

Let X, Y be 2 arbitrary sets, and
 $T: X \rightarrow Y$ a function.

Def T is called invertible if the equation
 $T(x) = y$ has a unique solution $x \in X$
 for each $y \in Y$. When this is the case,
 the function $T^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$, $T^{-1}(y) = x$ is
 called the inverse of T .

Notes ① The fact that $T(x) = y$ has a unique
 solution $x \in X$ for each choice of $y \in Y$
 expresses T as both 1-1 and onto Y :

② That given some choice $y \in Y$, that
 $T(x) = y$ has a unique solution is 1-1.

③ That there is a solution to $T(x) = y$
for every $y \in Y$ is onto.

④ Notice that $(T^{-1} \circ T)(x) = T^{-1}(T(x)) = T^{-1}(y) = x$
 and $(T \circ T^{-1})(y) = T(T^{-1}(y)) = T(x) = y$

Notes (cont'd).

③ If T is invertible, then ANY function $f: Y \rightarrow X$, where $(f \circ T)(x) = x$ and $(T \circ f)(y) = y$, is called an inverse to T , and $f = T^{-1}$.

④ If T is invertible, then so is T^{-1} , and $(T^{-1})^{-1} = T$.

⑤ There is no mention or idea here as to how to find such a T^{-1} when T is invertible. Only that it exists.

⑥ If $X = Y$ (as sets), then $T: X \rightarrow X$, and if T is invertible, then we typically use the independent variable x for both T and T^{-1} .

ex. (Pre-calc) Given $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 3x - 2$, we write $y = 3x - 2$, and solve for x as a function of y to create the inverse. $\frac{y+2}{3} = x$. Then, we switch the role of x, y to get $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}$.

ex. (cont'd)

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here then } (f^{-1} \circ f)(x) &= f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(3x-2) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(3x-2) + \frac{2}{3} = x\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } (f \circ f^{-1})(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}\right) - 2 = x$$

By the above definition, a linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad T(\vec{x}) = A_{n \times m} \vec{x} \text{ is invertible}$$

iff $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ has a unique solution for every $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

(Back to systems of eqns and the types of solutions then have).

ex. $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ is invertible
and $T^{-1}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ its inverse.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here } (T^{-1} \circ T)(\vec{x}) &= T^{-1}(T\vec{x}) = T^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= T^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ x+y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ x+y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (2x+y) - (x+y) \\ -(2x+y) + 2(x+y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}.\end{aligned}$$

ex (cont'd.)

Also show $(T \circ T^{-1})(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$.

Notice also the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T^{-1} \circ T)(\vec{x}) &= T^{-1}(T(\vec{x})) = T^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{assoc.}}{=} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1(2) - 1(1) & 1(1) - 1(1) \\ -1(2) + 2(1) & -1(1) + 2(1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{I_2} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q: How do we know whether a linear trans. has an inverse without actually solving for it?

Def. A square matrix A is said to be invertible if the linear trans. $T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is invertible. Then T_A^{-1} exists and we write the matrix for T^{-1} as A^{-1} .

For $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$, we have $T^{-1}(\vec{y}) = A^{-1}\vec{y} = \vec{x}$.

Question to think about

Can a matrix be invertible if it is not square?

Hint: ① Can $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T(\vec{x}) = A_{n \times m} \vec{x}$ be 1-1
if $m > n$?

② Can T be onto if $m < n$?

Thm 2.4.3 A square matrix $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible
iff $\text{rref}(A) = I_n$.

In this case, then, for any choice of $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we
would write the augmentation matrix for $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$
 $[A \mid \vec{y}]$. Row ~~reduced~~ row reduction would
look like $[I_n \mid \vec{x}]$ where $\vec{x}$ is the solution
to $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$. Think about this.

Thm 2.4.4 Let $A_{n \times n}$ be a matrix

② If A is noninvertible, then for a choice of $\vec{b}$, either $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has no solutions or an infinite number.

③ Let $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$. The system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ALWAYS has a solution (what is it?)

If A is invertible, it is the only solution

If A is not invertible, there is an infinite number of them.

Combine these to get one statement:

A is invertible iff $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has a unique solution.

Q: How to find A^{-1} for an invertible A ?

A: Really it is just a matter of taking the system $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ and solving for $\vec{x}$ as a function of $\vec{y}$. Then the coefficients of $\vec{y}$ are A^{-1} .

That is, if you can take the system

$$(*) \quad A\vec{x} = \vec{y}, \text{ or } \begin{array}{rcl} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n & = & y_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n & = & y_n \end{array}$$

and slowly ~~at~~ turn it into the system

$$(*) \quad \vec{x} = B\vec{y}, \text{ where } \begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & = & b_{11}y_1 + \dots + b_{1n}y_n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n & = & b_{n1}y_1 + \dots + b_{nn}y_n \end{array}$$

Then you "found" a way of going back from $\vec{y}$ to $\vec{x}$ via a linear transf.

This is precisely what the inverse lin. transf. does.

In matrix form, this means:

① Create a new $n \times 2n$ matrix $[A : I_n]$

② Compute $\text{rref}[A : I_n]$

At the end, you will get a matrix of the form $[I_n : B_{n \times n}]$ (if A is invertible).

Then $B = A^{-1}$, and is the coefficient matrix of (*).