

Outline

Week 8: Inverses and determinants

Course Notes: 4.5, 4.6

Goals: Be able to calculate a matrix's inverse;
understand the relationship between the invertibility of a matrix
and the solutions of associated linear systems;
calculate the determinant of a square matrix of any size, and learn
some tricks to make the computation more efficient.

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The identity matrix, I , is a square matrix with 1s along its main diagonal, and 0s everywhere else.

For any matrix A that can be multiplied with I , $AI = IA = A$.

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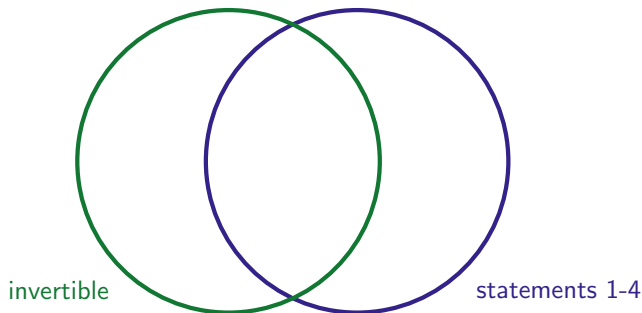
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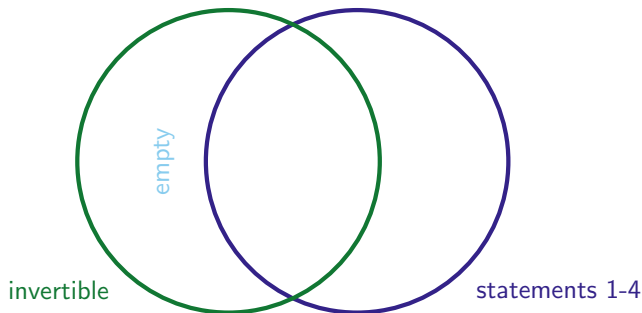


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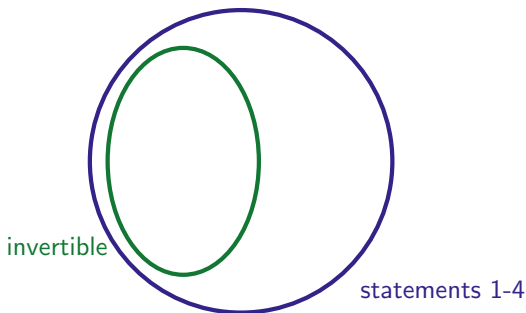


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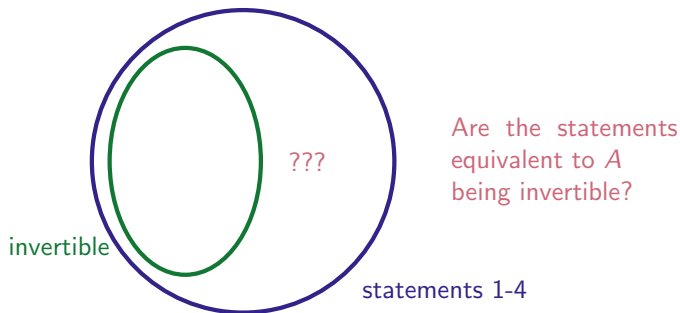


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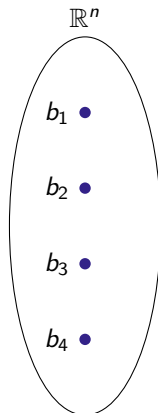
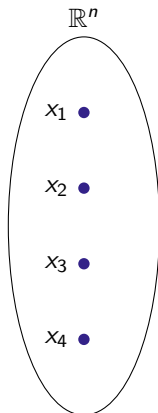
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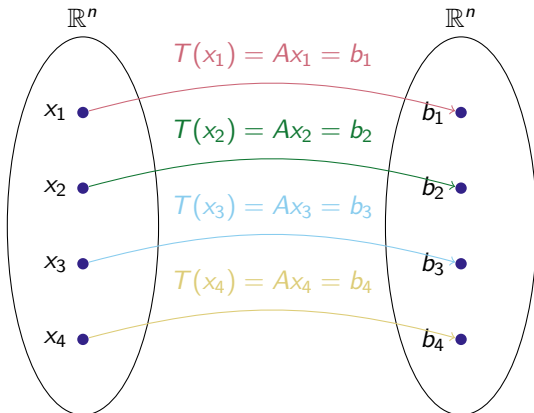


