

9/16/22 §2.4. • Invertability

• Inverse matrices

• Checking if a transformation/matrix is invertible

Recall A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called invertible if

$$\forall y \in Y \exists \text{ unique } x \in X \text{ s.t. } f(x) = y$$

Inverse function: $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$

$$f(x) = y \iff f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$f(f^{-1}(y)) = y \quad f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

for all $y \in Y$ and $x \in X$

eg. The linear function $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible: i.e. given any

$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, there exists a unique $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$T(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}. \quad \text{Namely, } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1/2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Check: } T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1/2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, ~~there~~ there are no other vectors \vec{x}'

such that $T(\vec{x}') = \vec{y}$.

Inverse function: $T^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1/2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Notice: T^{-1} is linear! matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

In general, if $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is linear and invertible, then $T^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ must also be linear. (§2.2 exc #29)

Q let $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be an invertible linear function, let A be the corresponding matrix. What can we say about A ?

T invertible $\Leftrightarrow \forall \vec{y} \exists$ unique \vec{x} s.t. $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{y}$
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$

\Leftrightarrow for all \vec{y} , the linear system of eqs, $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$, has a unique solution \vec{x} .

\Leftrightarrow $\text{rref}(A)$ has a pivot in every column

(otherwise, you'd get ∞ many solutions for some \vec{y} 's: eg $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

then $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ always has ∞ solutions.

AND $\text{rref}(A)$ has a pivot in every row.

(otherwise, $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ will have no solutions for some choices of \vec{y} . eg $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ has no solutions!

In summary:

THM ~~invert~~ Given linear function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
with matrix A ,

T invertible \iff rref(A) has a pivot
in each row and each column

$$\iff m=n \text{ and } \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = I_n$$

Def If $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is invertible linear function
w/ matrix A , then the matrix $T^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
is denoted A^{-1} , "inverse matrix of A "

Check: $T(T^{-1}(\vec{x})) = T^{-1}(T(\vec{x})) = \vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot A = I_n$$

Problem 1 Which of the following transformations are invertible?

- $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, which rotates every vector clockwise by $\pi/3$ around the y -axis, **Yes!**
viewed from the positive y direction *f^{-1} : rotate CCW by $\pi/3$*
- $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, which reflects each vector across the y -axis **Yes!** *T^{-1} : reflect again*
- $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, which projects each vector onto the x -axis
- $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, given by

- $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, given by

$$g\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no solns

$$u\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has

multiple vectors project to the same thing:



Problem 2 Which of the following matrices are invertible?

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

rref(A) = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ yes

- $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

rref(B) = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ no!

- $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

not square. no!

- $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

rref(D) = D no!

∞ many solutions

*next invertible:
Domain and range have diff. dims.*

Exit ticket

1. Give a (new!) example of a linear transformation which is not invertible
 2. Ask me a question!
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