

# Lecture 10

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## *Solving Square Linear System V: Existence and Expression of Inverse*

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# Today's Lecture: Key Questions

Consider a square linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

**Theorem** If  $A$  is invertible, then the linear system has a unique solution  $x = A^{-1}b$ .

**Question 1:** When is  $A$  invertible?

**Question 2:** How to Express/Compute  $A^{-1}$ ?

(if exists)

Will provide an answer today.

# Today's Lecture: Outline

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Today ... **Existence** and **expression**/computation of inverse.

1. **Existence** of Inverse
2. **Expressions** and **Computation** of inverse

Strang's book: Sec 2.5, 2.6

After this lecture, you should be able to

1. Tell when a matrix is invertible based on pivots
2. Express the inverse of an invertible matrix with the aid of elimination
3. Compute the inverse of a small matrix

# Remark & Reminder

Analysis Q Algebra

A student commented:

Calculus is more about proofs;

Linear algebra seems to have few proofs, but more concepts.

Well...

Today, we will see some intense proofs.

If LA has 100 levels of difficulty, LA intro course only shows level 1-10.

Today? Around level 3.

PKU LA course: level 10

↳ I've seen: level 20.



# Part 0 Review

5 mins

# Effect of Swapping Columns

Swapping columns  $\longrightarrow$  swapping entries of solution

**Claim:** Consider a linear system  $Ax = b$ .

Suppose  $\hat{A}$  is obtained by **exchanging column  $j$  and column  $k$  of  $A$** .

Suppose  $x^*$  is a solution of  $Ax = b$ .

$y^*$  is obtained by **exchanging the  $j$ th and  $k$ th entry of  $x^*$** .

Then  $y^*$  is a solution of  $Ay = b$ .

Eg 1: Swapping C1 & C2 of A.

solution  $x = (1, 2, 3)$   $\longrightarrow$  solution  $y = (2, 1, 3)$

Eg 2: Swapping C3 & C5 of A.

solution  $x = (3, 8, 7, 1, 2)$   $\longrightarrow$  solution  $y = (3, 8, 2, 1, 7)$



## Claim: Only Two Cases of Final Form

**Claim** If we solve an  $n \times n$  square system by Gauss-Jordan Elimination with column exchange, then at the end we obtain one of the two forms:

Form 1:  $I_n$

Form 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} I_k & F \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$

Here  $B$  is a  $(n - k) \times (n - k)$  matrix,  
 $F$  is a  $k \times (n - k)$  matrix.

**Remark:** If we can obtain Form 1,  
then column exchange is not needed.

# What You (Should) Know by Now

**First**, how to calculate **number of solutions** for **ANY** square linear system.

Highlight: no missing case!

Based on a proof!

**Second**, how to **solve ANY** square linear system

(Suppose you know how to swap entries of the final solutions to account for column exchange)

**Remark:** For writing solution set, we'll study more in Lec 11&12.

Final form

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} [I | c] & [I \ F] \begin{bmatrix} C_{1:k} \\ \hline C_{r+1:n} \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

$x_1 = a_{11}x_{r+1} + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$   
 $\vdots$   
 $x_r = a_{r1}x_{r+1} + \dots + a_{rn}x_n$

# Terminology: Gauss Elimination and Gauss-Jordan Elimination

So far, we have been using Gauss Elimination to describe the whole process of solving linear system, for simplicity.

More rigorous terms:

**Gauss Elimination:**

stop at upper triangular matrix.  
(then use back substitution on equations)

**Gauss-Jordan Elimination:**

continue to eliminate entries above pivots.

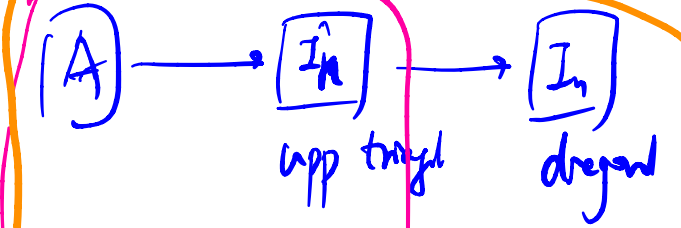
**Gauss-Jordan Elimination with column exchange:**

Use column exchange to ensure diagonal entries to have 1's.

