2 Matrix Algebra

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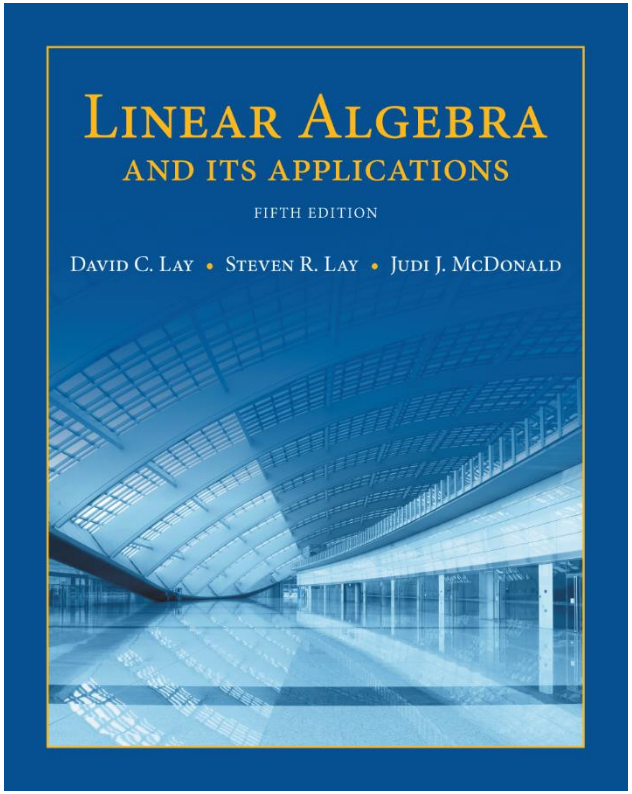
THE INVERSE OF A MATRIX



MATRIX OPERATIONS

- An $n \times n$ matrix A is said to be **invertible** if there is an $n \times n$ matrix C such that

$$CA = I \quad \text{and} \quad AC = I$$

where $I = I_n$, the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

- In this case, C is an **inverse** of A.
- In fact, C is uniquely determined by A, because if B were another inverse of A, then

$$B = BI = B(AC) = (BA)C = IC = C.$$

- This unique inverse is denoted by A^{-1}, so that

$$A^{-1}A = I \text{ and } AA^{-1} = I.$$

MATRIX OPERATIONS

- **Theorem 4:** Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. If $ad - bc \neq 0$, then

  A is invertible and

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

  If $ad - bc = 0$, then A is not invertible.

- The quantity $ad - bc$ is called the **determinant** of A, and we write $\det A = ad - bc$
- This theorem says that a 2×2 matrix A is invertible if and only if $\det A \neq 0$.

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- **Theorem 5:** If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then for each **b** in $\mathbb{R}^n$, the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has the unique solution $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.
- **Proof:** Take any **b** in $\mathbb{R}^n$.
- A solution exists because if $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ is substituted for **x**, then $A\mathbf{x} = A(A^{-1}\mathbf{b}) = (AA^{-1})\mathbf{b} = I\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$.
- So $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ is a solution.
- To prove that the solution is unique, show that if **u** is any solution, then **u** must be $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.
- If $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$, we can multiply both sides by A^{-1} and obtain $A^{-1}A\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$, $I\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$, and $\mathbf{u} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$.

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- **Theorem 6:**

a. If A is an invertible matrix, then A^{-1} is invertible and

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

b. If A and B are $n \times n$ invertible matrices, then so is AB, and the inverse of AB is the product of the inverses of A and B in the reverse order. That is,

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

c. If A is an invertible matrix, then so is A^T, and the inverse of A^T is the transpose of A^{-1}. That is,

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

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- **Proof:** To verify statement (a), find a matrix C such that

$$A^{-1}C = I \quad \text{and} \quad CA^{-1} = I$$

- These equations are satisfied with A in place of C. Hence A^{-1} is invertible, and A is its inverse.
- Next, to prove statement (b), compute:

$$(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AIA^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$$

- A similar calculation shows that $(B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = I$.
- For statement (c), use Theorem 3(d), read from right to left, $(A^{-1})^T A^T = (AA^{-1})^T = I^T = I$.
- Similarly, $A^T(A^{-1})^T = I^T = I$.

ELEMENTARY MATRICES

- Hence A^T is invertible, and its inverse is $(A^{-1})T$.
- The generalization of Theorem 6(b) is as follows:

  The product of $n \times n$ invertible matrices is invertible, and the inverse is the product of their inverses in the reverse order.
- An invertible matrix A is row equivalent to an identity matrix, and we can find A^{-1} by *watching the row reduction of A to I*.
- An **elementary matrix** is one that is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix.

