

3.3 The Inverse of a Matrix Gnt'd

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ the determinant is

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

FORMULA

$$A^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}, & \text{if } \det A \neq 0 \\ \text{undefined}, & \text{if } \det A = 0 \end{cases}$$

Ex: Find A^{-1}

a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A = (1)(2) - (-4)(7) = 30$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Check: } A^{-1}A = \frac{1}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 30 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A = 18 - 18 = 0$$

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

(A^{-1} is undefined)

(A is not invertible)

System of equations: $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

If A^{-1} exists:

$$A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$I\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$$

Note: Cannot write $\vec{b}A^{-1}$

FACT

If A^{-1} exists then the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution $\vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$

Ex: Solve using A^{-1}

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 5y = -6 \\ -5x + 6y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -1$$

$$A^{-1} = - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= A^{-1} \vec{b} \\ &= - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= - \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (x=1, y=2)$$

Finding A^{-1} for 3x3 Matrices
(in general, for nxn)

$$[A \mid I] \xrightarrow{\text{row operations}} [I \mid A^{-1}]$$

Ex: Find A^{-1} for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - 2R_2 \\ R_3 + 2R_2 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 8 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 2 & -6 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_3}{-8} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 8 & -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{8} & \frac{6}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - 8R_3 \\ R_2 + 3R_3 \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{8} & -\frac{2}{8} & -\frac{3}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{8} & \frac{6}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} \end{array} \right]$$

$-2 - 8\left(-\frac{2}{8}\right)$
 $5 - 8\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)$
 $1 + 3\left(-\frac{2}{8}\right)$

A^{-1}

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: Find A^{-1} for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$

Comment : $(A^n)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^n$
We can write A^{-n} without confusion