

6.4) Inverting a 2 x 2 matrix

Worked example

Find the inverse matrix for:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Your turn

Find the inverse matrix for

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Worked example

For what value of p is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-p \\ -4 & p+3 \end{pmatrix}$ singular?

Given p is not this value, find the inverse.

Your turn

For what value of p is $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & p+2 \\ -1 & 3-p \end{pmatrix}$ singular?

$$p = \frac{14}{3}$$

Given p is not this value, find the inverse.

$$\frac{1}{14-3p} \begin{pmatrix} 3-p & -(p+2) \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Worked example

If \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are non-singular matrices, prove that $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

Your turn

If \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} are non-singular matrices, prove that $(\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$

$$\text{Let } C = (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{PQ})C = (\mathbf{PQ})(\mathbf{PQ})^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{PQ})C = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{PQC} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{IQC} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{QC} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{QC} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{IC} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

Worked example

If A and B are non-singular matrices such that $\mathbf{ABA} = \mathbf{I}$, prove that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

Your turn

If A and B are non-singular matrices such that $\mathbf{BAB} = \mathbf{I}$, prove that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$

$$BAB = I$$

$$B^{-1}BAB = B^{-1}I$$

$$IAB = B^{-1}$$

$$AB = B^{-1}$$

$$ABB^{-1} = B^{-1}B^{-1}$$

$$AI = B^{-1}B^{-1}$$

$$A = B^{-1}B^{-1}$$