



Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

25 Systems of Linear Equations: Matrix Inverses

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Learning Objectives

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}$$

- Find the inverse of a 2×2 or a 3×3 matrix.
- Solve a system of linear equations using an inverse matrix.

Inverse Matrix

If A and B are square matrices, $n \times n$, such that $AB = BA = I_n$, then B is the inverse matrix of A and can be denoted as A^{-1} . *read as "A inverse" (-1 is NOT an exponent) (A⁻¹ is multiplicative inverse of A)*

Ex 1: Show that B is A^{-1} . $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6+(-5) & -2+2 \\ 15+(-15) & -5+6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Process for finding an inverse matrix. (for a square matrix)

1. Augment A with I .
2. Perform row operations until the left side looks like I .
3. The right side will be A^{-1} .

Ex 2: Determine the inverse of each matrix, if it exists.

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = A$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-2)} \\ \text{(-2)} \end{array} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & | & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-4)} \\ \text{(-4)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & | & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1)} \\ \text{(-1)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

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

b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = B$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1)} \\ \text{(-6)} \end{array} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 & | & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-4)} \\ \text{(-4)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & | & 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1)} \\ \text{(-1)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & | & 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1)} \\ \text{(-1)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & | & 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1)} \\ \text{(-1)} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

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

Let's derive a formula for the inverse of a 2×2 matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{assume } a \neq 0) \\ ad - bc \neq 0$$

$$\frac{-bc}{a} + d = \frac{-bc}{a} + \frac{ad}{a} \\ = \frac{ad - bc}{a}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \left(\frac{-c}{a}\right) \\ \left(\frac{d}{a}\right) \end{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} a & b & 1 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{a}{ad-bc}\right) \\ \left(\frac{a}{ad-bc}\right) \end{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} a & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{ad-bc}{a} & \frac{-c}{a} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \\ \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \end{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} a & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \\ 0 & -b & \frac{bc}{ad-bc} & \frac{-ab}{ad-bc} \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \\ \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \end{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} a & 0 & \frac{ad}{ad-bc} & \frac{-ab}{ad-bc} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{array} \right]$$

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

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$$\frac{bc}{ad-bc} + 1 = \frac{bc}{ad-bc} + \frac{ad-bc}{ad-bc} \\ = \frac{ad}{ad-bc}$$

formula for A^{-1} , given $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ if $ad - bc \neq 0$.

We can write a system of linear equations as a matrix equation

$AX = C$, where A is a matrix of coefficients, X is the matrix of variables and C is the matrix of constants.

Ex 3: Write this system of equations as a matrix equation.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x + y = 4 \\ 5x + 3y = 6 \end{array} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Ex 4: Using this fact from Ex. 1, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

find the solution to Ex. 3.

$$AX = B$$

$$\boxed{A^{-1}AX = A^{-1}B}$$

$$IX = A^{-1}B$$

$$\boxed{X = A^{-1}B}$$

assuming A^{-1} exists.

$$X = A^{-1}B$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3(4) + (-1)(6) \\ -5(4) + 2(6) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{x=6, y=-8} \text{ or pt } (6, -8)$$

Ex 5: Refer back to example 2 to solve these systems of equations.

a) $2x+3y = 0$
 $x+4y = -5$

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

$$AX = B \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = A^{-1}B = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 0+15 \\ 0+(-10) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(3, -2)$

b) $x-y = 2$
 $x-z = 3$
 $6x-2y-3z = 15$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}B$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(2, 0, -1)$

Ex 6: Solve this system using the techniques of this lesson.

$2x-3y = 8$
 $-4x+6y = -5$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = A^{-1}B$$

① $2x-3y = 8$
 ② $-4x+6y = -5$
 $\Leftrightarrow 2x-3y = \frac{5}{2}$
 (parallel lines)

Find A^{-1} , if we can.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2(6) - (-3)(-4)} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

WARNING: we are trying to divide by 0!!!

$\Rightarrow A^{-1}$ DNE

\Rightarrow for this system of eqns, there's $(N.S.)$