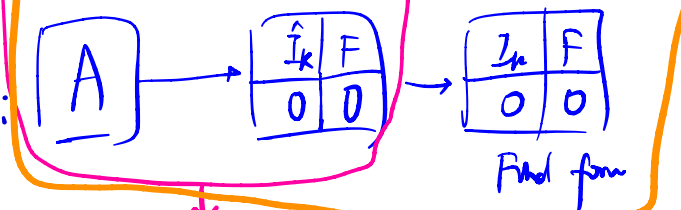
**Remark:** Without column exchange, GJE can solve the linear system too.  
(Discuss in later lectures)

Recall: (Lec 09)

Case 1:



Case 2:



GE

GJE

all are  
(变种)  
variants  
of  
GE



# Part I Inverse of A: Existence

Sec 2.5, Section “Singular versus Invertible”

# Outline of This Part

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Test of invertibility:

i) by pivots;

ii) by equation  $Ax=0$

# When is A Invertible?

## Question 1: When is A invertible?

Diagonal:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{-1} \exists$  iff  $a_{ii} \neq 0, \forall i$ .

Upper Triangular:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * & \dots & * \\ & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{-1} \exists$  iff  $a_{ii} \neq 0, \forall i$ .

General:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & x & \dots & x \\ x & a_{22} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ x & x & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{-1} \exists$  iff  ~~$a_{ii} \neq 0, \forall i$~~ .  
too good to be true



Example:  $A^{-1}$  not exist;  
but  $a_{ii} \neq 0$ ,  $\forall i$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

Prove it later.

# When is A Invertible?

## Question 1: When is A invertible?

**Claim 1:** If  $n$  pivots exist in Gauss-Jordan elimination, then A is invertible. *nonzero diagonal entries in final form*

**Claim 2:** If A is invertible, then there are  $n$  pivots in Gauss-Jordan elimination. *If P, then Q*  
*If Q, then P*  
*(with column exchange)*

**Answer 1:** A is invertible iff A has  $n$  pivots (assuming A is  $n$  by  $n$  matrix).

See also Sec 2.5 of Strang's book; 2nd bullet in the beginning of Sec 2.5.

$$P \iff Q \quad \text{i.e.} \quad P \text{ iff } Q$$

# Left Inverse and Right Inverse

## Definition (left inverse)

If  $\underline{BA} = I$ , then  
left of A  $B$  is called the  
left inverse of  $A$ .

Recall Def of inverse.  
If  $AB = BA = I$ , then  
 $A^{-1} \exists$  and  $A^{-1} = B$

## Definition (right inverse)

If  $AB = I$ , then  $B$  is right inverse of  $A$ .

Def. of inverse If  $B$  is left inverse of  $A$   
and  $B$  is right inverse of  $A$ ,  
then  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$

# Proof of Claim 1: Step 1

## A as Product of Row Elementary Matrices

If there are  $n$  pivots

**Gaussian-Jordan elimination (GJE)** (both forward and backward)

$$A \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \dots \rightarrow U \rightarrow \dots B_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow I_n$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_n.$$

Corresponding elementary matrices:  $E_p, E_{p-1}, \dots, E_1$ .

Then the matrix representation of the whole GE process is

$$E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_1 A = I_n.$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\implies} A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_2 E_1.$$

[just one-side equation;  
need extra argument.

Next slide]

Claim 1 If  $n$  pivots, then  $A^{-1} \exists$ .

Proof Sketch: Step 1 Use GJ-E to obtain  $E_p \dots E_1 A = I$ . (1)

$$A \xrightarrow[\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{elementary matrix}}]{E_1} A_1 \xrightarrow{E_2} A_2 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{E_p} I$$

(n pivots, get I)

Matrix form:

~~Answer 1.  $A E_1 E_2 \dots E_p = I$ .~~

Answer 2  $E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_1 A = I$ , (1)

Step 2.  $MA = I \xRightarrow{M} A^{-1} = M$ ?

where  $M = E_p \dots E_1$ .

