

# Lecture Notes 1: Matrix Algebra

## Part B: Determinants and Inverses

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## Determinants of Order 2: Definition

Consider again the pair of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= b_2\end{aligned}$$

with its associated coefficient matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us define  $D := a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$ .

Provided that  $D \neq 0$ , there is a unique solution given by

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{D}(b_1a_{22} - b_2a_{12}), \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{D}(b_2a_{11} - b_1a_{21})$$

The number  $D$  is called the **determinant** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , and denoted by either  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  or more concisely,  $|\mathbf{A}|$ .

## Determinants of Order 2: Simple Rule

Thus, for any  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , its determinant  $D$  is

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$$

For this special case of **order 2** determinants, a simple rule is:

1. multiply the diagonal elements together;
2. multiply the off-diagonal elements together;
3. subtract the product of the off-diagonal elements from the product of the diagonal elements.

Note that

$$|\mathbf{A}| = a_{11}a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{21}a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

## Cramer's Rule in the $2 \times 2$ Case

Using determinant notation, the solution to the equations

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= b_2\end{aligned}$$

can be written in the alternative form

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{D} \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} \\ b_2 & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{D} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & b_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

This accords with **Cramer's rule** for the solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , which is the vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$  each of whose components  $x_i$  is the fraction with:

1. denominator equal to the determinant  $D$  of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (**provided**, of course, that  $D \neq 0$ );
2. numerator equal to the determinant of the matrix  $(\mathbf{A}_{-i}, \mathbf{b})$  formed from  $\mathbf{A}$  by replacing its  $i$ th column with the  $\mathbf{b}$  vector of right-hand side elements.

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## Determinants of Order 3: Definition

Determinants of order 3 can be calculated from those of order 2 according to the formula

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} |\mathbf{C}_{1j}| \end{aligned}$$

where, for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{1j}$  is the  $(1, j)$ -**cofactor** obtained by removing both row 1 and column  $j$  from  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The result is the following sum

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \\ &\quad - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \end{aligned}$$

of  $3! = 6$  terms, each the product of 3 elements chosen so that each row and each column is represented just once.



## Determinants of Order 3: Cofactor Expansion

The determinant expansion

$$|\mathbf{A}| = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \\ - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

is very symmetric, suggesting (correctly)  
that the cofactor expansion **along the first row** ( $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}$ )

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} |\mathbf{C}_{1j}|$$

gives the same answer as the two cofactor expansions

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{r+j} a_{rj} |\mathbf{C}_{rj}| = \sum_{i=1}^3 (-1)^{i+s} a_{is} |\mathbf{C}_{is}|$$

along, respectively:

- ▶ **the  $r$ th row** ( $a_{r1}, a_{r2}, a_{r3}$ )
- ▶ **the  $s$ th column** ( $a_{1s}, a_{2s}, a_{3s}$ )

## Determinants of Order 3: Alternative Expressions

The same result

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \\ &\quad - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \end{aligned}$$

can be obtained as either of the two expansions

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= \sum_{j_1=1}^3 \sum_{j_2=1}^3 \sum_{j_3=1}^3 \epsilon_{j_1 j_2 j_3} a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} a_{3j_3} \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \text{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^3 a_{i\pi(i)} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\epsilon_j = \epsilon_{j_1 j_2 j_3} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  denotes the Levi-Civita symbol associated with the mapping  $i \mapsto j_i$  from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  into itself.

Also,  $\Pi$  denotes the set

of all  $3! = 6$  possible permutations on  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ ,

with typical member  $\pi$ , whose sign is denoted by  $\text{sgn}(\pi)$ .

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# The Determinant Function

When  $n = 1, 2, 3$ , the determinant mapping  $\mathbf{A} \mapsto |\mathbf{A}| \in \mathbb{R}$  specifies the determinant  $|\mathbf{A}|$  of each  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  as a function of its  $n$  row vectors  $(\mathbf{a}_i)_{i=1}^n$ .

