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## **Abstract**

First, Talk about some basic consents of matrix.

Also, we used some methods to find inverse of matrix exactly and numerically such as (Gauss-Jordan Method, Factorization Method, Partition Method and Iterative Method). Finally, we used power method to find the eigenvalue problem.

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## Introduction

There are two main numerical exercises which arise in connection with the matrices. One of these is the problem of finding the inverse of a matrix. The other problem is that of finding the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of a matrix. When a student first encounters an eigenvalue problem, it appears to him somewhat artificial and theoretical only. In fact the computation of eigenvalues is required in many engineering and scientific problems. For instance, the frequencies of the vibrations of beams are the eigenvalues of a matrix. Eigenvalues are also required while finding the frequencies associated with

- (i) the vibrations of a system of masses and springs,
- (ii) the symmetric vibrations of an annular membrane,
- (iii) the oscillations of a triple pendulum,
- (iv) the torsional oscillations of a uniform cantilever,
- (v) the torsional oscillations of a multi-cylinder engine etc.

Once the physical formulation in any of the above situations is completed, all these Exercises have the same mathematical approach: that of finding an eigenvalue for a numerical matrix.

## Chapter One:

### Definition 1.1 (Burden & Faires, 2010)

An  $n \times m$  ( $n$  by  $m$ ) **matrix** is a rectangular array of elements with  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns in which not only is the value of an element important, but also its position in the array.

The notation for an  $n \times m$  matrix will be a capital letter such as  $A$  for the matrix and lowercase letters with double subscripts, such as  $a_{ij}$ , to refer to the entry at the intersection of the  $i$  th row and  $j$  th column; that is,

$$A = [a_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Definition 1.2 (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

**Non-Singular** matrix is a square matrix whose determinant is a non-zero value.

### Definition 1.3 (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

If  $A$  is a non-singular square matrix, there is a matrix  $B$  of same order, which is called the **inverse matrix** of  $A$  such that  $AB = BA = I$ , where  $I$  is the unit matrix.

### Definition 1.4 (Poole, 2010)

Let  $A$  be a square matrix. A factorization of  $A$  as  $A = LU$ , where  $L$  is unit lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular, is called an **LU factorization** of  $A$ .

### Definition 1.5 (Burden & Faires, 2010)

If  $A$  is a square matrix, the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$  is defined by

$$p(\lambda) = \det (A - \lambda)$$

It is not difficult to show that  $p$  is an  $n$ th-degree polynomial and, consequently, has at most  $n$  distinct zeros, some of which might be complex. If  $\lambda$  is a zero of  $p$ , then, since  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ , the linear system defined by  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a solution with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . We wish to study the zeros of  $p$  and the nonzero solutions corresponding to these systems.

**Definition 1.5** (Burden & Faires, 2010)

If  $p$  is the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A$ , the zeros of  $p$  are **eigenvalues**, or characteristic values, of the matrix  $A$ . If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  satisfies  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is an **eigenvector**, or characteristic vector, of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

To determine the eigenvalues of a matrix, we can use the fact that

- $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .  
Once an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  has been found a corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  is determined by solving the system
- $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .



## Chapter two

### 2.1 Methods to find inverse matrix:

#### 2.1.1 Gauss-Jordan Method: (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

This is similar to the Gauss elimination method except that instead of first converting A into upper triangular form; it is directly converted into the unit matrix.

In practice, the two matrices A and I are written side by side and the same row transformations are performed on both. As soon as A is reduced to I, the other matrix represents  $A^{-1}$ .

