

### 3.3 The Inverse of a Matrix Cont'd

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

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

FACT

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

Ex: Find  $A^{-1}$

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

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

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

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

$$\det A = 3(6) - (-2)(-9) = 0$$

$A^{-1}$  does not exist

( $A$  is not invertible)

( $A^{-1}$  is undefined)

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

If  $A^{-1}$  exists :

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

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

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

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  $A^{-1}$

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

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

$$\det A = -1$$

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

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

$$= - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} x=1 \\ y=2 \end{array} \right)$$

Finding  $A^{-1}$  for  $n \times n$  matrices

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

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

$$[A | I]$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{A^{-1}}$

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

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 11 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$R_3 - R_2 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad A^{-1} \text{ d.n.e.}$$

Fact

If a zero row appears on the left,  $A^{-1}$  does not exist

### 3 Properties of $A^{-1}$

① If  $A^{-1}$  exists,  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

②  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$

Ex: check for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(A^{-1})^T = \left( \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

③  $(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n)^{-1} = A_n^{-1} \cdots A_2^{-1} A_1^{-1}$  ⊛

In particular  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$

Ex:      A:    putting on socks  
              B:        "           shoes

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Undo operations, in reverse order

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Comment:     $(A^n)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^n$

We can write  $A^{-n}$  without confusion