For a general natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider any mapping

$$\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A}) = D((\mathbf{a}_i)_{i=1}^n) \in \mathbb{R}$$

defined on the domain  $\mathcal{D}_n$  of  $n \times n$  matrices.

**Notation:** Let  $D(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{b}_r)$  denote the new value  $D(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{r-1}, \mathbf{b}_r, \mathbf{a}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n)$  of the function  $D$  after the  $r$ th row  $\mathbf{a}_r$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has been replaced by the new row vector  $\mathbf{b}_r$ .

# Row Multilinearity

## Definition

The function  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A})$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ 's  $n$  rows  $(\mathbf{a}_i)_{i=1}^n$  is **(row) multilinear** just in case, for each row number  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , each pair  $\mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{c}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of new versions of row  $i$ , and each pair of scalars  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , one has

$$D(\mathbf{A}/\lambda\mathbf{b}_i + \mu\mathbf{c}_i) = \lambda D(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{b}_i) + \mu D(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{c}_i)$$

Formally, the mapping  $\mathbb{R}^n \ni \mathbf{a}_i \mapsto D(\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{a}_i) \in \mathbb{R}$  should be linear, for fixed each row  $i \in \mathbb{N}_n$ .

That is,  $D$  is a linear function of the  $i$ th row vector  $\mathbf{a}_i$  on its own, when all the other rows  $\mathbf{a}_h$  ( $h \neq i$ ) are fixed.

# The Three Characterizing Properties

## Definition

The function  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A})$  is **alternating**

just in case

for every **transposition matrix**  $\mathbf{T}$ , one has  $D(\mathbf{TA}) = -D(\mathbf{A})$

— i.e., interchanging any two rows reverses its sign.

## Definition

The mapping  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A})$  is **of the determinant type**

just in case:

1.  $D$  is multilinear in its rows;
2.  $D$  is alternating;
3.  $D(\mathbf{I}_n) = 1$  for the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n$ .

## Exercise

*Show that the mapping  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto |\mathbf{A}| \in \mathbb{R}$  is of the determinant type provided that  $n \leq 3$ .*

# First Implication of Multilinearity in the $n \times n$ Case

## Lemma

Suppose that  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A})$  is multilinear in its rows. For any fixed  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{D}_n$ , the value of  $D(\mathbf{AB})$  can be expressed as the linear combination

$$D(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_{j_1=1}^n \sum_{j_2=1}^n \cdots \sum_{j_n=1}^n a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \cdots a_{nj_n} D(\mathbf{L}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} \mathbf{B})$$

of its values at all possible matrices

$$\mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{L}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} \mathbf{B} := (\mathbf{b}_{j_r})_{r=1}^n$$

whose  $r$ th row, for each  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , equals the  $j_r$ th row  $\mathbf{b}_{j_r}$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ .

## Characterizing $2 \times 2$ Determinants

1. In the case of  $2 \times 2$  matrices, the lemma tells us that multilinearity implies

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{AB}) &= a_{11}a_{21}D(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_1) + a_{11}a_{22}D(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2) \\ &\quad + a_{12}a_{21}D(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_1) + a_{12}a_{22}D(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{b}_1 = (b_{11}, b_{21})$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2 = (b_{12}, b_{22})$  are the rows of  $\mathbf{B}$ .

2. If  $D$  is also alternating, then  $D(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_1) = D(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_2) = 0$  and  $D(\mathbf{B}) = D(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2) = -D(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_1)$ , implying that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{AB}) &= a_{11}a_{22}D(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2) + a_{12}a_{21}D(\mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_1) \\ &= (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})D(\mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Imposing the additional restriction  $D(\mathbf{B}) = 1$  when  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_2$ , we obtain the ordinary determinant  $D(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$ .
4. Then, too, one derives the **product rule**  $D(\mathbf{AB}) = D(\mathbf{A})D(\mathbf{B})$ .



## First Implication of Multilinearity: Proof

Each element of the product  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$  satisfies  $c_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}b_{jk}$ .

Hence each row  $\mathbf{c}_i = (c_{ik})_{k=1}^n$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  can be expressed as the linear combination  $\mathbf{c}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}\mathbf{b}_j$  of  $\mathbf{B}$ 's rows.

