

# Matrices – Inverse and Transpose

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# Recap and agenda for today's class

- Discussed the following in the last lecture
  - matrices, their addition and multiplication rules
  - Solution of equations using eliminatin matrices
- Discuss the following today
  - Matrix transpose, inverse and their properties

# Inverse Matrices (1)

- **Square** matrix  $A$  is invertible if there exists a matrix  $A^{-1}$  that "inverts"  $A$ :

$$A^{-1}A = \mathbf{I} \text{ and } AA^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

- Not all matrices have inverses. Is  $A$  invertible?
- **Note 1:** Inverse exists if and only if elimination produces  $n$  pivots
  - (row exchanges are allowed)
- **Note 2:**  $A$  cannot have two different inverses
- Let  $BA = I$  and  $AC = I$  then  $B = C$
- Proof

$$B(AC) = (BA)C \text{ gives } BI = IC \text{ or } B = C$$

- Left-inverse  $B$  and a right-inverse  $C$  must be the same matrix

# Inverse Matrices (2)

- **Note 3:** If  $A$  is invertible, the one and only solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ :
  - Proof:  $A^{-1}A\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
- Let there is a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  then  $A$  is not invertible
  - No matrix can bring  $\mathbf{0}$  back to  $\mathbf{x}$
- If  $A$  is invertible, then  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  can only have the zero solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
- $A$  is 2 by 2 matrix is invertible if and only if  $ad - bc$  is not zero:

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

- Number  $ad - bc$  is the determinant of  $A$ 
  - A matrix is invertible if its determinant is not zero

# Inverse Matrices (3)

- A diagonal matrix has an inverse provided **no diagonal entries are zero**:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible then so is  $AB$  i.e.,  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- Proof:

$$(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = (ABB^{-1})A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$$

- Inverses come in reverse order

$$(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

# Transpose of a matrix (1)

- “Transpose” of  $A$ , which is denoted by  $A^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Columns of  $A^T$  are the rows of  $A$  - exchange rows and columns  $(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$
- Transpose of  $A + B = (A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- Transpose of  $AB$  is  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ . **Proof:**
  - Start by considering  $B$  just a vector  $\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow (A\mathbf{x})^T = \mathbf{x}^T A^T$
  - $A\mathbf{x}$  combines the columns of  $A$  while  $\mathbf{x}^T A^T$  combines the rows of  $A^T$
  - It is the same combination of the same vectors
  - Transpose of column  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the row  $\mathbf{x}^T A^T$
  - Fits our formula  $(A\mathbf{x})^T = \mathbf{x}^T A^T$

## Transpose of a matrix (2)

- Now we can prove the formula  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ , when  $B$  has several columns
- If  $B = [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2]$  has two columns, apply the same idea to each column
- Columns of  $AB$  are  $A[\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2]$  Their transposes appear in rows of  $B^T A^T$

Transposing  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{x}_1 & A\mathbf{x}_2 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^T A^T \\ \mathbf{x}_2^T A^T \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$  which is  $B^T A^T$

- $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$ . Proof

$$A^{-1}A = \mathbf{I} \text{ is transposed to } A^T(A^{-1})^T = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

# Inner Products, symmetric matrices

- Dot product (inner product) of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is the sum of numbers  $x_i y_i$ 
  - Now we have a better way to write  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$
- A symmetric matrix has  $S^T = S$ . This means that  $S_{ji} = S_{ij}$
- $(A^T A)^T$  is  $A^T (A^T)^T$  which is  $A^T A$  again



# Review of key ideas

- Inverse matrix gives  $AA^{-1} = I$  and  $A^{-1}A = I$
- $A$  is invertible if and only if it has  $n$  pivots (row exchanges allowed)
- **Important:** If  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  for a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $A$  has no inverse
- Inverse of  $AB$  is the reverse product  $B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  and  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$
- Dot product is  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ . Then  $(A\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y}$  equals the dot product  $\mathbf{x}^T (A^T \mathbf{y})$