

Multiplicative Inverse of a 2 x 2 Matrix

Why do we need them?

When working with equations, you may need to cancel out a matrix in order to find a solution. You can multiply a matrix by its inverse to cancel it out.

Notation: A^{-1}

How do we find them?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$\det \neq 0$ have an inverse.

If $\det = 0$, the matrix has No inverse. (A matrix with no inverse is called a singular matrix.) **Inverse matrices answer questions about the existence of solutions for systems

of equations.

Multiplicative Identity Matrix: If you multiply a matrix by its inverse, you get the identity matrix.

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, etc.
 Identity Matrix

1's on main diagonal & 0's everywhere else.

1. Verify Inverses: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(-2) + 1(5) & 2(2) + 1(-4) \\ 2.5(-2) + 1(5) & 2.5(2) + 1(-4) \end{bmatrix}$

$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Identity Matrix

Yes, they inverses

2. Find the inverse: $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Solve the matrix equation. Find A^{-1} . $Ax=B$; put in the form $x=A^{-1}B$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -22 \\ 0 & -28 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-15+16} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -22 \\ 0 & -28 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -5(0) + 4(0) & -5(-22) + 4(-28) \\ -4(0) + 3(0) & -4(-22) + 3(-28) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Solve the systems of equations using matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3y &= 17 \\ 3x + y &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2(-9)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{-18} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{18} & -\frac{3}{18} \\ \frac{3}{18} & \frac{2}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{18} & -\frac{3}{18} \\ \frac{3}{18} & \frac{2}{18} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 \\ \text{---} \\ 2 \times 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{18}(17) + -\frac{3}{18}(9) \\ \frac{3}{18}(17) + \frac{2}{18}(9) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{17}{18} - \frac{27}{18} \\ \frac{51}{18} + \frac{18}{18} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{44}{18} \\ \frac{69}{18} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$