For each  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and arbitrary selection  $\mathbf{b}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{j_{r-1}}$  of  $r - 1$  rows from  $\mathbf{B}$ , multilinearity therefore implies that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{b}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{j_{r-1}}, \mathbf{c}_r, \mathbf{c}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n) \\ = \sum_{j_r=1}^n a_{ij_r} D(\mathbf{b}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{j_{r-1}}, \mathbf{b}_{j_r}, \mathbf{c}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n) \end{aligned}$$

This equation can be used to show, by induction on  $k$ , that

$$D(\mathbf{C}) = \sum_{j_1=1}^n \sum_{j_2=1}^n \dots \sum_{j_k=1}^n a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \dots a_{kj_k} D(\mathbf{b}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{j_k}, \mathbf{c}_{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n)$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , including for  $k = n$  as the lemma claims.  $\square$

# Additional Implications of Alternation

## Lemma

Suppose  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto D(\mathbf{A})$  is both row multilinear and alternating.

Then for all possible  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ ,  
and for all possible permutation matrices  $\mathbf{P}^\pi$ , one has:

1.  $D(\mathbf{AB}) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)} D(\mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B})$
2.  $D(\mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B}) = \text{sgn}(\pi) D(\mathbf{B})$ .
3. Under the additional assumption that  $D(\mathbf{I}_n) = 1$ , one has:

determinant formula:  $D(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \text{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)}$ ;

product rule:  $D(\mathbf{AB}) = D(\mathbf{A})D(\mathbf{B})$

## First Additional Implication of Alternation: Proof

Because  $D$  is alternating,  
one has  $D(\mathbf{B}) = 0$  whenever two rows of  $\mathbf{B}$  are equal.

It follows that for any matrix  $(\mathbf{b}_{j_i})_{i=1}^n = \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{B}$   
whose  $n$  rows are all rows of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  
one has  $D((\mathbf{b}_{j_i})_{i=1}^n) = 0$  unless these rows are all different.

But if all the  $n$  rows of  $(\mathbf{b}_{j_i})_{i=1}^n = \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{B}$  are different,  
there exists a permutation  $\pi \in \Pi$  such that  $\mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B}$ .

Hence, after eliminating terms that are zero, the sum

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) &= \sum_{j_1=1}^n \sum_{j_2=1}^n \cdots \sum_{j_n=1}^n a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \cdots a_{nj_n} D((\mathbf{b}_{j_r})_{r=1}^n) \\ &= \sum_{j_1=1}^n \sum_{j_2=1}^n \cdots \sum_{j_n=1}^n a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \cdots a_{nj_n} D(\mathbf{L}_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_n} \mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

as stated in part 1 of the Lemma. □

## Second Additional Implication: Proof

Because  $D$  is alternating, one has  $D(\mathbf{TP}^\pi \mathbf{B}) = -D(\mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B})$  whenever  $\mathbf{T}$  is a transposition matrix.

Suppose that  $\pi = \tau^1 \circ \dots \circ \tau^q$  is one possible “factorization” of the permutation  $\pi$  as the composition of transpositions.

But  $\text{sgn}(\tau) = -1$  for any transposition  $\tau$ .

So  $\text{sgn}(\pi) = (-1)^q$  by the product rule for signs of permutations.

Note that  $\mathbf{P}^\pi = \mathbf{T}^1 \mathbf{T}^2 \dots \mathbf{T}^q$

where  $\mathbf{T}^p$  denotes the permutation matrix corresponding to the transposition  $\tau^p$ , for each  $p = 1, \dots, q$

It follows that

$$D(\mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B}) = D(\mathbf{T}^1 \mathbf{T}^2 \dots \mathbf{T}^q \mathbf{B}) = (-1)^q D(\mathbf{B}) = \text{sgn}(\pi) D(\mathbf{B})$$

as required. □

## Third Additional Implication: Proof

In case  $D(\mathbf{I}_n) = 1$ , applying parts 1 and 2 of the Lemma (which we have already proved) with  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_n$  gives immediately

$$D(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)} D(\mathbf{P}^\pi) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \text{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)}$$

But then, applying parts 1 and 2 of the Lemma for a general matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{AB}) &= \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)} D(\mathbf{P}^\pi \mathbf{B}) \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \text{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)} D(\mathbf{B}) = D(\mathbf{A})D(\mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

as an implication of the first equality on this slide.