Proof sketch:  $n$  pivots  $\xrightarrow{\text{get}}$   $E_p - GA = I$   $\Rightarrow$   $A^{-1} \exists$ .  
Step 1  $\quad$  Step 2.

Conjecture 1  $MA = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = M$

This is enough  
to prove Claim 1

BUT

We do NOT  
prove it today

In correct proof:  $MA = I$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\Rightarrow} \underbrace{MA}_{I} A^{-1} = I \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\Rightarrow} M = A^{-1}$$

[Correct]

Correct v.s. Proved

teaching & learn: step by step.

avoid circular reasoning  $\rightarrow$  if sth is NOT proved  
will not use it.

Reminder: For each step of the proof,  
think: What result/definition supports it?  
Does it appear in the lectures?

Example  $\left\| \frac{u}{\|u\|} \right\| = 1$   
 $\frac{\|u\|}{\|u\|} = 1$

It's NOT just about "correct",

but emphasize "use result appeared before".

Eg. Some books have a theorem "If  $MA=I$ , then  $M=A^{-1}$ ", (so this claim is correct)  
but you can NOT use it here.

If using theorems in other books is allowed,

then every result in this course can be proved in one sentence.

"Proof: This is a direct corollary of Theorem XX in XX's book."

Conjecture If  $\underline{MA} = I$ , then  $A^{-1} \exists$ . [Correct, but we don't prove it here. It's more complicated].

$$E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_1 A = I, \quad \underline{M = E_p \dots E_1}$$

$E_i$ 's invertible & product of invertible matrices  $E_p \dots E_1$  is invertible  
 $(E_p \dots E_1)^{-1} = E_1^{-1} \dots E_p^{-1}$ .

so  $M^{-1}$  exists -

Claim If  $MA = I$ , and  $M^{-1} \exists$ ,  
then  $A^{-1} \exists$ .



# Proof of Lemma 1

**Lemma 1.** If  $MA = I$ , and  $M^{-1} \exists$ ,  
then  $A^{-1} \exists$ .

Proof: **Step 1** Definition of inverse.

Want to prove:  $A^{-1} \exists$ , i.e.

$$MA = I \text{ and } AM = I \quad (*)$$

**Step 2** Conditions:

$$MA = I \quad (1)$$

$$M^{-1} \exists \quad (2)$$

*Analysis.* Just write down  
definition and conditions.  
Even high school students  
can do these 2 steps.

Step 3 Play with conditions

$$\text{Multiply } \underline{M^{-1}} \text{ by } \underline{MA} = I \quad M^{-1}(MA) = M^{-1} \cdot I$$

$$\Rightarrow A = M^{-1} \quad (3)$$

Step 4  $A = M^{-1} \Rightarrow A \cdot M = (M^{-1}) \cdot M = I$ .  $(*)$  is proved.

# Proof of Claim 1: Step 2

## Left Inverse is Invertible $\implies$ Itself Invertible

$$\underbrace{E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_1 A = I_n}_M \xrightarrow{?} A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_2 E_1.$$

i.e.  $MA = I_n \xrightarrow{?} A^{-1} = M.$  Extra property:  
 $M = E_p \dots E_1$  is invertible.

Just left inverse. Need to show  $AM = I_n$ ? Seems nontrivial?

