



Computational Science:
Computational Methods in Engineering

Calculating Matrix Inverses



Matrix Inverse Via Gauss-Jordan Method

Given matrix $[A]$, form the following augmented matrix

$$[[A] \ [I]] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Use the Gauss-Jordan method until the augmented matrix has the form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{array} \right]$$

Here is the matrix inverse.

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$



Matrix Inverse Via LU Decomposition

Apply the LU decomposition method on a column-by-column basis.
Each solution is a column in the inverse matrix.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} \\ c_{21} \\ c_{31} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} \\ c_{22} \\ c_{32} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} \\ c_{23} \\ c_{33} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} \end{bmatrix}$