This completes the proof of all three parts. □

# Formal Definition and Cofactor Expansion

## Definition

The **determinant**  $|\mathbf{A}|$  of any  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined so that  $\mathcal{D}_n \ni \mathbf{A} \mapsto |\mathbf{A}|$  is the **unique** (row) multilinear and alternating mapping that satisfies  $|\mathbf{I}_n| = 1$ .

## Definition

For any  $n \times n$  determinant  $|\mathbf{A}|$ , its **rs-cofactor**  $|\mathbf{C}_{rs}|$  is the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{rs}$  obtained by omitting row  $r$  and column  $s$  from  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The **cofactor expansion** of  $|\mathbf{A}|$  along any row  $r$  or column  $s$  is

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{r+j} a_{rj} |\mathbf{C}_{rj}| = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+s} a_{is} |\mathbf{C}_{is}|$$

## Exercise

*Prove that these cofactor expansions are valid, using the formula*

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \prod_{i=1}^n \operatorname{sgn}(\pi) a_{i\pi(i)}$$

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## Eight Basic Rules (Rules A–H of EMEA, Section 16.4)

Let  $|\mathbf{A}|$  denote the determinant of any  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

1.  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$  if all the elements in a row (or column) of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 0.
2.  $|\mathbf{A}^\top| = |\mathbf{A}|$ , where  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  is the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
3. If all the elements in a single row (or column) of  $\mathbf{A}$  are multiplied by a scalar  $\alpha$ , so is its determinant.
4. If two rows (or two columns) of  $\mathbf{A}$  are interchanged, the determinant changes sign, but not its absolute value.
5. If two of the rows (or columns) of  $\mathbf{A}$  are proportional, then  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$ .
6. The value of the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  is unchanged if any multiple of one row (or one column) is added to a **different** row (or column) of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
7. The determinant of the product  $|\mathbf{AB}|$  of two  $n \times n$  matrices equals the product  $|\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{B}|$  of their determinants.
8. If  $\alpha$  is any scalar, then  $|\alpha\mathbf{A}| = \alpha^n|\mathbf{A}|$ .



## The Transpose Rule 2: Verification

The transpose rule 2 is key: for any statement about how  $|\mathbf{A}|$  depends on the **rows** of  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is an equivalent statement about how  $|\mathbf{A}|$  depends on the **columns** of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

### Exercise

Verify Rule 2 directly for  $2 \times 2$  and then for  $3 \times 3$  matrices.

**Proof of Rule 2** The expansion formula implies that

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \operatorname{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(i)} = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \operatorname{sgn}(\pi) \prod_{j=1}^n a_{\pi^{-1}(j)j}$$

But the product rule for signs of permutations implies that  $\operatorname{sgn}(\pi) \operatorname{sgn}(\pi^{-1}) = \operatorname{sgn}(\iota) = 1$ , with  $\operatorname{sgn}(\pi) = \pm 1$ .

Hence  $\operatorname{sgn}(\pi^{-1}) = 1 / \operatorname{sgn}(\pi) = \operatorname{sgn}(\pi)$ .

So, because  $\pi \leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}$  is a bijection,

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{\pi^{-1} \in \Pi} \operatorname{sgn}(\pi^{-1}) \prod_{j=1}^n a_{j\pi^{-1}(j)}^{\top} = |\mathbf{A}^{\top}|$$

after using the expansion formula with  $\pi$  replaced by  $\pi^{-1}$ . □

## Verification of Rule 6

### Exercise

Verify Rule 6 directly for  $2 \times 2$  and then for  $3 \times 3$  matrices.