ELEMENTARY MATRICES

- **Example 5:** Let $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

$E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$

Compute E_1A, E_2A, and E_3A, and describe how these products can be obtained by elementary row operations on A.

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- **Solution:** Verify that

$$E_1A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g-4a & h-4b & i-4c \end{bmatrix},\ E_2A = \begin{bmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_3A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 5g & 5h & 5i \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Addition of -4 times row 1 of A to row 3 produces E_1A.

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- An interchange of rows 1 and 2 of A produces E_2A, and multiplication of row 3 of A by 5 produces E_3A.

- Left-multiplication (that is, multiplication on the left) by E_1 in Example 1 has the same effect on any $3 \times n$ matrix.

- Since $E_1 \cdot I = E_1$, we see that E_1 *itself* is produced by this same row operation on the identity.

ELEMENTARY MATRICES

- Example 5 illustrates the following general fact about elementary matrices.

- If an elementary row operation is performed on an $m \times n$ matrix A, the resulting matrix can be written as EA, where the $m \times m$ matrix E is created by performing the same row operation on I_m.

- Each elementary matrix E is invertible. The inverse of E is the elementary matrix of the same type that transforms E back into I.

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- **Theorem 7:** An $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if and only if A is row equivalent to I_n, and in this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces A to I_n also transforms I_n into A^{-1}.
- **Proof:** Suppose that A is invertible.
- Then, since the equation $A\mathrm{x} = \mathrm{b}$ has a solution for each **b** (Theorem 5), A has a pivot position in every row.
- Because A is square, the n pivot positions must be on the diagonal, which implies that the reduced echelon form of A is I_n. That is, $A \sim I_n$.

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- Now suppose, conversely, that $A \sim I_n$.
- Then, since each step of the row reduction of A corresponds to left-multiplication by an elementary matrix, there exist elementary matrices $E_1, \ldots, E_p$ such that $A \sim E_1 A \sim E_2(E_1 A) \sim \ldots \sim E_p(E_{p-1} \ldots E_1 A) = I_n$
- That is,

$$E_p \ldots E_1 A = I_n \qquad (1)$$

- Since the product $E_p \ldots E_1$ of invertible matrices is invertible, (1) leads to

$$(E_p \ldots E_1)^{-1}(E_p \ldots E_1)A = (E_p \ldots E_1)^{-1} I_n$$

$$A = (E_p \ldots E_1)^{-1}$$

ALGORITHM FOR FINDING A^{-1}

- Thus A is invertible, as it is the inverse of an invertible matrix (Theorem 6). Also,

$$A^{-1} = \left[(E_p \ldots E_1)^{-1} \right]^{-1} = E_p \ldots E_1 .$$

- Then $A^{-1} = E_p \ldots E_1 \cdot I_n$, which says that A^{-1} results from applying $E_1, \ldots, E_p$ successively to I_n.
- This is the same sequence in (1) that reduced A to I_n.
- Row reduce the augmented matrix $\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix}$. If A is row equivalent to I, then $\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix}$ is row equivalent to $\begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$. Otherwise, A does not have an inverse.

ALGORITHM FOR FINDING A^{-1}

- **Example 2:** Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if it exists.}$$

- **Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ALGORITHM FOR FINDING A^{-1}

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 & 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

ALGORITHM FOR FINDING A^{-1}

- Theorem 7 shows, since $A \sim I$, that A is invertible, and

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Now, check the final answer.

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -9/2 & 7 & -3/2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3/2 & -2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ANOTHER VIEW OF MATRIX INVERSION

- It is not necessary to check that $A^{-1}A = I$ since A is invertible.

- Denote the columns of I_n by $\mathbf{e}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{e}_n$.

- Then row reduction of $\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix}$ to $\begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ can be viewed as the simultaneous solution of the n systems

$$A\mathrm{x} = \mathrm{e}_1,\ A\mathrm{x} = \mathrm{e}_2,\ \ldots,\ A\mathrm{x} = \mathrm{e}_n \qquad (2)$$

where the "augmented columns" of these systems have all been placed next to A to form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathrm{e}_1 & \mathrm{e}_2 & \cdots & \mathrm{e}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

ANOTHER VIEW OF MATRIX INVERSION

- The equation $AA^{-1} = I$ and the definition of matrix multiplication show that the columns of A^{-1} are precisely the solutions of the systems in (2).