



# LINEAR ALGEBRA

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### Problem 1 (30%)

### Properties of Inverses

Suppose that  $A$  is an invertible matrix and has one of the following properties:

- a)  $A$  is a triangular matrix.
- b)  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.
- c) All the entries of  $A$  are integers (i.e.  $a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ).

Which of the above would also be true of the inverse of  $A$ ? Prove your answer if it is true, or find a counterexample if it is false.

#### **Solution**

a) True.

Please refer to Example 5 in page 86 of textbook, Gilbert Strang, *Introduction to Linear Algebra*, International Fourth Edition, Wellesley Cambridge Press, 2009.

b) True.

Since  $A^T = A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I^T = (AA^{-1})^T \\ &= (A^{-1})^T A^T \\ &= (A^{-1})^T A. \end{aligned}$$

Right-multiply  $A^{-1}$  on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= (A^{-1})^T AA^{-1} \\ &= (A^{-1})^T. \end{aligned}$$

We therefore get  $A^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$ , which indicates  $A^{-1}$  is symmetric.

c) False.

A counterexample is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

of which the inverse is

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, one entry of  $A^{-1}$  is not an integer.

**Problem 2 (20%)****Inverse of Matrix**Find  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  by elimination on  $[A \ I]$  and  $[B \ I]$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
[A \ I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \\ \dots (2) \\ \dots (3) \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -8 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \text{ with } \mathbf{1} \text{ the first pivot} \\ \dots (2) - (-1) \times (1) \\ \dots (3) - 2 \times (1) \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \\ \dots (2') \text{ with } \mathbf{-1} \text{ the second pivot} \\ \dots (3') - (-6) \times (2') \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 4 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) - (-1) \times (3'') \\ \dots (2'') - (-\frac{1}{2}) \times (3'') \\ \dots (3'') \text{ with } \mathbf{-2} \text{ the third pivot} \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 4 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1') - (2) \times (2'') \\ \dots (2'') \text{ with } \mathbf{-1} \text{ the fourth pivot} \\ \dots (3'') \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -4 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1'') \\ \dots (2'') \times (-1) \\ \dots (3'') \times (-\frac{1}{2}) \end{array} \\
&= [I \ A^{-1}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & -4 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[B \ I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \\ \dots (2) \\ \dots (3) \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \text{ with } \mathbf{2} \text{ the first pivot} \\ \dots (2) - \frac{1}{2} \times (1) \\ \dots (3) - \frac{1}{2} \times (1) \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) \\ \dots (2') \text{ with } \frac{1}{2} \text{ the second pivot} \\ \dots (3') - (1) \times (2') \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1) - (3) \times (3'') \\ \dots (2'') - (-\frac{1}{2}) \times (3'') \\ \dots (3'') \text{ with } \mathbf{1} \text{ the third pivot} \end{array} \\
\Rightarrow &\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1') - 6 \times (2'') \\ \dots (2'') \text{ with } \frac{1}{2} \text{ the fourth pivot} \\ \dots (3'') \end{array}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \dots (1'') \times \frac{1}{2} \\ \dots (2'') \times 2 \\ \dots (3'') \end{array} \\ &= [I \quad B^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 3 (25%)**

**LDU Factorization**

Find A = LDU factorization for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Hint: If  $A^T = A$ , then  $A = LDL^T$ .)

**Solution** .....

Since A is symmetric (i.e.  $A^T = A$ ), A can be factorized as

$$A = LDU = LDL^T = U^T DU.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Forward elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = DU.$$

So,

$$A = U^T DU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = LDU,$$

then

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4 (25%)**

**Using LU to Solve  $Ax = b$**

Suppose  $A = LU$  and  $Ax = b$ , where L, U, and  $b$  are respectively given as follows. Please solve  $x$  without knowing/computing A.

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution** .....

Since  $Ax = LUx = b$ . Let  $Ux = y$ . Solving  $Ly = b$  yields:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow y = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then solve  $Ux = y$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$