

Last time:

- Invertibility allows cancellation.

- 2×2 inverses: $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible iff $ad - bc \neq 0$, in which case

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

- transposes, powers, and their properties.

most interesting: $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

Today:

- more properties of inversion

- echelon form criterion for invertibility

- algorithm for testing invertibility and finding inverses.

1. More properties of inversion.

Proposition: Let A, B be invertible $n \times n$ matrices. Then

(1) (Inversion is involutive) $\left(\frac{A^{-1}}{A'}\right)^{-1} = A$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} A' \text{ is the inverse of } A. \\ \Rightarrow A'A = AA' = I_n \\ \Rightarrow A = (A')^{-1}. \end{array} \right)$

(2) ("Sock-shoe principle")
 AB is invertible, and $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{applies to more factors as well;} \\ \text{e.g. } (ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1} \end{array} \right)$

(3) (Inversion commutes with transposition)
 A^T is invertible, and $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

Yes. $(cA)^{-1} = c^{-1}A^{-1}$
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Ex: Given a nonzero scalar $c \in \mathbb{R}$, is cA necessarily invertible? If so, what's the inv.?

Examples:

$$(2) \quad \overset{\text{LHS}}{(AB)^{-1}} = \overset{\text{RHS}}{B^{-1}A^{-1}}. \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

directly find $(AB)^{-1}$
LHS

$$(AB)^{-1} = \frac{1}{6-4} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$
RHS

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

$$(3) \quad \frac{(A^T)^{-1}}{X} = \frac{(A^{-1})^T}{Y} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

LHS

$$(A^T)^{-1} = \frac{1}{3-2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

RHS

$$(A^{-1})^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{prop}$$

Pf:

We'll do (2) together, (1), (3), Ex have similar proofs.

(Idea: to prove a matrix X is the inverse of a matrix Y , show

$$XY = YX = I.)$$

$$X = AB$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad (AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$$

$$Y = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = B^{-1}(A^{-1}A)B = B^{-1}IB = B^{-1}B = I.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \ \& \ \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}. \quad \square$$

2. Echelon form characterization of invertibility.

Thm 1. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then TFAE.

(1) A is invertible.

(2) Every EF has the "regular staircase shape"

(3) $REF(A) = I_n$.

eg. nonsquare

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ not "regular"}$$

Square $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, regular.

$\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$ with a pivot in every row and col.

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(2)} A \text{ is inv.}$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(2)} B \text{ is not invertible.}$

not the case since $EF(B)$ has a non-pivot col.

Note: The conclusions are to be expected:

• For A , $1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = -2 \neq 0$, so A should be inv. by earlier results.

• If B were invertible, $Bx = 0 \Rightarrow x = B^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0$, so the cols of B would be lin. ind.

We will not prove the theorem yet.

But we'll note a key fact: each elementary row operation R can be realized by matrix multiplication with an invertible matrix on the left: $R(M) = \underline{E_R} \cdot M$

eg. $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

• Scaling. 2 row, scale by 3

$$R \left(M \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot M$$

• Interchange. Row ① \leftrightarrow Row ③

$$R(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & ① \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ ① & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Replacement. $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1$

$$R(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The underlined matrices are indeed invertible.

3. The inversion algorithm

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. eg. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} =: A$

To determine if A is inv. and find A^{-1} if so, we can use the following algorithm.

Step 1: Form the matrix $B = [A \mid I_n]$

eg. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow B = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

Step 2: Row-reduce B to red. Echelon form. $B \rightarrow [C \mid D]$

eg. $\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -5 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 & 1/6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -2/3 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 & 1/6 \end{array} \right]$

Step 3: If $C = \text{REF}(A) = I_n$, then A is inv and $D = A^{-1}$. eg. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 & -1/3 \\ 5/6 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$

If $C \neq I_n$, then A is not inv.

Next time, examples; justifying Thm 2 and the algorithm.