**Lemma 1.** If  $MA = I_n$ , and  $M$  is invertible, then  $A^{-1} = M$ .

**Proof:** Since  $M^{-1} \exists$ , so have

$$MA = I \Rightarrow M^{-1}(MA) = M^{-1}I \Rightarrow A = M^{-1} \quad (1)$$

Then  $A \cdot M \stackrel{(1)}{=} M^{-1}M = I.$

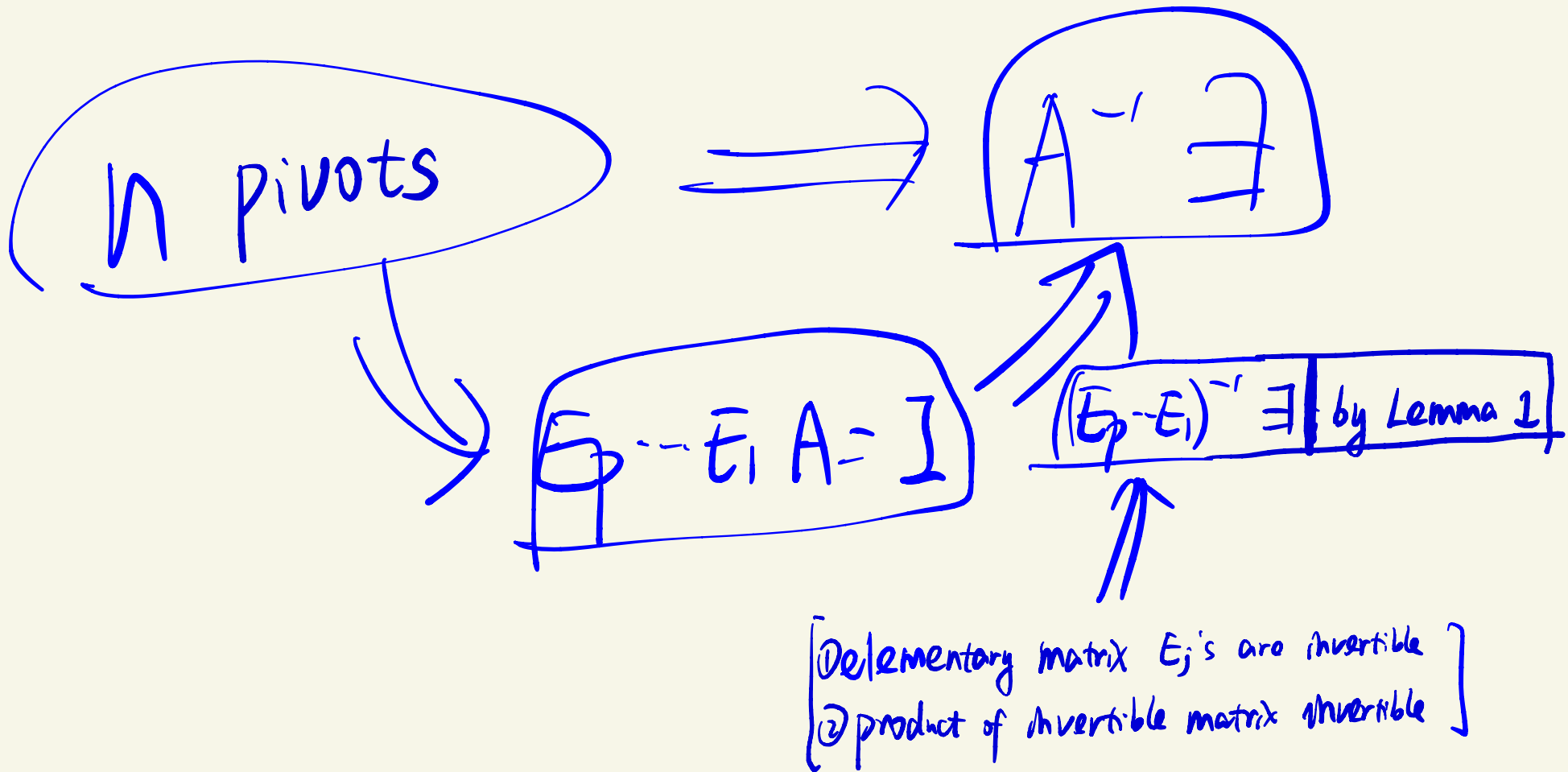
$$MA = I \quad (\text{Condition})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1) \\ \text{def of invers} \end{array} \right\} \implies A^{-1} \exists \ \& \ A^{-1} = M.$$

# Roadmap of Proof of Claim 1.

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Summarize the proof.



