

Key

2-3 Solving Systems with Matrices

Learning Goals:

- I can use determinants to find whether a matrix is invertible.
- I can use matrices to solve systems of linear equations.
- I can use matrices to encode and decode messages.

I. In Lesson 2-2 you learned about properties of matrices. In this lesson we will further develop the idea of the **inverse of a matrix**.

A. If a matrix has an inverse, it is called **invertible** (or **nonsingular**); otherwise, it is called **singular**. Remember, only a square matrix can have an inverse. But not all square matrices have inverses. If, however, a matrix does have an inverse, that inverse is unique.

1. To determine if a matrix has an inverse, we can use something called its **determinant**. The determinant of a 2×2 matrix is defined as follows:

Definition of the Determinant of a 2×2 Matrix

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, the determinant of the matrix is given by:

$$\det(A) = |A| = ad - bc$$

2. Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 5 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Use the formula above to calculate $|A|$.

$$\det(A) = |A| = (-8)(4) - (-3)(5) = -32 + 15 = \boxed{-17}$$

***If the determinant of matrix $\neq 0$, then the matrix has an inverse.

Based on your computations, does A have an inverse? Yes!

B. To find the inverse of a 2×2 matrix, we use the following formula:

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ then, } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Looking at this formula, explain why it makes sense that a nonsingular matrix must have a nonzero determinant.

If the determinant was zero, the fraction in front would be $\frac{1}{0}$.

2. Use the above formula to find A^{-1} (for #2, part A).

$$= \frac{1}{-17} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{17} & \frac{5}{17} \\ -\frac{3}{17} & \frac{8}{17} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Now use your calculator to verify what you found in #2.

Verified!

II. Why is the inverse of a matrix so important? You will see in this next section

A. Solve the system of equations below using the method of your choosing.

$$\begin{cases} 3x + y = 33 \\ 5x - 8y = 258 \end{cases} \rightarrow y = 33 - 3x$$

$$\boxed{(18, -21)}$$

$$5x - 8(33 - 3x) = 258$$

$$5x - 264 + 24x = 258$$

$$29x - 264 = 258$$

$$29x = 522 \quad x = 18$$

$$y = 33 - 3(18)$$

$$y = -21$$

B. Solving a system using the Inverse-Matrix Method:

In previous courses you learned multiple methods of solving a system of equation: graphically, substitution, and linear combinations. The Inverse-Matrix Method is yet another process.

1. The Inverse-Matrix Method Matrix uses matrix multiplication to represent a system of linear equations. Note how the system

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_2 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 = b_3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x_1 = X \\ x_2 = Y \\ x_3 = Z \end{matrix}$$

can be written as the matrix equation $AX = B$ where A is the *coefficient matrix* of the system, and X and B are column matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \quad \times \quad X = B$$

2. Solving a system using matrices boils down to setting up and solving a matrix equation. Note the similarity to solving a linear equation to that of a matrix equation:

Solving a Linear Equation

$$\frac{1}{3} \leftarrow \begin{aligned} 3x &= 6 \\ (\text{inverse of } 3) \times 3x &= (\text{inverse of } 3) \times 6 \\ x &= (\text{inverse of } 3) \times 6 \\ x &= \frac{1}{3} \times 6 \end{aligned}$$

Solving a Matrix Equation

$$\begin{aligned} AX &= B \\ (\text{inverse of } A) \times AX &= (\text{inverse of } A) \times B \\ X &= (\text{inverse of } A) \times B \\ X &= A^{-1} \times B \end{aligned}$$

3. Let's see how this works. Study the following example:

Consider the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = -4 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 4 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

- a. Write this system as a **matrix equation**. $AX = B$.

In matrix form, $AX = B$, the system can be written as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \bullet X = B$$

Solution Matrix

- b. Solve the matrix equation for X . $X = A^{-1}B$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = A^{-1} \bullet B$$

4. Solve the following system using the Inverse-Matrix Method.

$$\begin{cases} -x + y - z = -14 \\ 2x - y + z = 21 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 19 \end{cases}$$

- a. Write the system as a matrix equation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -14 \\ 21 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \bullet X = B$$

- b. Use your calculator to solve the matrix equation for X .

Solution Matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ so, $x = 7$
 $y = -3$
 $z = 4$

***2-3 Homework is on the next page!!

Lesson 2-3 Homework

*****Please show your work on a separate piece of paper.**

1. Without using a calculator, show that B is the inverse of A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Without using a calculator, find the inverse of each matrix (if it exists).

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Use your calculator for the remaining problems.

3. Use the Inverse-Matrix Method to solve the following systems (if possible).
You must write the matrix equation as well as your final solution matrix.

a.
$$\begin{cases} 4x - 3y = -5 \\ -x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$$

b.
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 0 \\ 2x + 4y = 0 \end{cases}$$

c.
$$\begin{cases} -x + y - z = -14 \\ 2x - y + z = 21 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 19 \end{cases}$$

d.
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 2z + 4w = 11 \\ 3x + 6y + 5z + 12w = 30 \\ x + 3y - 3z + 2w = -5 \\ 6x - y - z + w = -9 \end{cases}$$

e.
$$\begin{cases} -x + y = -22 \\ 3x + 4y = 4 \\ 4x - 8y = 32 \end{cases}$$

f.
$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 = -20 \\ -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 8 \\ -2x_2 + 5x_3 = -16 \end{cases}$$

Use the Inverse-Matrix Method to solve the following problems.

4. A serving of roast beef has 17 grams of protein and 11 milligrams of calcium. A serving of mashed potatoes has 2 grams of protein and 25 milligrams of calcium. How many servings of each are needed to get 40 grams of protein and 97 milligrams of calcium?

M4 2-3 Homework

1) |A| = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 3 = 4 - 6 = -2

A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = B \checkmark

2) |A| = -12 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 5 = 24 - 15 = 9; A^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{9} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{9} & -\frac{2}{9} \end{bmatrix}

|B| = (-4)(3) - (-6)(2) = -12 + 12 = 0

No inverse! B is singular.

CHALLENGE!!

\rightarrow |C| = \sin \theta \cdot \sin \theta - \cos \theta \cdot -\cos \theta = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1

C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}

Trig identity

3.) a) \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Solution} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/3 \\ 43/9 \end{bmatrix}

b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{No solution}

c) See Page 3 solution.

d) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 & 12 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 30 \\ -5 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Solution} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}

(#3 continued)

$$e) \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -22 \\ 4 \\ 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

No solution

$$f) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ 8 \\ -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

4.) $17r + 2m = 40$
 $11r + 25m = 97$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 17 & 2 \\ 11 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ 97 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution = $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2 servings of roast beef
 3 servings of mashed potatoes