

The Inverse of a Matrix

A square ($n \times n$) matrix A is **invertible** if there exists an $n \times n$ matrix B such that $AB = BA = I_{n \times n}$.

$I_{n \times n}$ is the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

A^{-1} is unique.

B is called the (multiplicative) inverse of A .

Not all matrices are invertible.

The symbol used for B is A^{-1} .

A matrix that is not invertible is called **singular**.

example:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(3)+5(-1) & 2(-5)+5(2) \\ 1(3)+3(-1) & 1(-5)+3(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad AA^{-1} = I_{2 \times 2}$$

You only need to check one direction since:

$$AB = I$$

$$\underbrace{(AB)}_I A = A \quad (\text{mult. on rt. by } A)$$

$$A(BA) = A \quad (\text{mult. is assoc.})$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = I \quad (\text{since } AI = A)$$

Finding the Inverse of a 2 X 2 Matrix

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

❶ Switch a and d

❷ Negate b and c

❸ Calculate $D = ad - bc$

❹ Divide every entry by D .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4_{/-2} & -2_{/-2} \\ -3_{/-2} & 1_{/-2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = ad - bc$$

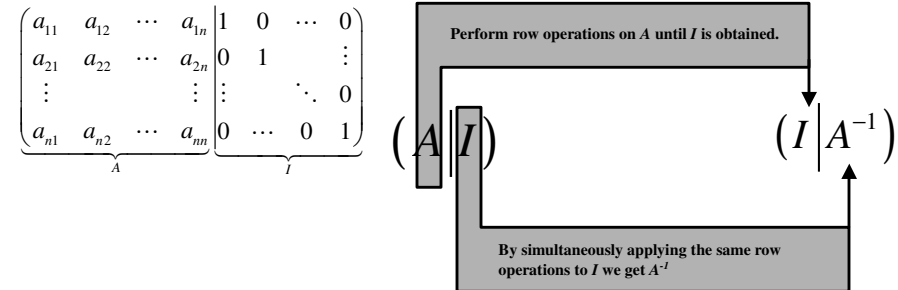
$$D = 1(4) - 2(3)$$

$$D = -2$$

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Finding the Inverse of a 3 X 3 (or larger) Matrix (Method 1)

Let A be $n \times n$. Adjoin (attach) the $n \times n$ Identity matrix.



The 3 Elementary Row Operations :

- a) Multiply a row by a number (nonzero)
- b) Switch rows
- c) Add a multiple of one row to another row

Row that is
not changing

Row you want
to replace

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Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$. Find A^{-1} .

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 & | & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1 = \text{New}R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 & | & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 8 & | & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.5 & | & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 8 & | & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -8 & | & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} 2R_1 + R_2 = \text{New}R_2 \\ 5R_1 + R_3 = \text{New}R_3 \end{matrix}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \text{New}R_3 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -10 \\ 3 \\ -7 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -16 \\ 4 \\ -12 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} | \\ | \\ | \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -4 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 5R_1 \\ R_3 \\ \text{New}R_3 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -25 \\ 5 \\ -20 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -40 \\ 6 \\ -34 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} | \\ | \\ | \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -10 \\ 0 \\ -10 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} -5 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -8 & | & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & -12 & | & -4 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -20 & -34 & | & -10 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -8 & | & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 21 & 36 & | & 12 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -20 & -34 & | & -10 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2 = \text{New}R_3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & -8 & | & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -20 & -34 & | & -10 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find A^{-1} . (continued)