**Example:** Find the inverse of the matrix A using the Gauss-Jordan method.

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} [A | I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} && \left(\frac{1}{3}R_1\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & : & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} && (R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - R_1) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & : & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{11}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} & : & -\frac{2}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & : & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} && \left(-\frac{3}{11}R_2\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & : & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{11} & : & \frac{2}{11} & -\frac{3}{11} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{7}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & : & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{R}_1 - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_3 + \frac{7}{3}\mathbf{R}_2)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{11} & : & \frac{3}{11} & \frac{1}{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{11} & : & \frac{2}{11} & -\frac{3}{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{20}{11} & : & \frac{1}{11} & -\frac{7}{11} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left(\frac{11}{20}\mathbf{R}_3\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{11} & : & \frac{3}{11} & \frac{1}{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{11} & : & \frac{2}{11} & -\frac{3}{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & \frac{1}{20} & -\frac{7}{20} & \frac{11}{20} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left(\mathbf{R}_1 - \frac{5}{11}\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbf{R}_2 - \frac{7}{11}\mathbf{R}_3\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & \frac{3}{20} & -\frac{1}{20} & -\frac{7}{20} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & \frac{1}{20} & -\frac{7}{20} & \frac{11}{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we obtain:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{20} & -\frac{1}{20} & -\frac{7}{20} \\ \frac{1}{20} & -\frac{7}{20} & \frac{11}{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.1.2 Factorization Method (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

In this method, we factorize the given matrix as  $A = LU$  (1)

where  $L$  is a lower triangular matrix with unit diagonal elements and  $U$  is an upper triangular matrix

$$\text{i.e. } L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now (1) gives  $A^{-1} = (LU)^{-1} = U^{-1}L^{-1}$  (2)

To find  $L^{-1}$ , let  $L^{-1} = X$ , where  $X$  is a lower triangular matrix. Then  $LX = I$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & 0 \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying the matrices on the L.H.S. and equating the corresponding elements, we have

$$x_{11} = 1, x_{22} = 1, x_{33} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$l_{21}x_{11} + x_{21} = 0, l_{31}x_{11} + l_{32}x_{21} + x_{31} = 0 \text{ and } l_{32}x_{22} + x_{32} = 0 \quad (4)$$

(3) gives  $x_{11} = x_{22} = x_{33} = 1$

(4)  $x_{21} = -l_{21}x_{11}, x_{31} = -(l_{31} + l_{32}x_{21})$  and  $x_{32} = -l_{32}$

Thus  $L^{-1} = X$  is completely determined.

To find  $U^{-1}$ , let  $U^{-1} = Y$ , where  $Y$  is an upper triangular matrix.

Then  $YU = I$

$$\text{i.e., } \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & y_{13} \\ 0 & y_{22} & y_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & y_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying the matrices on the L.H.S. and then equating the corresponding elements, we have

$$y_{11}u_{11} = 1, y_{22}u_{22} = 1, y_{33}u_{33} = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_{11}u_{12} + y_{12}u_{22} &= 0, y_{11}u_{13} + y_{12}u_{23} + y_{13}u_{33} = 0 \\ y_{22}u_{23} + y_{23}u_{33} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

From (5),  $y_{11} = 1/u_{11}, y_{22} = 1/u_{22}, y_{33} = 1/u_{33}$

From (6),  $y_{12} = -y_{11}u_{12}/u_{22}, y_{13} = -(y_{11}u_{13} + y_{12}u_{23})/u_{33}; y_{23} = -y_{22}u_{23}/u_{33}$ .

$\therefore$  We get  $U^{-1} = Y$ , completely.

Hence, by (2), we obtain  $A^{-1}$ .

**Example:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{taking } L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A=LU \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore 1 = u_{11}, 0 = u_{12}, 2 = u_{13};$$

$$l_{21}u_{11} = 2, l_{21}u_{12} + u_{22} = -1, l_{21}u_{13} + u_{23} = 3;$$

$$l_{31}u_{11} = 4, \quad l_{31}u_{12} + l_{32}u_{22} = 1, \quad l_{31}u_{13} + l_{32}u_{23} + u_{33} = 8;$$

Or

$$1 = u_{11}, 0 = u_{12}, 2 = u_{13}, l_{21} = 2, l_{31} = 4, l_{32} = -1, u_{22} = -1, u_{23} = -1, u_{33} = -1$$

$$\text{Thus } U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = LU \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find  $L^{-1}$ , let  $L^{-1} = X$ . Then  $LX = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & 0 \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{11} = 1, 2x_{11} + x_{21} = 0, x_{22} = 1, 4x_{11} - x_{21} + x_{31} = 0, -x_{22} + x_{32} = 0, \\ x_{33} = 1$$