**Proof of Rule 6** Recall the notation  $\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}$  for the matrix resulting from adding the multiple of  $\alpha$  times row  $q$  of  $\mathbf{I}$  to its  $r$ th row.

Recall too that  $\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}\mathbf{A}$  is the matrix that results from applying the same row operation to the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Finally, recall the formula  $|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{rj}|\mathbf{C}_{rj}|$  for the cofactor expansion of  $|\mathbf{A}|$  along the  $r$ th row.

The corresponding cofactor expansion of  $\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}\mathbf{A}$  is then

$$|\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{rj} + \alpha a_{qj})|\mathbf{C}_{rj}| = |\mathbf{A}| + \alpha|\mathbf{B}|$$

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is derived from  $\mathbf{A}$  by replacing row  $r$  with row  $q$ .

Unless  $q = r$ , the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  will have its  $q$ th row repeated, implying that  $|\mathbf{B}| = 0$  because the determinant is alternating.

So  $q \neq r$  implies  $|\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{A}|$  for all  $\alpha$ , which is Rule 6. □

## Verification of the Other Rules

Apart from Rules 2 and 6, note that we have already proved the product Rule 7, whereas the interchange Rule 4 just restates alternation.

Now that we have proved Rule 2, note that Rules 1 and 3 follow from multilinearity, applied in the special case when one row of the matrix is multiplied by a scalar.

Also, the proportionality Rule 5 follows from combining Rule 4 with multilinearity.

Finally, Rule 8, concerning the effect of multiplying all elements of a matrix by the same scalar, is easily checked because the expansion of  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the sum of many terms, each of which involves the product of exactly  $n$  elements of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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## Expansion by Alien Cofactors

Expanding along either row  $r$  or column  $s$  gives

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{rj} |\mathbf{C}_{rj}| = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{is} |\mathbf{C}_{is}|$$

when one uses **matching cofactors**.

Expanding by **alien cofactors**, however, from either the wrong row  $i \neq r$  or the wrong column  $j \neq s$ , gives

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{rj} |\mathbf{C}_{ij}| = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{is} |\mathbf{C}_{ij}|$$

This is because the answer will be the determinant of an alternative matrix in which:

- ▶ either row  $i$  has been duplicated and put in row  $r$ ;
- ▶ or column  $j$  has been duplicated and put in column  $s$ .

# The Adjugate Matrix

## Definition

The **adjugate** (or “(classical) adjoint”) **adj A** of an order  $n$  square matrix **A** has elements given by  $(\mathbf{adj A})_{ij} = |\mathbf{C}_{ji}|$ .

It is therefore the transpose of the **cofactor matrix**  $\mathbf{C}^+$  whose elements are the respective cofactors of **A**.

# Main Property of the Adjugate Matrix

## Theorem

$(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A}) = |\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{I}_n$  for every  $n \times n$  square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## Proof.

The  $(i, j)$  elements of the two product matrices are

$$[(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})\mathbf{A}]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n |\mathbf{C}_{ki}| a_{kj} \text{ and } [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} |\mathbf{C}_{jk}|$$

These are expansions by:

- ▶ alien cofactors in case  $i \neq j$ , implying that they equal 0;
- ▶ matching cofactors in case  $i = j$ , implying that they equal  $|\mathbf{A}|$ .

Hence  $[(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})\mathbf{A}]_{ij} = [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})]_{ij} = |\mathbf{A}|(\mathbf{I}_n)_{ij}$  for each pair  $(i, j)$ .



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# Minor Determinants: Definition

## Definition

Given any  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , a **minor determinant** of order  $k$  is the determinant  $|\mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k, j_1 j_2 \dots j_k}|$  of a  $k \times k$  submatrix  $(a_{ij})$ , with  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \leq n$ , that is formed by selecting all the elements that lie both:

- ▶ in one of the chosen rows  $i_r$  ( $r = 1, 2, \dots, k$ );
- ▶ in one of the chosen columns  $j_s$  ( $s = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

## Example

1. In case  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix:
  - ▶ the whole determinant  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the only minor of order  $n$ ;
  - ▶ each of the  $n^2$  cofactors  $\mathbf{C}_{ij}$  is a minor of order  $n - 1$ ;
2. In case  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix:
  - ▶ each element of the  $mn$  elements of the matrix is a minor of order 1;
  - ▶ there are  $\binom{m}{k} \cdot \binom{n}{k}$  minors of order  $k$ .

