

Linear Algebra

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INVERTIBLE MATRICES

– some rules and facts –

1. If A is an invertible $n \times n$ matrix, then for each $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the equation $Ax = b$ has a unique solution $x = A^{-1}b$.

Why?

2. If A is an invertible matrix, then A^{-1} is invertible and

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

Why?

3. If A and B are invertible matrices, then so is AB with inverse

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

Why?

4. If A is an invertible matrix, then so is A^T with inverse

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

Why?

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