

# Subject § 1.4 Elementary Matrices and Inverse

Def: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If there is an  $n \times n$  matrix

$$B \text{ such that } AB = BA = I,$$

then  $A$  is called invertible (nonsingular)

and  $A^{-1} = B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ .

Otherwise  $A$  is said to be noninvertible (singular).

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $d = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \neq 0$ , then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}.$$

check:

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{-1} &= \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} & -a_{11}a_{12} + a_{12}a_{11} \\ a_{21}a_{22} - a_{22}a_{21} & -a_{21}a_{12} + a_{22}a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I. \end{aligned}$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $d = 2 - 12 = -10 \neq 0$ ,  $A^{-1} = \frac{-1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

\* If  $A_{n \times n}$  is invertible, then  $A^{-1}$  is unique.

suppose there is  $B$  such that  $BA = AB = I = A^{-1}A = AA^{-1}$ .

$BA = A^{-1}A$  multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$  from the right  $\Rightarrow B = A^{-1}$ .

THM: If  $A_{n \times n}, B_{n \times n}$  are invertible, then so is  $AB$  and

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

$B^{-1}A^{-1}AB = B^{-1}B = I$ ,  $AB B^{-1}A^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I$ . By the uniqueness,







2) Multiply the 2nd row by 2.  $E_{II} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$E_{II} A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 2a_{21} & 2a_{22} & 2a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

3)  $3(2) \leftrightarrow (1)$ ,  $E_{III} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E_{III} A = \begin{bmatrix} 3a_{21} + a_{11} & 3a_{22} + a_{12} & 3a_{23} + a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

$3(1) \leftrightarrow (2)$ ,  $E_{III} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E_{III} A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 3a_{11} + a_{21} & 3a_{12} + a_{22} & 3a_{13} + a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

THM. If  $E$  is an ele matrix, then  $E$  is nonsingular and  $E^{-1}$  is the same type. (think about the physical

Proof  $E_I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \ddots & & \ddots \\ & \ddots & & \ddots \\ & & \alpha & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $E_I^{-1} = E_I$  (to undo  $E_I$ ), (meaning of inverse: (to undo an operation))

$$E_{II} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \alpha & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{II}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \frac{1}{\alpha} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (to undo } E_{II} \text{)}$$

$E_{III} =$  add  $\alpha$  to the  $j$ th entry in  $I$ . (to undo it)

$E_{III}^{-1} =$  add  $-\alpha$  to the  $j$ th entry in  $I$ .

Ex:  $E_{III} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E_{III}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



Def: A matrix  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$  if

$$B = E_1 E_2 \dots E_n A,$$

where  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  are ele matrices.

\* If  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$ , then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$ .

$$B = E_1 E_2 \dots E_n A \Leftrightarrow A = E_n^{-1} \dots E_2^{-1} E_1^{-1} B.$$

\* If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B$  and  $B$  is row equivalent to  $C$ , then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $C$ .

$$A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_n B, B = \bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2 \dots \bar{E}_m C, \Rightarrow A = E_1 \dots E_n \bar{E}_1 \dots \bar{E}_m C.$$

\* THM. For  $A_{n \times n}$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- 1).  $A$  is nonsingular;
- 2).  $Ax = 0$  has only the zero solution  $x = 0$ ,
- 3).  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I$ ,
- 4).  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution for each  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof. 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2).  $A^{-1}Ax = x = 0$ .

2)  $\Rightarrow$  3). Row reduced echelon form of  $A = I$ .

3)  $\Rightarrow$  4).  $E_n E_{n-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A = I \Rightarrow x = E_n \dots E_2 E_1 b$ .

unique.

3)  $\Rightarrow$  1).  $E_n \dots E_2 E_1 A = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = E_n \dots E_2 E_1$ .

If one entry on the main diagonal = 0  $\Rightarrow$  multiple solutions.



4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  2). 4)  $\Rightarrow$  2). For 2)  $\Rightarrow$  4)

If  $Ax_1 = b$ ,  $Ax_2 = b$ , then  $A(x_1 - x_2) = b - b = 0$ .

By 2).  $x_1 - x_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow$  4).

4)  $\Rightarrow$  1).  $Ax_1 = e_1, Ax_2 = e_2, \dots; Ax_n = e_n$

$\Rightarrow A[x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n] = [e_1 \ e_2 \ \dots \ e_n] = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$ .

$\Rightarrow$  1).

\*  $E_n \dots E_2 E_1 A = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = E_n \dots E_2 E_1$ .

Ex: Find  $A^{-1}$  if

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

Put  $[A|I]$ . Apply 3 ele operations to reduce  $A$  to  $I$ .

and apply the same operations to  $I$ .

$$[A|I], [E_1 A|E_1 I], \dots, \underbrace{[E_n \dots E_2 E_1 A]}_I \mid \underbrace{[E_n \dots E_2 E_1 I]}_{A^{-1}}$$

$$[A|I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(1) \leftrightarrow (2) \\ -2(1) \rightarrow (3)}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & | & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3(2) \rightarrow (3)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & | & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/6 & 1/2 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & | & 1/2 & -3/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/6 & 1/2 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2(2) \rightarrow (1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1/3 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & | & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/6 & 1/2 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1/2 & 1/6 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/6 & 1/2 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$I$ 
 $A^{-1}$

Diagonal matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ & a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$   $a_{ij} = 0$   
 $i \neq j$

Ex:  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Upper triangular matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$   $a_{ij} = 0$   
 $i > j$

Lower triangular matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$   $a_{ij} = 0$   
 $i < j$