

## Section 6.3 The Inverse of a Square Matrix

**Objective:** In this lesson you learned how to verify that two matrices are inverses of each other and find inverses of matrices and how to use inverse matrices to solve systems of linear equations.

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### Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

#### Inverse of a matrix

### I. The Inverse of a Matrix (Pages 460–461)

To verify that a matrix  $B$  is the inverse of the matrix  $A$ , . . .

#### *What you should learn*

How to verify that two matrices are inverses of each other

If a matrix  $A$  has an inverse,  $A$  is called \_\_\_\_\_ or **nonsingular**. Otherwise,  $A$  is called \_\_\_\_\_.

To have an inverse, a matrix must be \_\_\_\_\_. Not all square matrices have inverses. However, if a matrix does have an inverse, that inverse is \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Finding Inverse Matrices (Pages 462–463)

To find the inverse of a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$ , . . .

#### *What you should learn*

How to use Gauss-Jordan elimination to find the inverses of matrices

**Example 1:** Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**III. The Inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  Matrix** (Page 464)

If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix given by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A$  is invertible if

and only if \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, if this condition is true, the inverse of  $A$  is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\quad}{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} \quad & \quad \\ \quad & \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

The denominator is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ .

**Example 2:** Find the inverse of the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

***What you should learn***

How to use a formula to find the inverses of  $2 \times 2$  matrices

**IV. Systems of Linear Equations** (Page 465)

If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, the system of linear equations represented by  $AX = B$  has a unique solution given by

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Example 3:** Use an inverse matrix to solve (if possible) the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} 12x + 8y = 416 \\ 3x + 5y = 152 \end{cases}$$

***What you should learn***

How to use inverse matrices to solve systems of linear equations

**Homework Assignment**

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