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*In other words if  $(AB)_{i,j}$  denotes  $(i,j)$ -entry of  $AB$  and  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix, then*

$$a_{i,1}b_{1,j} + \cdots + a_{i,n}b_{n,j}$$

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①  $A(BC) = (AB)C$

④  $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$

②  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$

③  $(B + C)A = BA + CA$

⑤  $I_m A = A = A I_n$

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# Powers of Matrix

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If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A^k$  denotes the product of  $k$  copies of  $A$ .

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*Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote matrices whose size are appropriate for the following operations.*

- ①  $(A^T)^T = A$
- ②  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- ③ for any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = r(A^T)$

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Note that there is only one such  $C$  since if there is also  $B \neq C$  such that  $BA = I_n$ , then  $B = BI_n = BAC = I_n C = C$ , contradiction.

We call such  $C$  as  $A^{-1}$ .

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Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

and if  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

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In order to prove that solution  $u$  is unique let us note that  $A^{-1}Au = A^{-1}b$ , hence  $u = A^{-1}b$ . □



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The definition of invertible matrix states that  $AC = CA = I_n$  but we can consider this equality as a statement that  $A$  is inverse of  $C$ .



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Note that  $(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = A(BB^{-1})A^{-1} = AA^{-1} = I_n$ .



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If an elementary row operation is performed on an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the resulting matrix can be written as  $EA$ , where the  $m \times n$  matrix  $E$  is created by performing the same row operation on  $I_m$ .



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Now suppose conversely  $A \sim I_n$ . Hence there is a sequence  $E_1, \dots, E_p$  of elementary matrices such that  $E_1 E_2 \dots E_p A = I_n$ .

But it means that  $A^{-1} = (E_1 \dots E_p)^{-1}$  □