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Fact: If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  and has an inverse, then there exists only one inverse for  $A$  and we will call it  $A^{-1}$ .

Ex: (Last time)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

B from  
last time

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xleftarrow{\text{last time}} I_2$$

# Procedure to find $A^{-1}$ if it exists

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

Start with the matrix

$$(A | I_n)$$

Then row reduce this matrix till either the left side has a row of zeros or  $I_n$ .

If you get a row of zeros on the left side, then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

If you get  $I_n$  on the left side, then the right side will have  $A^{-1}$  in it.

Ex: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find  $A^{-1}$  if it exists.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2}$$

make this 0

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make this 1

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

make 0

$$-R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ \hline & & I_2 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right)$$

So if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex: Find  $A^{-1}$  if it exists

When  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -10 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} A & I_2 \\ \hline 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -10 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make this 0

$$2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

row of zeros on  
left side

Thus  $A^{-1}$  does not exist!

Ex: Find  $A^{-1}$  if it exists

when  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} A & I_3 \\ \hline 3 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

put a 1 here

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make these 0

$$\begin{array}{l} -3R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \hline 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make this 1

$$-\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make these 0

$$-R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$-5R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \frac{5}{3} & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

make this 1

$$-R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{3} & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

make these 0

$$-R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$-R_3 + R_2 + R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{3} & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$I_3 \quad A^{-1}$$

So when  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

then  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 4/3 & -2 & 1 \\ -5/3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

[  
So,  $AA^{-1} = I_3$   
 $A^{-1}A = I_3$ ]  
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Theorem: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices that are both invertible [ie,  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  both exist.]

Then:

- ①  $AB$  is invertible  
and  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$
- ②  $A^T$  is invertible  
and  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- note:  
 $(AB)^{-1} \neq A^{-1}B^{-1}$

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One way to use the inverse  
is to solve a system.

Let's see how to write a system as a matrix equation.

Consider the following linear system:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ \vdots &\quad \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $(*)$  is equivalent to

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

matrix multiplication

Ex: Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 1 \\ x + 5y = -2 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Then

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} (2 & -3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ (1 & 5) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x - 3y \\ x + 5y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3y &= 1 \\ x + 5y &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

(\*)