

## LECTURE #10 INVERSE MATRIX

We say that a square matrix  $M$  is invertible (or non-singular) if there exist a matrix  $M^{-1}$  such that

$$M^{-1}M = MM^{-1} = I$$

Example  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$MN = \begin{pmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{pmatrix} = (ad-bc)I$$

$\Rightarrow M$  has a inverse

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

whenever

$$ad \neq bc$$

## PROPERTIES OF THE INVERSE

Notice we can read

$$AA^{-1} = I = A^{-1}A$$

as saying  $A^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $A$ , or as  $A$  is the inverse of  $A^{-1}$  (after all, to find the inverse of  $A^{-1}$ , we need to find  $B$  such that  $BA^{-1} = I$ , clearly  $B = A$  works).

i.e.

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

Observe

$$\begin{aligned} B^{-1}A^{-1}AB &= B^{-1}IB \\ &= B^{-1}B = I = AB B^{-1}A^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

which means

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

Finally, recall  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

and  $I^T = I \Rightarrow (A^{-1}A)^T = A^T (A^{-1})^T = I$ , similarly  $(AA^{-1})^T = (A^{-1})^T A^T = I$  so

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} = A^{-T}$$

## FINDING INVERSES

Suppose  $M$  is a square matrix  
and  $MX = V$  has a unique  
solution  $X_0$ . Then

$$(M | V) \sim (I | M^{-1}V)$$

↗                              ↗                              ↘  
 augmented                      identity matrix              reduced  
 matrix                            because all  
 variables are  
 pivot variables.  
 row echelon  
 form

So consider a larger augmented  
matrix

$$(M | I) \sim (I | M^{-1}I)$$

↗                              ↗                              =  
 Instead of                      Row  
 a single constant              ops.  
 vector put n  
 constant vectors    =  $(I | M^{-1})$

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

Block matrix

$$\text{EX Find } \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -R_1 \\ R_2 + 2R_1 \\ \sim \\ R_3 + 4R_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -6 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2/5 \\ R_1 + 2R_2/5 \\ \sim \\ R_3 - 6R_2/5 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 3/5 & -1/5 & 2/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -6/5 & 2/5 & 1/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/5 & 8/5 & -6/5 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 5R_3 \\ R_1 - 3R_3 \\ R_2 + 6R_3 \\ \sim \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -5 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 10 & -7 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & -6 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Check } \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 10 & -7 & 6 \\ 8 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 10 & -7 & 6 \\ 8 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

## LINEAR SYSTEMS & INVERSES

Once we know  $M^{-1}$ , we can immediately solve the associated linear system.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad -x + 2y - 3z = 1$$

$$2x + y = 2$$

$$4x - 2y + 5z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & -3 \\ 10 & -7 & 6 \\ 8 & -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3, y = -4, z = -4$$

i.e. when  $M^{-1}$  exists,  $MX = V \Rightarrow X = M^{-1}V$

## Homogeneous systems

Consider a square matrix  $M$ .

Then

$M^{-1}$  exists and  $MX = 0$

$$\Rightarrow X = M^{-1}0 = 0$$

This means that  $MX = 0$  has

non-zero solutions  $X \neq 0$  IF

$M$  is singular.

In fact this is an

iff = "if and only if"  
statement because if  $M$   
is singular it is not row  
equivalent to the identity.

This means not all variables  
are pivots and the system has  
homogeneous solutions.

## BIT MATRICES $M_k^r(\mathbb{Z}_2)$

Matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

Instead of real numbers,  
consider bits {0, 1} with  
multiplication and addition rules

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} + & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} \times & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

Notice  $-1 = 1$  because  $1+1=0$

EX CLAIM

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

because

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Bit matrices often in computing  
& code theory. (c.f. "The Codebook"  
Singh)

## Lecture 10 Review Questions

1. Let  $M$  be a square matrix.

Explain why the following statements are equivalent

(i)  $MX = V$  has a

unique solution for

every column vector  $V$

(ii)  $M$  is non-singular.

[N.B. You must explain why

$(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  and  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$ ]

2. Find a formula for

$$\textcircled{i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ & 1 & c \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ & d & e \\ & & f \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

when they are not singular.

Give conditions for them to be singular.

3. Write down all  $2 \times 2$  bit  
matrices & decide which  
of them are singular.

(i) Suppose  $U = \mathbb{R}$  (real numbers).

Explain why  $=$  is an equivalence relation but  $\geq$  is not.

(ii) Explain why equivalence of augmented matrices is an equivalence relation.