# Principal and Leading Principal Minors

## Exercise

Verify that the set of elements that make up the minor  $|\mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k j_1 j_2 \dots j_k}|$  of order  $k$  is completely determined by its  $k$  diagonal elements  $a_{i_h j_h}$  ( $h = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

## Definition

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, the minor  $|\mathbf{A}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k j_1 j_2 \dots j_k}|$  of order  $k$  is:

- ▶ a **principal minor** if all its diagonal elements are diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{A}$ ;
- ▶ a **leading principal minor** if its diagonal elements are  $a_{hh}$  ( $h = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

## Exercise

Explain why an  $n \times n$  determinant has  $2^n - 1$  principal minors.

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# Definition of Inverse Matrix

## Exercise

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is any “invertible”  $n \times n$  matrix for which there exist  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I}$ .

1. By writing  $\mathbf{CAB}$  in two different ways, prove that  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ .
2. Use this result to show that the equal matrices  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$ , if they exist, must be unique.

## Definition

The  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is the unique **inverse** of the invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  provided that  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{I}_n$ .

In this case we write  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , so  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  denotes the unique inverse.

**Big question:** does the inverse exist?

# Existence Conditions

## Theorem

*An  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has an inverse if and only if  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ , which holds if and only if at least one of the equations  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{I}_n$  and  $\mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{I}_n$  has a solution.*

## Proof.

Provided  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ , the identity  $(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A}) = |\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{I}_n$  shows that the matrix  $\mathbf{X} := (1/|\mathbf{A}|)\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A}$  is well defined and satisfies  $\mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{I}_n$ , so  $\mathbf{X}$  is the inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

Conversely, if either  $\mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{I}_n$  or  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{I}_n$  has a solution, then the product rule for determinants implies that  $1 = |\mathbf{I}_n| = |\mathbf{AX}| = |\mathbf{XA}| = |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{X}|$ , and so  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ . The rest follows from the paragraph above. □

# Singularity

So  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists if and only if  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ .

## Definition

1. In case  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$ ,  
the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be **singular**;
2. In case  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ ,  
the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be **non-singular** or **invertible**.

## Example and Application to Simultaneous Equations

### Exercise

Verify that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{C} := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

by using direct multiplication to show that  $\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{CA} = \mathbf{I}_2$ .

### Example

Suppose that a system of  $n$  simultaneous equations in  $n$  unknowns is expressed in matrix notation as  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

Of course,  $\mathbf{A}$  must be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  has an inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

Premultiplying both sides of the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  by this inverse gives  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , which simplifies to  $\mathbf{Ix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

Hence the unique solution of the equation is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

# Cramer's Rule: Statement

## Notation

Given any  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  
let  $[\mathbf{A}_{-j}, \mathbf{b}]$  denote the new  $m \times n$  matrix  
in which column  $j$  has been replaced by the column vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Evidently  $[\mathbf{A}_{-j}, \mathbf{a}_j] = \mathbf{A}$ .

## Theorem

Provided that the  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible,  
the simultaneous equation system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$   
has a unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  whose  $i$ th component  
is given by the ratio of determinants  $x_i = |[\mathbf{A}_{-i}, \mathbf{b}]|/|\mathbf{A}|$ .

This result is known as **Cramer's rule**.



# Cramer's Rule: Proof

## Proof.

Given the equation system  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  
each cofactor  $|C_{ji}|$  of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$   
is also the  $(j, i)$  cofactor of the matrix  $|[\mathbf{A}_{-i}, \mathbf{b}]|$ .

Expanding the determinant  $|[\mathbf{A}_{-i}, \mathbf{b}]|$  by cofactors along column  $i$   
therefore gives  $\sum_{j=1}^n b_j |C_{ji}| = \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})_{ij} b_j$ ,  
by definition of the adjugate matrix.

