

3.3 Elementary Matrices

Elementary matrix: represents a row operation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 2b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ represents } 2R_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right]$$

Key Fact: Elementary matrices act on the left

Ex: a) Find the elementary matrix for

$$R_2 - 3R_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right]$$

How is $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ changing?

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

b) Find the E.M. for

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right]$$

How is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ changing?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Which operation is encoded by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

How is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ changing?

$$0 \dots 0 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 + 4R_1 \left[\quad \quad \right]$$

d) Which operation is encoded by $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\frac{R_1}{2} \left[\quad \quad \right]$$

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{2} & \frac{b}{2} \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Write the inverse operation

a) $R_2 + 3R_1 \left[\quad \quad \right]$

$$R_2 - 3R_1 \left[\quad \quad \right]$$

b) $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

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c) $\frac{R_1}{4} \left[\quad \quad \right]$

$$4R_1 \left[\quad \quad \right]$$

Fact: If E encodes a row operation
then E^{-1} " the inverse operation

Ex:	Operation	Elementary Matrix E	Inverse Operation	E^{-1}
	$R_2 - 2R_1$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$R_2 + 2R_1$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
	$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
	$\frac{R_2}{5}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$	$5R_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Write A and A^{-1} as a product of elementary matrices.

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2)$$

$$R_2 - 3R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (R_2 + 3R_1)$$

$$\frac{R_2}{3} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3R_2)$$

$$R_1 - R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (R_1 + R_2)$$

$$\underbrace{E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1}_A A = I$$

$$A^{-1} = E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1$$

$$A = (A^{-1})^{-1} = (E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} E_4^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

order reverses

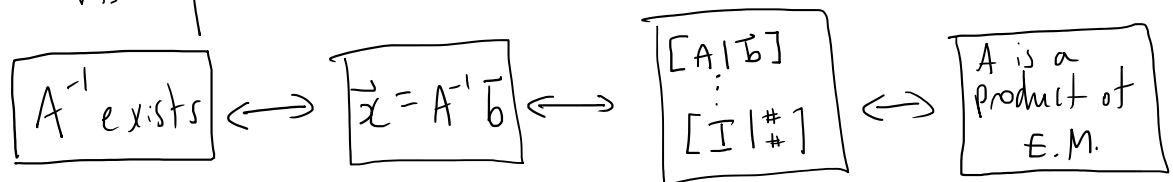
Fundamental Theorem of Invertible Matrices

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.
The following are all true or all false.

- i) A^{-1} exists
- ii) $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution.
- iii) The RREF of A is I
- iv) A is a product of elementary matrices

v) The only solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
Very similar to ii)

Visually:



Ex: Does $\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 7 \\ 6x - 11y = 9 \end{cases}$ have a unique solution?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A \neq 0$$

A^{-1} exists

YES

Ex: Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$ a product of elementary matrices?

$$\det A = 0$$

A^{-1} d.n.e.

No