



## Modular Arithmetic Inverse of a Rectangular Matrix

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we have devoted our attention to the study of the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix. Here, we have shown that  $(AB) \bmod N = I$ , where  $A$  is of size  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is of size  $n \times m$  in which  $m < n$ . We have also established that the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix does not exist, when  $m > n$ .

**Keywords:** Rectangular matrix, Arithmetic inverse, Modular arithmetic inverse, Block cipher, Square matrix.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The study of the arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix attracted the attention of several researchers [1 – 3] in view of its wide variety of applications in networks, regression analysis and least square curve fitting. The modular arithmetic inverse of a square matrix was introduced by Hill [4], and it was made use of in developing a block cipher in cryptography. In a recent paper, Sastry and Janaki [5] have developed a systematic procedure for obtaining the modular arithmetic inverse of a square matrix and they have employed it in the development of block ciphers in various ways [6 – 7].

In the present paper, our objective is to develop the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix. Here, we have shown that the arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix of size  $m \times n$  exists only when  $m < n$ . This implies that the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix also exists only when  $m < n$ .

In what follows, we present the plan of this paper. In section 2, we have presented a method for obtaining the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix of size  $m \times n$ , when  $m < n$ . In this, we have illustrated the procedure by giving several examples. Then we have shown that the modular arithmetic inverse of a rectangular matrix does not exist, when  $m > n$ . Finally, section 3 is devoted to conclusions.

### II. MODULAR ARITHMETIC INVERSE OF A RECTANGULAR MATRIX

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $B$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix, where  $m < n$ . Let us assume that all the elements of  $A$  and  $B$  are positive integers, which are less than an integer  $N$ , and  $B$  is the modular arithmetic inverse of  $A$ . Then we can write an equation of the form

$$(AB) \bmod N = I, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $I$  is an Identity matrix of size  $m$ .

On multiplying on both the sides of (2.1) by  $A^T$ , where  $T$  denotes the transpose of the matrix, we get

$$(QB) \bmod N = A^T \quad (2.2)$$

in which  $Q = A^T A$  is a square matrix of order  $n$ .

We now obtain the arithmetic inverse of  $Q$  by using Gaussian reduction method [8]. Then we find the modular arithmetic inverse of  $Q$ .

Thus we have  $Q^{-1}$  governed by the relation

$$(Q^{-1}Q) \bmod N = (QQ^{-1}) \bmod N = I. \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$B = (Q^{-1}A^T) \bmod N. \quad (2.4)$$

In what follows, we present different rectangular matrices, denoted as  $A$ , and their corresponding modular arithmetic inverses, denoted as  $B$ , for various values of  $N$ , say  $N = 2, 128$ , and 256.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $N = 128$ , we have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 99 & 19 & 12 & 11 \\ 21 & 13 & 16 & 121 & 57 \\ 51 & 32 & 55 & 73 & 22 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 93 & 9 & 93 \\ 111 & 113 & 116 \\ 102 & 67 & 55 \\ 93 & 2 & 61 \\ 31 & 13 & 102 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $N = 256$ , we have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 85 & 32 & 156 & 129 & 31 \\ 199 & 233 & 221 & 19 & 80 \\ 22 & 77 & 99 & 167 & 131 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & 0 & 191 \\ 216 & 151 & 87 \\ 184 & 121 & 251 \\ 179 & 63 & 243 \\ 119 & 187 & 242 \end{bmatrix}$$

Some more examples related to the rectangular matrix and its modular arithmetic inverse, for various values of  $N$ , are presented in Appendix. In all the aforementioned examples, we have  $m < n$ .

Now let us examine the case when  $m > n$ . Let  $A$  be a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , and  $D$  be a matrix of size  $n \times m$ , where  $m > n$ . Let  $D$  be the arithmetic inverse of  $A$ . Then we have

$$AD = I, \quad (1)$$

where  $I$  is a unit matrix of size  $m$ .

For simplicity, let us take an example, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } D = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Here,  $m = 3$ , and  $n = 2$ .

From (1) – (3), we get a system of equations given by



$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 202 & 57 & 108 & 237 & 254 & 207 & 137 & 7 & 51 & 204 \\ 251 & 207 & 142 & 176 & 146 & 71 & 9 & 129 & 2 & 207 \\ 39 & 169 & 218 & 37 & 187 & 228 & 226 & 144 & 121 & 121 \\ 41 & 104 & 255 & 40 & 0 & 46 & 8 & 185 & 11 & 80 \\ 70 & 83 & 16 & 78 & 23 & 243 & 161 & 122 & 91 & 150 \\ 175 & 115 & 152 & 103 & 124 & 96 & 156 & 214 & 220 & 115 \\ 209 & 107 & 206 & 45 & 43 & 202 & 90 & 54 & 255 & 133 \\ 21 & 51 & 253 & 89 & 243 & 185 & 67 & 0 & 48 & 242 \\ 67 & 201 & 66 & 121 & 124 & 94 & 33 & 112 & 193 & 177 \\ 157 & 37 & 27 & 57 & 10 & 177 & 131 & 55 & 28 & 73 \\ 105 & 43 & 119 & 80 & 245 & 83 & 2 & 222 & 41 & 69 \\ 237 & 82 & 17 & 76 & 123 & 194 & 225 & 37 & 90 & 31 \\ 212 & 80 & 66 & 85 & 109 & 115 & 223 & 88 & 231 & 190 \\ 66 & 230 & 79 & 150 & 198 & 249 & 147 & 178 & 137 & 114 \\ 251 & 6 & 117 & 219 & 116 & 58 & 115 & 103 & 150 & 29 \end{pmatrix}$$

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