

Recall that if  $AB = I = BA$ , then  $A$  &  $B$  are inverses and we write  $B = A^{-1}$

Thm ① If  $A^{-1}$  exists, then it is unique  
pf last time  $\square$

Thm ② If  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  both exist, then  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$   
pf  $(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) \stackrel{\text{Associativity}}{=} \underbrace{AB B^{-1}} A^{-1} = \underbrace{A I} A^{-1} = A A^{-1} = I$

AND  $(B^{-1}A^{-1})(AB) = B^{-1} \underbrace{A^{-1}A} B = B^{-1} \underbrace{I} B = B^{-1}B = I \quad \square$

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

proof  $(A^{-1})^{-1}$  and  $A$  are both inverses of  $A^{-1}$ , so they must be equal, by Thm ①.

Finding  $A^{-1}$

Our method will turn out to use elementary row operations!  
Let's start with the  $2 \times 2$  case:

If we have  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , then we want to find  $\begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$  so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} ae + bg \\ ce + dg \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{AND} \quad \begin{pmatrix} af + bh \\ cf + dh \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} ae+bg & | & 1 \\ ce+dg & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & | & 1 \\ c & d & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

AND

(variables)

$$\times \begin{pmatrix} af+bh & | & 0 \\ cf+dh & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & | & 0 \\ c & d & | & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since both of these have the same coefficients, they will be solved with the same sequence of row ops.

Then at the end, we will have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & e \\ 0 & 1 & | & g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & f \\ 0 & 1 & | & h \end{pmatrix}$$

In other words, we will use row ops to get from

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & | & 1 & 0 \\ c & d & | & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & e & f \\ 0 & 1 & | & g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

Summary To find  $A^{-1}$ :

- (1) Start with  $(A|I)$
- (2) Row reduce to  $(I|B)$
- (3) Conclude that  $B = A^{-1}$

Let's use this to find a formula for  $A^{-1}$  for  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & | & 1 & 0 \\ c & d & | & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{a}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \frac{1}{c}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} & | & \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{d}{c} & | & 0 & \frac{1}{c} \end{pmatrix} R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} & | & \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{ad-bc}{ac} & | & -\frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{c} \end{pmatrix} \frac{ac}{ad-bc} R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{b}{a} & | & \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix} R_1 - \frac{b}{a}R_2 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & \frac{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{bc}{a(ad-bc)}}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{ad-bc}{a(ad-bc)} + \frac{bc}{a(ad-bc)} = \frac{ad}{a(ad-bc)}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ 0 & 1 & | & \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Yay!

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

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Examples Find  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 6 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \frac{1}{8}R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{array} \right) \quad R_1 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$

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

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 10 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 & -9 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 5 & 100 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -110 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 & 0-31 \end{array} \right)_{R_3+R_2 \rightarrow R_3}$$

$$S_0 \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 16 & -5 \\ -6 & -9 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)_{\substack{R_3+2R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4-3R_1 \rightarrow R_4}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)_{R_4+4R_2 \rightarrow R_4}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)_{\substack{R_1 - \frac{1}{4}R_4 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 - \frac{1}{4}R_4 \rightarrow R_2}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)_{R_2 + \frac{2}{3}R_3 \rightarrow R_2}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{25}{12} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)_{\substack{R_1 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \\ \frac{1}{3}R_3 \\ -\frac{1}{4}R_4}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{18}{4} & -1 & -2 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{25}{12} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{4} & -1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right)$$

When is a matrix invertible? (This will also motivate Ch 3)

First, let's talk about elementary matrices.

Defn An elementary matrix is obtained by performing one elementary row operation on  $I$

Ex

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{4R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why are they important?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g+3d & h+3e & i+3f \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 4d & 4e & 4f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

So each elem. row op. can be performed by multiplying on the left by the corresponding elem matrix.

Lemma Every elementary matrix is invertible

Example

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition  $A$  and  $B$  are Row Equivalent if there is a sequence of elementary matrices  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  so that  $A = (E_k \dots E_1)B$

(and therefore  $E_k^{-1} A = E_{k-1} \dots E_1 B$   
 $(E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1}) A = B$ )