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -5 & -8 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -20 & -34 & -10 & 0 & -4 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} 5R_2 + R_1 = \text{New}R_1 \Rightarrow \\ 20R_2 + R_3 = \text{New}R_3 \Rightarrow \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 5R_2 \\ \Rightarrow + R_1 \\ \hline \text{New}R_1 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 5 & 10 & 1 & 10 & -15 & 10 \\ 1 & -5 & -8 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 8 & -15 & 9 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} 20R_2 \\ \Rightarrow + R_3 \\ \hline \text{New}R_3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 20 & 40 & 1 & 40 & -60 & 40 \\ 0 & -20 & -34 & 1 & -10 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 30 & -60 & 36 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 8 & -15 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 30 & -60 & 36 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -2R_3 + R_1 = \text{New}R_1 \\ -2R_3 + R_2 = \text{New}R_2 \\ \hline \%R_3 \Rightarrow \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 8 & -15 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -10 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -2R_3 \\ \Rightarrow + R_1 \\ \hline \text{New}R_1 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -10 & 20 & -12 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 8 & -15 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 5 & -3 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} -2R_3 \\ \Rightarrow + R_2 \\ \hline \text{New}R_2 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & -10 & 20 & -12 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -8 & 17 & -10 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_I \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 5 & -10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 5 & -10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_I$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find A^{-1} .

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$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -2R_1 + R_2 = \text{New}R_2 \Rightarrow \\ -6R_1 + R_3 = \text{New}R_3 \Rightarrow \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -2R_1 \\ \Rightarrow + R_2 \\ \hline \text{New}R_2 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} -6R_1 \\ \Rightarrow + R_3 \\ \hline \text{New}R_3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -6 & 6 & 12 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_3 = \text{New}R_3 \Rightarrow \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -R_2 \\ \Rightarrow + R_3 \\ \hline \text{New}R_3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & -6 & -9 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 9 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Further reduction will always yield another matrix with a row of zeros. This matrix can never be turned into I .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is not invertible.}$$

A is **singular**.

Properties of the Inverse

- ⊙ $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- ⊙ $(A^k)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^k, k > 0$
- ⊙ $(cA)^{-1} = \frac{1}{c}A^{-1}$
- ⊙ $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- ⊙ $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- ⊙ $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
- ⊙ A is invertible if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Use the Inverse to Solve a System of Equations

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} 2x_1 & & + & x_3 & = & 1 \\ -2x_1 & + & 3x_2 & + & 4x_3 & = & -2 \\ -5x_1 & + & 5x_2 & + & 6x_3 & = & 3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}_b$$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ and A is invertible

$$\underbrace{A^{-1}A}_I \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

To solve the system for x ,
just find the inverse, and
multiply it by b (in the order $A^{-1}b$)

Earlier we found $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 5 & -10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & -3 \\ -8 & 17 & -10 \\ 5 & -10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_{A^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}_b$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -21 \\ -72 \\ 43 \end{pmatrix}$$

Applications of the Determinant

a) An alternative method for finding the Inverse matrix :

Given an invertible matrix A , let C be the matrix of cofactors :

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C^T = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \text{adj}(A), \text{ the adjoint of } A$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$$

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◇ example of using the adjoint to find the inverse

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$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -12 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C^T = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -12 & 7 & 2 \\ 5 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{adj}(A)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow[-R_1+R_3]{-2R_1+R_2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A) = -1$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) = -1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -12 & 7 & 2 \\ 5 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 12 & -7 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Elementary Matrices (Section 8.4)

A matrix obtained by performing a single elementary row operation to the identity matrix is called an **elementary matrix**.

The 3 Elementary Row Operations :

a) Multiply a row by a number (nonzero) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} 3R_2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b) Switch rows $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_4 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

c) Add a multiple of one row to another row

Row that is not changing
Row you want to replace

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} 3R_2 + R_3 = \text{New } R_3 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why does the method for finding the Inverse work?

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ Perform row operations on A until you obtain I .
Keep track of each operation as an elementary matrix.

	<u>Elementary Matrix</u>	<u>Result</u>
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$	$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} -2R_1 + R_3$	$E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_2(E_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} 3R_2 + R_1$	$E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_3(E_2 E_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} R_3$	$E_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	$E_4(E_3 E_2 E_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} -9R_3 + R_1$	$E_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_5(E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} -3R_3 + R_2$	$E_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$E_6(E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Why does the method for finding the Inverse work?

$$E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 A = I$$

Start with A , the row operations that turn A into I are represented by $E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1$.

$$\underbrace{E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1}_{A^{-1}} A = I$$

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

$$A^{-1} = (E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1) I$$

Start with I , the row operations that turn I into A^{-1} are represented by $E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1$.