Then  $x_{11} = x_{22} = x_{33} = x_{32} = 1, x_{21} = -2, x_{31} = -6$

$$\text{Thus } L^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find  $U^{-1}$ , let  $U^{-1} = Y$ . Then  $YU = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & y_{13} \\ 0 & y_{22} & y_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & y_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_{11} = 1, y_{12} = 0, 2y_{11} - y_{12} - y_{13} = 0, y_{22} = -1, -y_{22} - y_{23} = 0, y_{33} = -1$$

Then  $y_{11} = y_{23} = 1, y_{22} = y_{33} = -1, y_{12} = 0, y_{13} = 2$

$$\text{Thus } U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = U^{-1}L^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## An Easy Way to Find $LU$ Factorizations (Poole, 2010)

We computed the matrix  $L$  as a product of elementary matrices. Fortunately,  $L$  can be computed directly from the row reduction process without our needing to compute elementary matrices at all. Remember that we are assuming that  $A$  can be reduced to row echelon form without using any row interchanges. If this is the case, then the entire row reduction process can be done using only elementary row operations of the form  $R_r - kR_f$  (Why do we not need to use the remaining elementary row operation, multiplying a row by a nonzero scalar?) In the operation  $R_1 - kR_p$  we will refer to the scalar  $k$  as the multiplier.

In Example, the elementary row operations that were used were, in order,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - 2R_1 \\ R_1 + R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 - 2R_1 & \quad (\text{multiplier} = 2) \\ R_3 + R_1 = R_3 - (-1)R_1 & \quad (\text{multiplier} = -1) \\ R_3 + 2R_2 = R_3 - (-2)R_2 & \quad (\text{multiplier} = -2) \end{aligned}$$

The multipliers are precisely the entries of  $L$  that are below its diagonal! Indeed,

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

and  $L_{21} = 2$ ,  $L_{31} = -1$ , and  $L_{32} = -2$ . Notice that the elementary row operation  $R_t - kR_j$  has its multiplier  $k$  placed in the  $(i, j)$  entry of  $L$ .

**Example:** find inverse matrix by factorization method

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\text{taking } L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A=LU \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{R}_2 - 2\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_3 - 4\mathbf{R}_1) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{R}_3 + \mathbf{R}_2) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = LU \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find  $L^{-1}$ , let  $L^{-1} = X$ . Then  $LX = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & 0 \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{11} = 1, 2x_{11} + x_{21} = 0, x_{22} = 1, 4x_{11} - x_{21} + x_{31} = 0, -x_{22} + x_{32} = 0, \\ x_{33} = 1$$

Then  $x_{11} = x_{22} = x_{33} = x_{32} = 1, x_{21} = -2, x_{31} = -6$

$$\text{Thus } L^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find  $U^{-1}$ , let  $U^{-1} = Y$ . Then  $YU = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & y_{13} \\ 0 & y_{22} & y_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & y_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_{11} = 1, y_{12} = 0, 2y_{11} - y_{12} - y_{13} = 0, y_{22} = -1, -y_{22} - y_{23} = 0, y_{33} = -1$$

Then  $y_{11} = y_{23} = 1$ ,  $y_{22} = y_{33} = -1$ ,  $y_{12} = 0$ ,  $y_{13} = 2$

$$\text{Thus } U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } A^{-1} = U^{-1}L^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.1.3 Partition Method (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

According to this method, if the inverse of a matrix  $A_n$  of order  $n$  is known, then the inverse of a matrix  $A_{n+1}$  of order  $(n + 1)$  can be determined by adding  $(n + 1)$  the row and  $(n + 1)$  th column to  $A_n$ .

$$\text{Suppose } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & : & A_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A'_3 & : & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & : & X_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ X'_3 & : & x \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A_2, X_2$  are column vectors and  $A'_3, X'_3$  are row vectors (i.e., transposes of column vectors  $A_3, X_3$ ) and  $\alpha, x$  are ordinary numbers.

