

## In-class Demonstration: Inverses

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> restart with(LinearAlgebra):
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We start with a random 3 x 3 matrix.

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> A:= RandomMatrix(3,3,generator=rand(-3..3));
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Our task is to find the inverse of the matrix A.

The equation  $Y = AX$  computes Y given X. We need to compute X given Y. Define a general Y, and solve for X:

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> Y := Vector(3,<y1,y2,y3>);
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AugA := <A|Y>;
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RedA := ReducedRowEchelonForm(AugA);
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$$Y := \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$AugA := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & y1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & y2 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & y3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$RedA := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & y1 + \frac{3}{2}y3 - \frac{3}{2}y2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3y2 - 2y1 - 4y3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{2}y3 + 2y1 - \frac{5}{2}y2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Next we extract the expression for X in terms of Y

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> Xvec := DeleteColumn(RedA,1..3);
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$$Xvec := \begin{bmatrix} y1 + \frac{3}{2}y3 - \frac{3}{2}y2 \\ 3y2 - 2y1 - 4y3 \\ \frac{7}{2}y3 + 2y1 - \frac{5}{2}y2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

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> y1vec := eval(Xvec,{y1=1,y2=0,y3=0});
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y2vec := eval(Xvec,{y1=0,y2=1,y3=0});
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y3vec := eval(Xvec,{y1=0,y2=0,y3=1});
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$$\begin{aligned}
 y1vec &:= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 y2vec &:= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ 3 \\ -\frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\
 y3vec &:= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ -4 \\ \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Thus  $Xvec = y1*y1vec + y2*y2vec + y3*y3vec$ . If we make a matrix with  $y1vec$ ,  $y2vec$ ,  $y3vec$  as the columns, then  $y1$ ,  $y2$  and  $y3$  are the coefficients of the linear combination giving  $X$ . We write this as  $BY$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &> \mathbf{B := \langle y1vec \mid y2vec \mid y3vec \rangle;} \\
 B &:= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &> \mathbf{B.Y;} \\
 &\begin{bmatrix} y1 + \frac{3}{2}y3 - \frac{3}{2}y2 \\ 3y2 - 2y1 - 4y3 \\ \frac{7}{2}y3 + 2y1 - \frac{5}{2}y2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

This is just the transpose of  $Xvec$ . Thus  $X = BY$ .  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$ !

Check the products  $AB$  and  $BA$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 &> \mathbf{A.B;} \\
 &\quad \mathbf{B.A;} \\
 &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Note the first column of B arises from solving  $AX = [1, 0, 0]^t$ ; the second column from solving  $AX = [0, 1, 0]^t$  and the third column from solving  $AX = [0, 0, 1]^t$ . These three systems may be solved simultaneously, by finding the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $[A, I]$

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> I3 := IdentityMatrix(3);
BigA := <A | I3>;
RedBigA := ReducedRowEchelonForm(BigA);
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$$I3 := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BigA := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$RedBigA := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Note the final three columns are precisely the inverse matrix B.

Maple computes matrix inverses directly:

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> A^(-1);
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{7}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

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