## Proof of Claim 2: Skipped

**Claim 2:** If  $A$  is invertible, then there are  $n$  pivots in Gauss-Jordan elimination.

**Proof:** Skipped. (not prove it).  
(See Strang's book 5th edition page 88, after "Reasoning in reverse")

$P \Rightarrow Q$   
Contrapositive  
 $Q \Rightarrow P$

Need to prove by contradiction (反证法).

To prove. (Contrapositive 逆否)

If  $< n$  pivots, then  $A$  is NOT invertible.

Case 2

$A$

$\xrightarrow{\text{row, col.}}$

$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  not invertible

Need to show: If  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  is not invertible,  
- then  $A$  is not invertible. [need extra steps.]

# When is A Invertible?

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

Contrapos.  $\text{not } Q \Rightarrow \text{not } P$

## Question 1: When is A invertible?

**Answer 2:** A is invertible iff  $Ax = 0$  has a unique solution  $x = 0$ .

See also Sec 2.5 of Strang's book; 4th bullet in the beginning of Sec 2.5.

### Proof:

"If": If  $Ax = 0$  has unique solution, then A is invertible. (S1)

$\Leftrightarrow$  (contrapositive) If  $A^{-1} \nexists$ , then  $Ax = 0$  has 0 or  $> 1$  solutions.

"Only if": If  $A^{-1} \exists$ , then  $Ax = b$  has unique solution, (S2)

Why?

$$A^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b; \& A \cdot (A^{-1}b) = b,$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $x$  is unique solution.

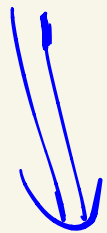
You've seen one of them

# Roadmap of Proof of Claim 2.

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$$A^{-1} \nexists$$

$Ax=b$  has 0 or  $>1$  solutions.



$< n$  pivots



Lec 9. (Case 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ )

**Remark.** For square matrix  $A$ ,  
 $A$  is invertible

$\Leftrightarrow Ax=0$  has unique solution

$\Leftrightarrow Ax=b$  has unique solution for any  $b$ ,

# Recall: Two Cases for Square Systems

End of backward step of GJE

Coefficient matrix

b

Case 1:

n pivots

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

correspond to

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0, \\ x_2 = 0, \\ \vdots \\ x_n = 0, \end{cases}$$

Case 2:

< n pivots.  
(Allow column Exchange)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & * & * & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

correspond to

$$\begin{cases} x_{i_1} = \dots, \\ \vdots \\ x_{i_k} = \dots, \\ 0 = 0, \\ \vdots \\ 0 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Lec 9  
If  $c_i = 0, \forall i$ ,  
 $\infty$

If  $c_i \neq 0$ , no soln

**Remark:** GE in the textbook does NOT perform column exchange.

Anyhow, here our goal is to study # of solutions, so column exchange is OK.

**Claim:** Consider  $Ax = 0$ . If less than n pivots, then  $Ax = 0$  has  $\infty$ -many solution.

Remark: For general b, if < n pivots, then  $Ax = b$  has no or  $\infty$ -many solutions  
(Summary of Lec 09)



# Part II Computing Inverse

Sec 2.5, Section “Calculating  $A^{-1}$  by ...”



# Outline of This Part

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—Inverse computation I: Naive way.

—Inverse computation II:  
Smarter way by row operations.

# Expression of Inverse

**Question 2a:** How to Express  $A^{-1}$ ? (if exists)

**Answer:**

Suppose  $E_1, \dots, E_k, E_{k+1}, E_{k+2}, \dots, E_p$  are the elementary matrices corresponding to the operations in GJE to get an identity matrix.  
(if  $A$  invertible, then we indeed get identity matrix by GJE)

Then

$$A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_2 E_1. \quad (10.1)$$

**Claim:** A matrix is invertible iff it can be written as the product of elementary matrices.

## Recall: Quadratic Equations

[Reading material]

During middle school, when you learn quadratic equations, what do you learn?