Hence the unique solution to the equation system has components

$$x_i = (\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})_i = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{adj} \mathbf{A})_{ij} b_j = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{A}|} |[\mathbf{A}_{-i}, \mathbf{b}]|$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .



# Rule for Inverting Products

## Theorem

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are two invertible  $n \times n$  matrices.

Then the inverse of the matrix product  $\mathbf{AB}$  exists, and is the reverse product  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  of the inverses.

## Proof.

Using the associative law for matrix multiplication repeatedly gives:

$$(\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1})(\mathbf{AB}) = \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{I})\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{IB}) = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$$

and

$$(\mathbf{AB})(\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BB}^{-1})\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I})\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{AI})\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}.$$

These equations confirm that  $\mathbf{X} := \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is the unique matrix satisfying the double equality  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{AB}) = \mathbf{I}$ . □

# Rule for Inverting Chain Products

## Exercise

*Prove that, if  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are three invertible  $n \times n$  matrices, then  $(\mathbf{ABC})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .*

*Then use mathematical induction to extend this result in order to find the inverse of the product  $\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2 \cdots \mathbf{A}_k$  of any finite chain of invertible  $n \times n$  matrices.*

# Matrices for Elementary Row Operations

## Example

Consider the following two out of the three possible kinds of elementary row operation:

1. of multiplying the  $r$ th row by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{S}_r(\alpha)$ ;
2. of multiplying the  $q$ th row by  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then adding the result to row  $r$ , represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}$ .

## Exercise

*Find the determinants and, when they exist, the inverses of the matrices  $\mathbf{S}_r(\alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{E}_{r+\alpha q}$ .*

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# Inverting Orthogonal Matrices

An  $n$ -dimensional square matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is said to be **orthogonal** just in case its columns form an orthonormal set — i.e., they must be pairwise orthogonal unit vectors.

## Theorem

A square matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal if and only if it satisfies  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ .

## Proof.

The elements of the matrix product  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q}$  satisfy

$$(\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n q_{ik}^\top q_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^n q_{ki} q_{kj} = \mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_j$$

where  $\mathbf{q}_i$  (resp.  $\mathbf{q}_j$ ) denotes the  $i$ th (resp.  $j$ th) column vector of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

But the columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  are orthonormal iff  $\mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_j = \delta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and so iff  $\mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ . □

# Exercises on Orthogonal Matrices

## Exercise

*Show that if the matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is orthogonal, then so is  $\mathbf{Q}^T$ .*

*Use this result to show that a matrix is orthogonal if and only if its row vectors also form an orthonormal set.*

## Exercise

*Show that any permutation matrix is orthogonal.*

# Rotations in $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Example

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , consider the anti-clockwise rotation through an angle  $\theta$  of the unit circle  $S^1 = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1\}$ .

It maps:

1. the first unit vector  $(1, 0)$  of the canonical basis to the column vector  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)^\top$ ;
2. the second unit vector  $(0, 1)$  of the canonical basis to the column vector  $(-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)^\top$ .

So the rotation can be represented by the **rotation matrix**

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta := \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

with these vectors as its columns.



## Rotations in $\mathbb{R}^2$ Are Orthogonal Matrices

Because  $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$  and  $\cos(-\theta) = \cos(\theta)$ , the transpose of  $\mathbf{R}_\theta$  satisfies  $\mathbf{R}_\theta^\top = \mathbf{R}_{-\theta}$ , and so is the clockwise rotation through an angle  $\theta$  of the unit circle  $S^1$ .

Since clockwise and anti-clockwise rotations are inverse operations, it is no surprise that  $\mathbf{R}_\theta^\top \mathbf{R}_\theta = \mathbf{I}$ .

We verify this algebraically by using matrix multiplication

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta^\top \mathbf{R}_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

because  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$ , thus verifying orthogonality.

Similarly

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{R}_\theta^\top = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

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## Partitioned Matrices: Definition

A **partitioned matrix** is a rectangular array of different matrices.

