

# Shepley Algorithm implemented in Python

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## Introduction

Shepley's method is one of several methods devised to invert matrices.

The advantage it has is that it is not recursive and does not require more than an array.

I have known it for about 40 years and although it is not my favorite method and I don't know who Shepley was, I recognize that it can be implemented in a variety of languages, and this time in Python.

## The essence of the Algorithm

The algorithm is based on a set of rules.

1. An element of the main diagonal  $a(I,I)$  is chosen.

If  $a(I,I)$  is different from 0, divide all elements in row  $I$  by  $-a(I,I)$  except  $A(I,I)$ .

3. Each element  $a(j,k)$  where  $j$  is different from  $I$ , and  $k$  different from  $I$  is affected by the product of  $a(I,k)$  by  $a(j,I)$ .

$A(j,k) \leftarrow -a(j,k) + a(i,k)a(j,i)$

4. Each element in column  $I$  is divided by  $-a(I,I)$ .

5. The element  $a(I,I)$  is replaced by  $-1/a(I,I)$ .

6. The process is repeated for the next value of  $I$  as long as  $a(I,I)$  is not 0. In case it is, you can jump to another value of  $I$  as long as at some point you iterate using all the elements of the main diagonal as a base.

7. The result will contain in  $A$  all the elements of the inverse but with negative sign.

Of course if a matrix has a determinant value of 0 it will not have an inverse.

Below is the source code

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# using shepley to invert matrix
#done by Sergio Martin
import array as arr
import numpy as np
import math
na="1"
while na!="":
    na=input("number of rows")
    if na=="":
        break
    n=int(na)
    #a = arr.array('i',[0,0])
    a=np.ones((n,n))
    print("enter the elements")
    for i in range(0,n,1):

        for j in range(0,n,1):
            s="a"+str(i+1)+","+"str(j+1)+"="
            a[i][j]=int(input(s))
#investment
for i in range(0,n):
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