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

To solve  $x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$ ,  
write it as  $(x + 2)^2 = 3$ ,  
Then get  $x + 2 = \sqrt{3}$  or  $-\sqrt{3}$ .

I know you know these. But...  
What are them?

**I mean.... WHAT are them?**

# Express v.s. Compute [Reading material]

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**Eg2** GE can compute the solution *of linear system*  
(no formula of the *solution* needed)

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(no formula of the root)

## Relation:

- 1) **Expression can be used to compute**, if each symbol can be computed.
- 2) But expressions **do not have to be computable**  
e.g., if it contains symbols that are not easy to compute (e.g.  $U^{-1}$ )
- 3) Algorithms can **help derive expressions** sometimes, e.g. GE  $\rightarrow A^{-1}$

# Computing Inverse

**Question 2b:** How to Compute  $A^{-1}$ ? (if exists)

## Algorithm 1 (compute $A^{-1}$ )

### Step 1: Forward elimination.

Run forward elimination, till get upper triangular matrix U.

IF U contains zero diagonal entry:

STOP and report: No inverse.

ELSE Go to Step 2.

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### Step 3 Record elementary matrices.

Record elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  in Step 1.

Record elementary matrices  $E_{k+1}, E_{k+2}, \dots, E_p$  in Step 2.

### Step 4: Compute inverse.

Compute  $A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_2 E_1$ . (10.2)



## 2 by 2 Example: Understandable Process

Step 1 & 2: GE

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}R_1 \\ \frac{1}{5}R_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Express as matrix multiplication (1st and 2nd step):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{-3R_1+R_2}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \triangleq U.$$

$$E_{-\frac{1}{5}R_2+R_1}U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = D.$$

$$E_{\frac{1}{5}R_2}E_{\frac{1}{2}R_1}D = I_2.$$

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### Step 4: Compute inverse by the elementary matrices

$$\text{Thus } E_{\frac{1}{5}R_2}E_{\frac{1}{2}R_1}E_{-\frac{1}{5}R_2+R_1}E_{-3R_1+R_2}A = I_2.$$

$$\text{Thus } A^{-1} = E_{\frac{1}{5}R_2}E_{\frac{1}{2}R_1}E_{-\frac{1}{5}R_2+R_1}E_{-3R_1+R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2 by 2 Example: Simplified Process, i.e., Algorithm 1

**Step 1 & 2: GE.**

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**Step 3 Record elementary matrices in Step 1&2**

## 2 by 2 Example: Simplified Process, i.e., Algorithm 1

**Step 1 & 2: GE**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}R_1 \\ \frac{1}{5}R_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 3 Record elementary matrices in Step 1&2**

$$E_1 = E_{-3R_1+R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_2 = E_{-\frac{1}{5}R_2+R_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_3 = E_{\frac{1}{2}R_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_4 = E_{\frac{1}{5}R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 4: Write the inverse by formula (9.1).**

$$A^{-1} = E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{bmatrix}$$

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But these are elementary matrices; faster way? Row operation!

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So we get  $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 8/5 & -1/5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8/5 & -1/5 \\ -3/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \iff \text{Applying } \frac{1}{2}R_1 \text{ to the matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 8/5 & -1/5 \\ -3/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so we get } A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 8/10 & -1/10 \\ -3/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Observation:** Same sequence of operations as GE.

# Algorithm 2: Applying Same Operations to I

## Module 1: GE

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1, \frac{1}{5}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$   $E$   $A_1$   $I_n$

## Module 2: Apply same operation to I.

$$A^{-1} = E_{\frac{1}{5}R_2} E_{\frac{1}{2}R_1} E_{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} E_{-3R_1 + R_2} I_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{5}R_2 + R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 8/5 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1, \frac{1}{5}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 8/10 & -1/10 \\ -3/5 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$I$   $E_1$   $B_1$   $A^{-1}$

