

Matrix Inversion Lemma

The Matrix Inversion Lemma is the equation

$$(A - B \cdot D^{-1} \cdot C)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1} \cdot B \cdot (D - C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B)^{-1} \cdot C \cdot A^{-1} \quad (1)$$

Proof: We construct an augmented matrix A , B , C , and D and its inverse:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

We then construct the two products

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \cdot E + B \cdot G & A \cdot F + B \cdot H \\ C \cdot E + D \cdot G & C \cdot F + D \cdot H \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E \cdot A + F \cdot C & E \cdot B + F \cdot D \\ G \cdot A + H \cdot C & G \cdot B + H \cdot D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Submatrices in (3) and (4) are broken out to form eight matrix equations:

$$A \cdot E + B \cdot G = I \quad (5)$$

$$A \cdot F + B \cdot H = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$C \cdot E + D \cdot G = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$C \cdot F + D \cdot H = I \quad (8)$$

$$E \cdot A + F \cdot C = I \quad (9)$$

$$E \cdot B + F \cdot D = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$G \cdot A + H \cdot C = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$G \cdot B + H \cdot D = I \quad (12)$$

Combining (5) through (12) in various orders gives two sets of equations for E , F , G and H from A , B , C , and D :

$$E = (A - B \cdot D^{-1} \cdot C)^{-1} \quad (13)$$

$$F = -(A - B \cdot D^{-1} \cdot C)^{-1} \cdot B \cdot D^{-1} \quad (14)$$

$$G = -D^{-1} \cdot C \cdot (A - B \cdot D^{-1} \cdot C)^{-1} \quad (15)$$

$$H = D^{-1} + D^{-1} \cdot C \cdot (A - B \cdot D^{-1} \cdot C)^{-1} \cdot B \cdot D^{-1} \quad (16)$$

and

$$E = A^{-1} + A^{-1} \cdot B \cdot (D - C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B)^{-1} \cdot C \cdot A^{-1} \quad (17)$$

$$F = -A^{-1} \cdot B \cdot (D - C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B)^{-1} \quad (18)$$

$$G = -(D - C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B)^{-1} \cdot C \cdot A^{-1} \quad (19)$$

$$H = (D - C \cdot A^{-1} \cdot B)^{-1} \quad (20)$$

The proof is completed by combining either (13) and (17) or (16) and (20). Conditions are that all the involved inverses exist.