### Example

Consider the  $(m + \ell) \times (n + k)$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}$$

where the four submatrices **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** are of dimension  $m \times n$ ,  $m \times k$ ,  $\ell \times n$  and  $\ell \times k$  respectively.

For any scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the scalar multiple of a partitioned matrix is

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\mathbf{A} & \alpha\mathbf{B} \\ \alpha\mathbf{C} & \alpha\mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Partitioned Matrices: Addition

Suppose the two partitioned matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}$$

have the property that the following four pairs of corresponding matrices have equal dimensions:

(i)  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ ; (ii)  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ ; (iii)  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ ; (iv)  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ .

Then the sum of the two matrices is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Partitioned Matrices: Multiplication

**Provided** that the two partitioned matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix}$$

along with their sub-matrices are all **compatible for multiplication**, the product is defined as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{AE} + \mathbf{BG} & \mathbf{AF} + \mathbf{BH} \\ \mathbf{CE} + \mathbf{DG} & \mathbf{CF} + \mathbf{DH} \end{pmatrix}$$

This adheres to the usual rule for multiplying rows by columns.

## Transposes and Some Special Matrices

The rule for transposing a partitioned matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix}^{\top} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{\top} & \mathbf{C}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{B}^{\top} & \mathbf{D}^{\top} \end{pmatrix}$$

So the original matrix is symmetric

iff  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}^{\top}$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}^{\top}$ .

It is diagonal iff  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}$  are both diagonal,  
while  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{0}$ .

The identity matrix is diagonal with  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}$ ,  
possibly identity matrices of different dimensions.

## Partitioned Matrices: Inverses, I

For an  $(m + n) \times (m + n)$  partitioned matrix to have an inverse, the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{AE} + \mathbf{BG} & \mathbf{AF} + \mathbf{BH} \\ \mathbf{CE} + \mathbf{DG} & \mathbf{CF} + \mathbf{DH} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \\ \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

should have a solution for the matrices  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H}$ , given  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$ .

Assuming that  $\mathbf{A}$  has an inverse, we can:

1. construct new first  $m$  equations  
by premultiplying the old ones by  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ;
2. construct new second  $n$  equations by:
  - ▶ premultiplying the new first  $m$  equations by  $\mathbf{C}$ ;
  - ▶ then subtracting this product from the old second  $n$  equations.

The result is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{CA}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \\ -\mathbf{CA}^{-1} & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

## Partitioned Matrices: Inverses, II

To take the next step, assume the matrix  $\mathbf{X} := \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{CA}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$  also has an inverse  $\mathbf{X}^{-1} = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{CA}^{-1}\mathbf{B})^{-1}$ .

$$\text{Given } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{CA}^{-1}\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \\ -\mathbf{CA}^{-1} & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix},$$

we can then premultiply the second  $n$  equations by  $\mathbf{X}^{-1}$ , then subtract  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$  times the new second  $n$  equations from the old first  $m$  equations to obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \\ \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{Z} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{CA}^{-1} & -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}^{-1} \\ -\mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{CA}^{-1} & \mathbf{X}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Exercise

*Use direct multiplication twice in order to verify that*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{0}_{n \times m} \\ \mathbf{0}_{m \times n} & \mathbf{I}_n \end{pmatrix}$$



# Partitioned Matrices: Extension

## Exercise

Suppose that the two partitioned matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}_{ij})^{k \times \ell} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{B}_{ij})^{k \times \ell}$$

are both  $k \times \ell$  arrays of respective  $m_i \times n_j$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}_{ij}, \mathbf{B}_{ij}$ .

1. Under what conditions can the product  $\mathbf{AB}$  be defined as a  $k \times \ell$  array of matrices?
2. Under what conditions can the product  $\mathbf{BA}$  be defined as a  $k \times \ell$  array of matrices?
3. When either  $\mathbf{AB}$  or  $\mathbf{BA}$  can be so defined, give a formula for its product, using summation notation.
4. Express  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  as a partitioned matrix.
5. Under what conditions is the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric?