

WTF analogues blw #s and matrices  
 $xy = yx$        $AB \neq BA$

$xy = zy$

$\Rightarrow x = z$

$AB = CB$

$\nRightarrow A = C$

## 2.5 Inverse matrices

### 2.5. Key Ideas

- The inverse matrix gives  $AA^{-1} = I$  and  $A^{-1}A = I$ .
- $A$  is invertible if and only if it has  $n$  pivots
- If  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  for a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $A$  has no inverse
- The inverse of  $AB$  is  $B^{-1}A^{-1}$ , and  $(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .
- Reducing  $[A \ I]$  to reduced row echelon form gives  $[I \ A^{-1}]$ .

**Definition 2.5.1.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **invertible** if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$  and  $AC = I$ , where  $I = I_n$  is the identity matrix.

In this case,  $C$  is called the **inverse** of  $A$ . A matrix that is *not* invertible is called a **singular matrix**, and an invertible matrix is called a **non-singular matrix**.

**Remark 2.5.2.** Suppose  $B$  and  $C$  were both inverses of  $A$ . Then

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

It turns out, that if  $A$  has an inverse, it's unique. We call this unique inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

**Example 2.5.3.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $C = A^{-1}$

$n \times n$  ident. mtrx

**Theorem 2.5.9.** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ . In this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces  $A$  to  $I_n$  also transforms  $I_n$  into  $A^{-1}$ .

**Procedure 2.5.10.** To find  $A^{-1}$ , row reduce the augmented matrix  $[A \ I]$ . If  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I$ , then  $[A \ I]$  is row equivalent to  $[I \ A^{-1}]$ . Otherwise,  $A$  does not have an inverse.

**Example 2.5.11.** Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

if  $A$  is not row equiv to  $I$  it's NOT invertible.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim [I \mid A^{-1}]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 10 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7/2 & 3/2 & 1/2 \end{array} \right]$$

if check

$Ax = \vec{b}$  and  $A$  invertible

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

Usually, just reducing is faster  
 This is good method if want to solve  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{d}$  ....

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example 2.5.12.** Poké Balls are on sale everywhere! At the new pokéstore in Pallet Town, they're selling Poké Ball bundles of 1 Poké Ball, 2 Great Balls and 2 Ultra Balls, in Veridian, the bundles consist of 2 Poké Ball, 3 Great Balls and 3 Ultra Balls, and in Pewter City, bundles come with only 5 Great Balls. By the time he gets to Mount Moon, Ash has purchased a total of 5 Poké Ball, 15 Great Balls and 10 Ultra Balls. How many bundles did he buy in each town?

- (a) Find a matrix equation  $Ax = b$  whose solution,  $x$ , represents bundles in each town.
- (b) Find  $b$  by using the inverse of  $A$ .

Pallet   Veridian   Pewter   bundles in each town

$$\begin{matrix} pb \\ gb \\ ub \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 15 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1/5 & -1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1/5 & -1/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 15 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$

# in Pallet → 5  
# in Veridian → 5  
# in Pewter → 10

**Example 3.1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$  be the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries that are real numbers. Let's focus on  $\mathcal{M}_{3 \times 2}$ , the set of all matrices with three rows and two columns. Let  $A, B,$  and  $C$  be matrices in  $\mathcal{M}_{3 \times 2}$ , and  $c$  and  $d$  be real numbers.

(a) True or false:  $A + B$  is another matrix in  $\mathcal{M}_{3 \times 2}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  commutative

(b) We know  $A + B = B + A$  because the entries are real numbers. For example, in the (1,1)-entry

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} + a_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = B+A.$$

Use the same logic to explain how we know  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$ .

IS  $A+B+C = A+(B+C)$

$$A+B+C = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + (b_{11} + c_{11}) & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = A+(B+C)$$

(c) How could it be possible for  $A + B = A$ ?

yes! if  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  there is an additive id

(d) Let  $Z$  be the  $3 \times 2$  zero matrix. What can you say about the entries of  $A$  and  $B$  if  $A + B = Z$ ?

if  $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $a_{11} = -b_{11}$   
 $a_{12} = -b_{12}$

i.e. everything has additive inverse

(e) By the same logic of part (b), explain how we know  $c(A + B) = cA + cB$  and  $c(dA) = (cd)A$ .

$$c(A+B) = c \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c(a_{11} + b_{11}) & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

(f) Is it possible for  $cA = A$ ?

yes!  
if  $c=1$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} ca_{11} + cb_{11} & * \\ * & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} = cA + cB$$

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