Also we assume that  $A_1^{-1}$  is known. Actually  $A_3$  and  $X_3$  are column vectors since their transposes are row vectors.

Now  $AA^{-1} = I_{n+1}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} A_1X_1 + A_1X'_3 &= I_n \\ A_1X_2 + A_2x &= 0 \\ A'_3X_1 + \alpha X'_3 &= 0 \\ A'_3X'_3 + \alpha x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

From (2),  $X_2 = -A_1^{-1}A_2x$  and using this, (4) gives  $(\alpha - A'_3A_1^{-1}A_2)x = 1$ .

Hence  $x$  and then  $X_2$  can be found.

Also from (1),  $X_1 = A_1^{-1}(I_n - A_2X'_3)$



and using this, (3) gives  $(\alpha - A'_3 A_1^{-1} A_2) X'_3 = -A'_3 A_1^{-1} x$  whence  $X'_3$  and then  $X_1$  are determined.

Thus, having found  $X_1, X_2, X'_3$  and  $x, A^{-1}$  is completely known.

$$\text{Or } x = (\alpha - A'_3 A_1^{-1} A_2)^{-1}$$

$$X_2 = -A_1^{-1} A_2 x$$

$$X'_3 = -A'_3 A_1^{-1} x$$

$$X_1 = A_1^{-1} (I_n - A_2 X'_3)$$

**NOTE:** The partition method is also known as the "Escalator method".

**Example:** Find inverse matrix by partition method

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & : & A_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A'_3 & : & \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & : & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & : & 4 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 5 & 6 & : & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So that } A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad A'_3 = [5 \quad 6] \quad x = 1$$

$$\text{We find } A_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & : & X_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ X'_3 & : & x \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } AA^{-1} = I$$

Hence

$$x = (\alpha - A'_3 A_1^{-1} A_2)^{-1} = \left( 1 - [5 \quad 6] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X_2 = -A_1^{-1} A_2 x = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X'_3 = -A'_3 A_1^{-1} x = -[5 \quad 6] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} = [-2.5 \quad 2]$$

$$X_1 = A_1^{-1}(I_n - A_2 X_3') = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -11.5 & 8 \\ 10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & : & X_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ X_3' & : & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -11.5 & 8 & : & 2.5 \\ 10 & -7 & : & -2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -2.5 & 2 & : & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -11.5 & 8 & 2.5 \\ 10 & -7 & -2 \\ -2.5 & 2 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2.2 Numerical Methods for finding the inverse matrix

### 2.2.1 Iterative Method (B.S.GREWAL, 2018)

Suppose we wish to compute  $A^{-1}$  and we know that  $B$  is an approximate inverse of  $A$ .

Then the error matrix is given by  $E = AB - I$  (by definition of error) or

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad AB &= I + E \\ (AB)^{-1} &= (I + E)^{-1} \text{ i.e. } B^{-1}A^{-1} = (I + E)^{-1} \\ A^{-1} &= B(I + E)^{-1} \\ &= B(I - E + E^2 - \dots) \quad (\text{by Taylor series}) \end{aligned}$$

provided the series converges.

Thus we can find further approximations of  $A^{-1}$ , by using  $A^{-1} = B(1 - E + E^2 - \dots)$

**Example:** Using iterative method, find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ taking } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} E = AB - I &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } E^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0.02 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore E^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.001 & 0.002 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

To the second approximation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= B(I - E + E^2 - E^3) \\ &= B - BE + BE^2 - BE^3 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0.02 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.001 & 0.002 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0.02 \\ 0.03 & 0.06 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.001 & 0.002 \\ 0.003 & 0.006 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 0.0002 \\ 0.0003 & 0.0006 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0909 & 0.1818 \\ 0.2727 & -0.4546 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Numerical eigenvalues:

### 2.3.1 The Power Method: (Poole, 2010)

The power method applies to an  $n \times n$  matrix that has a dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  – that is, an eigenvalue that is larger in absolute value than all of the other eigenvalues. For example, if a matrix has eigenvalues  $-4, -3, 1,$  and  $3,$  then  $-4$  is the dominant eigenvalue, since  $4 = |-4| > |-3| \geq |3| \geq |1|$ . On the other hand, a matrix with eigenvalues  $-4, -3, 3,$  and  $4$  has no dominant eigenvalue.

