

2.6 The Inverse of a Square Matrix (cont.)

In this section we assume all
matrices are $n \times n$ square matrices

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix if there exists
a matrix A^{-1} satisfying

$$A A^{-1} = A^{-1} A = I_n$$

then we call A^{-1} the inverse of A

We say A is invertible if A^{-1} exists

Thm / If A^{-1} exists, there is a unique
solution to the system of equations
 $Ax = b$

Thm / A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n$

We found A^{-1} using Gauss-Jordan
technique

$$[A | I] \sim \dots \sim [I | A^{-1}]$$

HW1

Assume $A^3 = O$. Show $I - 2A$

is invertible and $(I - 2A)^{-1} = I + 2A + 4A^2$.

HW2

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 11 \\ 4 & -3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. Find A^{-1} .

HW3

Use A^{-1} to find the solution

to the system of equations

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

$$x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 1$$

Properties of Inverse

If A and B are $n \times n$ invertible matrices

1. A^{-1} is invertible and $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
2. AB is invertible and $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
3. A^T is invertible and $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

Pf

$$3. \quad A^T \cdot (A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1} \cdot A)^T = I^T = I$$

$$(A^{-1})^T \cdot A^T = (A \cdot A^{-1})^T = I^T = I$$

2.7 Elementary Matrices

Although we introduced elementary row operations as operations to perform on matrices we could have expressed them in terms of matrix multiplication.

Any matrix obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on the identity matrix is called an elementary matrix.

Fact: all elementary row operations can be represented by elementary matrices.

A permutation matrix is a square matrix that has exactly one entry of 1 in each row and each column and 0s elsewhere.

1. The permutation P_{ij} is the permutation matrix that swaps rows i and j of the identity matrix

$$E_x / A: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{12} A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. $M_3(k)$ is represented by the diagonal matrix $\text{diag}(1, 1, \dots, k, \dots, 1)$ where k appears in the (i, i) th position.

Ex

$$M_3(2)A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 14 & 16 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. $A_{ij}(k)$ is represented by the matrix with ones on the main diagonal k in the (j,i) position and 0s elsewhere

E_x

$$A_{32}(-1)A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since elementary row operations can be performed on a matrix by premultiplication by an elementary matrix, we can reduce any matrix to row echelon form by multiplying by a sequence of elementary matrices on the left.

In other words, if A is a matrix

and U is a row echelon form of A

then there are elementary matrices E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k such that

$$E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = U$$

Ex Reduce $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ to row echelon form using elementary matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{12}(-3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_2(-1/2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

In general, if A is any matrix

and U is a row echelon form of A

then there are elementary matrices E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k
such that

$$E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = U$$

Since each elementary row operation

is reversible it follows each elementary

matrix is invertible

It is easy to see what the inverse matrices look like

$$M_i(k)^{-1} = \frac{M_i(1/k)}{\quad}$$

$$P_{ij}^{-1} = \frac{P_{ij}}{\quad}$$

$$A_{ij}(k)^{-1} = \frac{A_{ij}(-k)}{\quad}$$

Note if A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix the unique reduced row echelon form of the matrix is the identity matrix I_n

It follows there are elementary matrices

E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k such that

$$E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = I_n$$

In particular

$$A^{-1} = \underline{E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1}$$

Thm

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then

A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow A$ is a product of elementary matrices.

Pf/ " \Rightarrow "

Assume A is invertible.

$$\text{So } A^{-1} = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1$$

$$E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = I$$

$$(E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1)^{-1} =$$

$$E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1}$$

$$~~(E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_{k-1}^{-1} E_k^{-1})(E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1)A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1}~~$$

$$A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1}$$

these are elementary matrices

" \Leftarrow " Similar

HW4

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Write A as a

product of elementary matrices.

HW5

Reduce $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ to row

echelon form using elementary matrices.