Last page:

$$A \xrightarrow{E_1} A_1 \xrightarrow{E_2} \dots \xrightarrow{E_k} A_k = I.$$

$$I_n \xrightarrow{E_1} B_1 \xrightarrow{E_2} B_2 \dots \xrightarrow{E_k} B_k = A^{-1}.$$

$$A^{-1} = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1$$

General fact:  $P \xrightarrow{E_1} P_1 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{E_k} P_k = Q,$

$$\Leftrightarrow (E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1) P = Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^{-1} P = Q$$

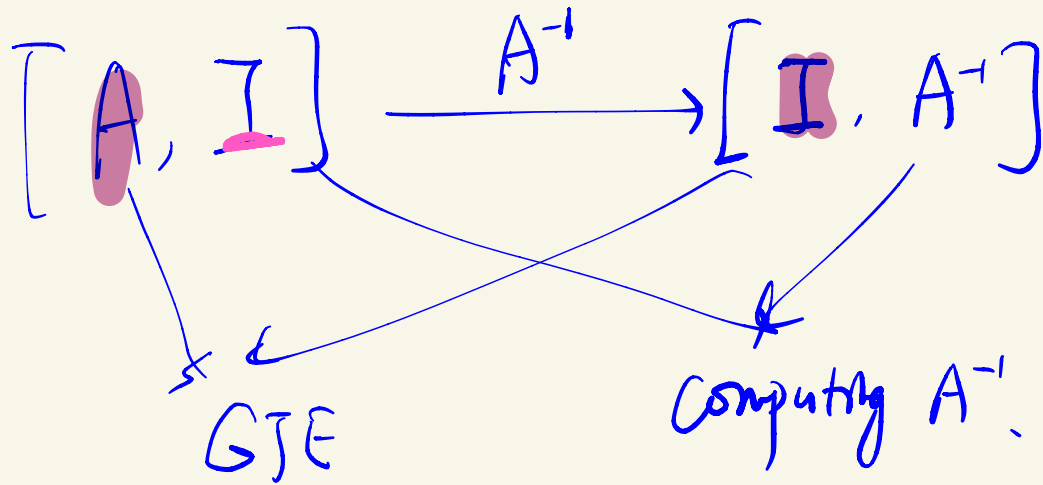
Special case 1 Let  $P = A$ . Then  $A^{-1} \cdot A = I$ . (GJE)  
 $A \xrightarrow{E_1 \dots E_k} I.$

Special case 2 Let  $P = I$ . Then  $A^{-1} \cdot I = A^{-1}$ .  
 $I \xrightarrow{E_1 \dots E_k} A^{-1}.$

$$[A, I] \xrightarrow{A^{-1}} [I, A^{-1}]$$



$$E_p \bar{E}_p \dots \rightarrow E_1$$



same seq. of operations  
different starting point  $A$  or  $I$  or ...

Decouple initial matrix  $P$ , and operation  $\bar{E}_p \rightarrow E_1$ ,

# Algorithm 2

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**Module 1: GE.**  $A \xrightarrow{\text{op 1}} \square \xrightarrow{\text{op 2}} \square \dots \xrightarrow{\text{op k}} I_n.$

**Module 2: Apply same operation to I.**

$I_n \xrightarrow{\text{op 1}} \square \xrightarrow{\text{op 2}} \square \dots \xrightarrow{\text{op k}} A^{-1}.$

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Algorithm 2: Apply ~~GE~~<sup>GJE</sup> to  $[A, I_n]$

$[A, I_n] \xrightarrow{\text{op 1}} \square \xrightarrow{\text{op 2}} \square \dots \xrightarrow{\text{op k}} [I_n, A^{-1}].$

*only work for the case that  $A^{-1}$  exists.  
(next page)*

**Justification:** GE is essentially multiplying  $A^{-1}$ ,  
Applying to  $A$  leads to  $I_n$ .  
Thus Applying to  $I_n$  leads to  $A^{-1}$ .

Remark. No column exchange is allowed when computing  $A^{-1}$ .

Column exchange is NOT needed:

If you see

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & x & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & x & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{I}_k & x & H \\ \hline 0 & 0 & J \end{array} \right]$$

(i.e. column exchange is needed),

then you won't get  $n$  pivots in the end,

which implies  $A^{-1}$  does NOT exist.