The power method proceeds iteratively to produce a sequence of scalars that converges to  $\lambda_1$  and a sequence of vectors that converges to the corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , the

dominant eigenvector. For simplicity, we will assume that the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable. The following theorem is the basis for the power method.

**Theorem (2.3.1):** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  diagonalizable matrix with dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ . Then there exists a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$  such that the sequence of vectors  $\mathbf{x}_k$  defined by

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = A\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_2 = A\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3 = A\mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k = A\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \dots$$

approaches a dominant eigenvector of  $A$ .

**Proof:** We may assume that the eigenvalues of  $A$  have been labeled so that

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$$

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  be the corresponding eigenvectors. Since  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent (why?), they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consequently, we can write  $\mathbf{x}_0$  as a linear combination of these eigenvectors - say,

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

Now  $\mathbf{x}_1 = A\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_2 = A\mathbf{x}_1 = A(A\mathbf{x}_0) = A^2\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_3 = A\mathbf{x}_2 = A(A^2\mathbf{x}_0) = A^3\mathbf{x}_0$ , and, generally,

$$\mathbf{x}_k = A^k\mathbf{x}_0 \text{ for } k \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^k\mathbf{x}_0 &= c_1\lambda_1^k\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\lambda_2^k\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\lambda_n^k\mathbf{v}_n \\ &= \lambda_1^k \left( c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}\right)^k\mathbf{v}_n \right) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ .

The fact that  $\lambda_1$  is the dominant eigenvalue means that each of the fractions  $\lambda_2/\lambda_1, \lambda_3/\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n/\lambda_1$ , is less than 1 in absolute value. Thus,

$$\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k, \left(\frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1}\right)^k, \dots, \left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}\right)^k$$

all go to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that

$$\mathbf{x}_k = A^k \mathbf{x}_0 \rightarrow \lambda_1^k c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Now, since  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_k$  is approaching a nonzero multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  (that is, an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1$ ) provided  $c_1 \neq 0$ . (This is the required condition on the initial vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$ : It must have a nonzero component  $c_1$  in the direction of the dominant eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1$ .)

- There is an alternative way to estimate the dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  of a matrix  $A$  in conjunction with the power method. First, observe that if  $Ax = \lambda_1 x$ , then

$$\frac{(Ax) \cdot x}{x \cdot x} = \frac{(\lambda_1 x) \cdot x}{x \cdot x} = \frac{\lambda_1 (x \cdot x)}{x \cdot x} = \lambda_1$$

The expression  $R(x) = ((Ax) \cdot x)/(x \cdot x)$  is called a **Rayleigh quotient**.

**Example:** Complete four iterations of the power method to approximate a dominant eigenvector of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use theorem (2.2.2) to get the dominant eigenvalue.

**Solution:** We will take  $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as the initial vector. Then

Approximate

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 = AX_0 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow -4 \begin{bmatrix} 2.50 \\ 1.00 \end{bmatrix} \\ X_2 = AX_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 10 \begin{bmatrix} 2.8 \\ 1.00 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_3 = AX_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -64 \\ -22 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow -22 \begin{bmatrix} 2.91 \\ 1.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_4 = AX_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -64 \\ -22 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 136 \\ 46 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 46 \begin{bmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

So after the fourth iteration, the approximate a dominant eigenvector is  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{pmatrix}$

Rayleigh quotient,  $\lambda = \frac{Ax \cdot x}{x \cdot x}$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6.08 \\ -2.04 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ax \cdot x &= \begin{pmatrix} -6.08 \\ -2.04 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -20.0368 \end{aligned}$$

$$x \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2.96 \\ 1.00 \end{pmatrix} = 9.7616$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-20.0368}{9.7616} = -2.05$$

Note that exact solution is

dominant eigenvalue = -2

dominant eigenvector =  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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