

The Invertible Matrix Theorem

Let A be a square $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given A , the statements are either all true or all false.

- a. A is an invertible matrix.
 - b. A is row equivalent to the $n \times n$ identity matrix.
 - c. A has n pivot positions.
 - d. The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
 - e. The columns of A form a linearly independent set.
 - f. The linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$ is one-to-one.
 - g. The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at least one solution for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^n .
 - h. The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n .
 - i. The linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$ maps \mathbb{R}^n onto \mathbb{R}^n .
 - j. There is an $n \times n$ matrix C such that $CA = I$.
 - k. There is an $n \times n$ matrix D such that $AD = I$.
 - l. A^T is an invertible matrix.
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- m. The columns of A form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .
- n. $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- o. $\dim \text{Col } A = n$
- p. $\text{rank } A = n$
- q. $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- r. $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$
- s.
- t.