

What good is A^{-1} ?

Theorem If A^{-1} exists then the only solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

example cont'd

solve $x + 2y = 5$
 $3x + 4y = 6$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

A^{-1}

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$$; \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 9/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

check:

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But how did I know A^{-1} in that example?

Ans: I solved the matrix eqn

$$A X = Id.$$

for $col_1(x)$: $\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$

for $col_2(x)$: $\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{array}$

for both columns at once:

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|---------------|---|----|----|---|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | |
| | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| $-3R_1 + R_2$ | 0 | -2 | -3 | 1 | |
| $R_1 + R_2$ | 1 | 0 | -2 | 1 | |
| | 0 | -2 | -3 | 1 | |

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right\} -R_2/2$

| | | | |
|---|---------|---------|------|
| 1 | 0 | -2 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 3/2 | -1/2 |
| | ↑ | ↑ | |
| | col_1 | col_2 | |

so $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

This is a general algorithm!

The matrix equation for $X=A^{-1}$ is

$$AX = I \quad A_{n \times n}, X_{n \times n}, I_{n \times n}$$

Synthetically this is the n by $2n$ augmented matrix

$$A : I$$

If this reduces to rref equal to

$$I : B$$

Then $X=B$, so $AB=I$

[notice if you write $B : I$ and do the row ops backwards you get $I : A$, so also $BA=I$ is automatic.]

so

Thm if $rref(A)=I$ then A^{-1} exists and can be found by algorithm above.

Thm if A^{-1} exists then unique sol'n to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

so, if A^{-1} exists we must also have $rref(A)=I$! ($rref(A) \neq I \Rightarrow$ never get unique soltns)

A^{-1} exists iff $rref(A)=id.$ iff $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ always has unique soltn

example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 1 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 2 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 \hline
 1 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & -5 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\
 \hline
 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & -5 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\
 \hline
 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\
 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\
 \hline
 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -3 & 5
 \end{array} \\
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 R_3 + R_1 \\
 \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -2 & 5 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -3 & 5
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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

Nice formula for inverse of 2×2 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \text{ exists iff } D = ad - bc \neq 0,$$

and in this case, it equals

$$\frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{See example 1})$$

how did we find this?

$ad - bc \neq 0$ is exactly the condition that row_1 and row_2 are not multiples, i.e. $\text{rref}(A) = I$.

do rowops with letters, or check the formula by computing AA^{-1} .

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| | a | b | $ $ | 1 | 0 | |
| | c | d | $ $ | 0 | 1 | |
| $\frac{1}{a}R_1$ | 1 | b/a | $ $ | $1/a$ | 0 | $[if\ a \neq 0]$ |
| | c | d | $ $ | 0 | 1 | |
| | 1 | b/a | $ $ | $1/a$ | 0 | |
| $-cR_1 + R_2$ | 0 | $d - \frac{cb}{a}$ | $ $ | $-\frac{c}{a}$ | 1 | |
| | 1 | b/a | $ $ | $1/a$ | 0 | |
| common denom | 0 | $\frac{D}{a}$ | $ $ | $-\frac{c}{a}$ | 1 | |
| | 1 | b/a | $ $ | $1/a$ | 0 | |
| $\frac{a}{D}R_2$ | 0 | 1 | $ $ | $-\frac{c}{D}$ | $\frac{a}{D}$ | $[if\ D \neq 0]$ |
| | 1 | 0 | $ $ | $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{bc}{aD}$ | $-\frac{1}{D}$ | |
| $-\frac{1}{a}R_2 + R_1$ | 0 | 1 | $ $ | $-\frac{c}{D}$ | $\frac{a}{D}$ | $\frac{D+bc}{aD} = \frac{d}{D}$ |
| | 1 | 0 | $ $ | $\frac{d}{D}$ | $-\frac{b}{D}$ | |
| | 0 | 1 | $ $ | $-\frac{c}{D}$ | $\frac{a}{D}$ | |

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{D} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} !$$