

EXAMPLE.

LET $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by

$$f(x, y) = (x + y, 2x - 3y).$$

We have

$$f'(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To calculate the inverse of f we have to solve the equations

$$u = x + y, v = 2x - 3y. \tag{*}$$

to get x, y in terms of u, v . We find, and this can easily be checked that

$$x = \frac{1}{5}(3u + v) \text{ and } y = \frac{1}{5}(2u - v).$$

Thus, f is one-to-one, f has an inverse that is given by

$$f^{-1}(u, v) = \left(\frac{1}{5}(3u + v), \frac{1}{5}(2u - v) \right).$$

Thus,

$$(f^{-1})'(u, v) = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = (f'(x, y))^{-1}.$$

Thus, if u, v are given by (*), we have

$$(f^{-1})'(u, v) = (f'(x, y))^{-1},$$

as predicted by the Inverse Function Theorem.

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