that the matrix does not have an inverse.

$$\text{Eg } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R2+R1(-2); R3+R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -9 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R2+R3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -9 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The last row on the left side is a zero row thus the matrix cannot be converted into an identity matrix by row operations. Conclusion: A is not invertible.

Consequence of invertibility

When a matrix is invertible, the homogenous system associated with that matrix has only a trivial solution.

Theorem 3.

If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then for each $n \times 1$ matrix \mathbf{b} , the system of equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution and that is $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.

Eg. Solve

$$\begin{aligned}2x - y &= 7 \\5x - 3y &= 18\end{aligned}$$

We can represent this as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

Unit 3: Inverse of a Matrix

Lab: Textbook pg 76-77

Practice 3-1

1 Determine whether the following are inverses of one another.

$$a) A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c) A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Determine whether the following 2x2 matrices are invertible

b) $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 \\ 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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2) Given $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, find B^{-1}

5) Given $H = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, find $(B^{-1})^T$

3-3 Given the following 3x3 matrices, determine the inverse.

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

3-4 Solve the given linear systems using the inverse of a matrix

1. $x + 2y = 3$

$$3x + 4y = 11$$