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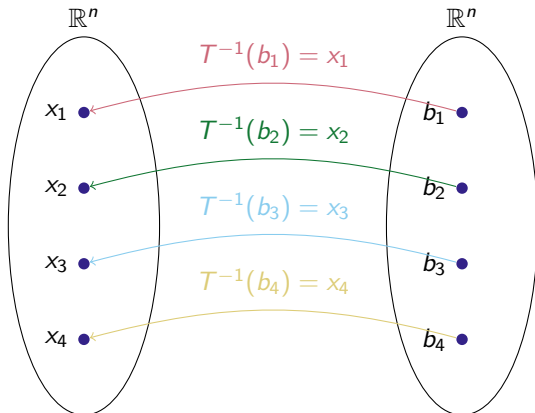
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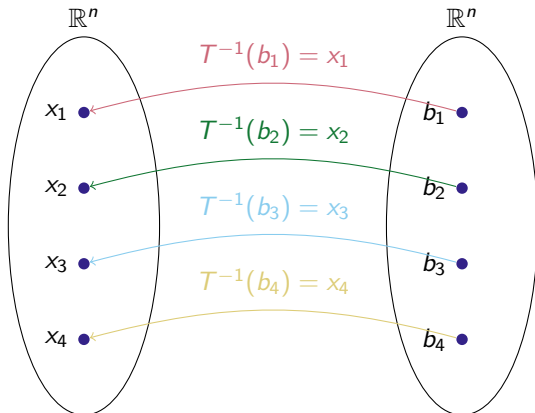
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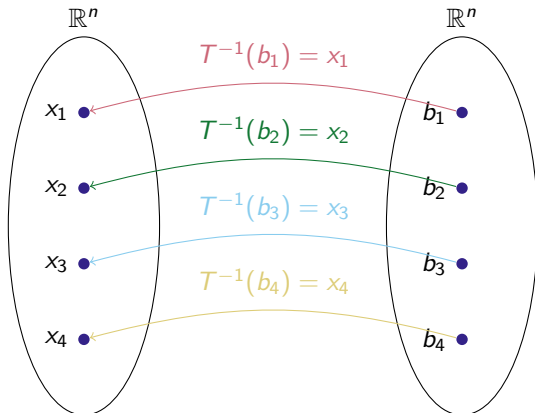


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- Fix A .
- Given \mathbf{b} , we can solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ for \mathbf{x} .
- So, given \mathbf{b} , we find \mathbf{x} .
- This is a transformation: $T^{-1}(\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{x}$. That is, given input \mathbf{b} , the output \mathbf{x} is the vector we multiply A by to get \mathbf{b} .
- T^{-1} is linear:
 - Let $T^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_1) = \mathbf{x}_1$ and $T^{-1}(\mathbf{b}_2) = \mathbf{x}_2$.
 - Note $A(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) = A\mathbf{x}_1 + A\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2$.
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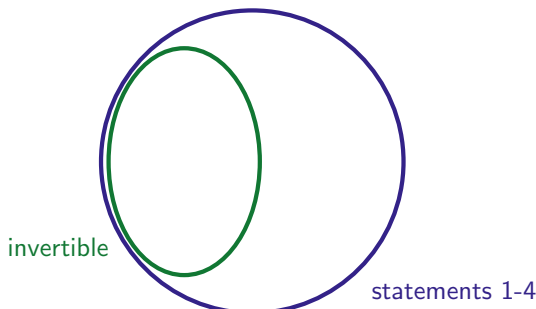
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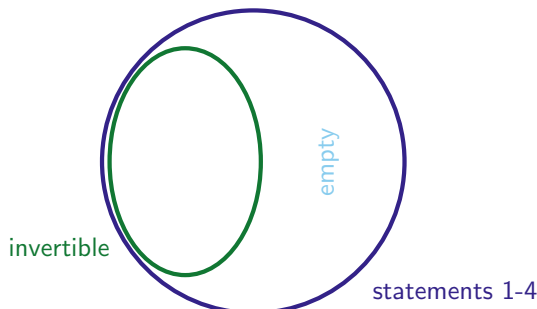
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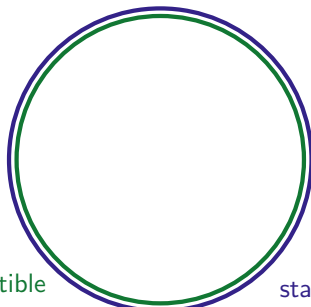
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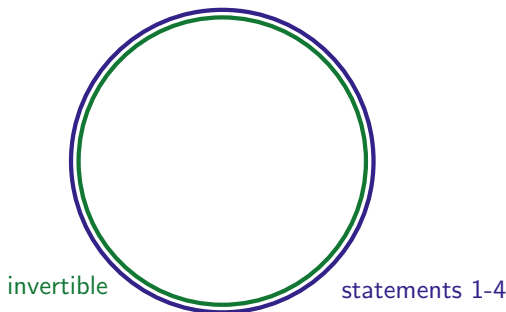
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Remark: You should understand how the first three lead to the fourth; otherwise, the proofs are optional, found in the notes.

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Solutions to Systems of Equations

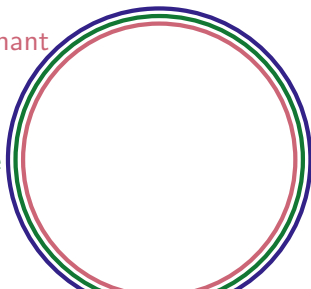
Let A be an n -by- n matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

- 1) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has **exactly one solution** for any \mathbf{b} .
- 2) $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has **no nonzero solutions**.
- 3) The rank of A is n .
- 4) The reduced form of A has **no zeroes along the main diagonal**.
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statements 1-4



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More practice

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 & 9 \\ 10 & 5 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$