Since column exchange is not needed for computing  $A^{-1}$ ,  
we use "GJE", NOT "GJE with column exchange".

## Algorithm 2: a 3 by 3 Example

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

**Solution:**

$$[A|I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\text{Thus the inverse of } A \text{ is } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: Compute  $A^{-1}$ .

$$[A|I_3] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] A^{-1}$$

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Here  $E_1, \dots, E_k, E_{k+1}, E_{k+2}, \dots, E_p$  are elementary matrices during GE (to get an identity matrix)

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Reminder:  
Inverse may not exist

matrix rep. of op

operation

matrix



# Appendix: Another Proof of “Inverse Exists iff n pivots”

[ Reading material ]

## Remark on Difficulties

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### **First, right inverse.**

Use GE matrix representation, can only prove:

If there are  $n$  pivots, then there exists **left inverse** of  $A$ .

Need to: a) use GJE to  $[A, I]$  to show right inverse exists;

b) Then show left inverse = right inverse.

**Second**, not easy to prove the **reverse direction**:

**If  $A$  is invertible, then there must be  $n$  pivots.**

**Method 1 (Textbook):** prove by contradiction;  
requires 4 steps; requires deeper understanding of GE.

**Method 2 (next):** use PLU decomposition



# When is A Invertible?

## Question 1: When is A invertible?

We will utilize the theorem in Lec 9 to answer the question.

$$PA = LU,$$

where P is permutation matrix, L is lower triangular, U is upper triangular.

$$\underline{A^{-1} \exists \iff U^{-1} \exists \iff U_{ii} \neq 0 \forall i}$$

i.e. n pivots

## Recall: Two Properties Learned Before

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**Property 1:** Product of invertible matrix is invertible.

**Property 2:** Permutation matrix is invertible.

# When is $A$ Invertible? First Lemma

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**Lemma 1:  $A$  is invertible iff  $U$  is invertible.**

Suppose  $PA = LU$ .

Fact:  $P, L$  are invertible.

**Proof: “If part”.** If  $U$  is invertible, then

**“Only if part”.** If  $A$  is invertible, then

## When is $A$ Invertible? Second lemma

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**Lemma 2:**  $U$  is invertible iff  $u_{ii} \neq 0, \forall i \in \{1,2,\dots,n\}$ .

Fact:  $U$  is an upper triangular matrix.

Thus Lemma 2 holds due to Property 9.2 in earlier slides.

Combine Lemma 1 and Lemma 2,

$A$  is invertible  $\iff U$  is invertible;

$$\iff u_{ii} \neq 0, \forall i \in \{1,2,\dots,n\}.$$

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**Recall:** Non-zero diagonal entries of U are the pivots (of A).

**Answer 1:** A is invertible iff  
A has n pivots (assuming A is n by n matrix).

See also Sec 2.5 of Strang's book;  
2nd bullet in the beginning of Sec 2.5.





# Summary Today (write Your Own)

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**One sentence summary:**

**Detailed summary:**

# Summary Today (of Instructor)

## One sentence summary:

We study the test conditions and computation of inverse.

## Detailed summary:

### 1. Test conditions

- Algorithm test:  $n$  pivots
- Equation test:  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution
- can be written as product of elementary matrices

### 2. Expressions and computation of inverse

- Expression  $A^{-1} = E_p \dots E_2 E_1$ . (10.1)
- Algorithm 1: Use (10.1).
- Algorithm 2: apply GE to  $[A, I]$  to get  $[I, A^{-1}]$

not easy.

~~(not easy as Arto)~~

take the

$$A^{-1} \Rightarrow Ax = b \Leftrightarrow x = A^{-1}b$$

### 3. Time complexity

- Vector addition and multiplication:  $O(n)$
- Matrix-vector multiplication:  $O(n^2)$
- Matrix-matrix multiplication:  $O(n^3)$
- Gaussian elimination:  $O(n^3)$

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Hw 3 released soon.

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