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Solvers		
cholsolve()	cholsolve() cholsolve_lapacke()	A positive definite; symmetric or Hermitian A positive definite using LAPACK routines; symmetric or Hermitian
lusolve()	lusolve()	A full rank, square, real or complex
_solve_mat()	_solve_mat()	generalized; real or complex
qrsolve()	qrsolve()	A general; $m \times n, m \geq n$, real or complex; least-squares generalized solution
svsolve()	svsolve()	generalized; $m \times n$, real or complex; minimum norm, least-squares solution
lssolve()	lssolve()	generalized; $m \times n$, real or complex; minimum norm, least-squares solution
lsesolve()	lsesolve()	generalized; $m \times n$, real or complex; minimum norm, least-squares solution
lsglmsolve()	lsglmsolve()	generalized; $n \times m$, real or complex
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Inverters		
invsym()	invsym()	generalized; real symmetric
cholinv()	cholinv() cholinv_lapacke()	positive definite; symmetric or Hermitian positive definite using LAPACK routines; symmetric or Hermitian
luinv()	luinv()	full rank; square; real or complex
qrinv()	qrinv()	generalized; $m \times n, m \geq n$; real or complex
pinv()	pinv()	generalized; $m \times n$, real or complex Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse
_invmat()	_invmat()	generalized; square; real or complex inverse for A full rank, otherwise Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse

Description

The above functions solve $AX = B$ for X and solve for A^{-1} .

Remarks and examples

Matrix solvers can be used to implement matrix inverters, and so the two nearly always come as a pair.

Solvers solve $AX = B$ for X . One way to obtain A^{-1} is to solve $AX = I$. If $f(A, B)$ solves $AX=B$, then $f(A, I(\text{rows}(A)))$ solves for the inverse. Some matrix inverters are in fact implemented this way, although usually custom code is written because memory savings are possible when it is known that $B = I$.

The pairings of inverter and solver are

inverter	solver
<code>invsym()</code>	<code>(none)</code>
<code>cholinv()</code>	<code>cholsolve()</code>
<code>cholinvlapacke()</code>	<code>cholsolve lapacke()</code>
<code>luinv()</code>	<code>lusolve()</code>
<code>qrinv()</code>	<code>qrsolve()</code>
<code>pinv()</code>	<code>svsolve()</code>
<code>_invmat()</code>	<code>_solve mat()</code>
<code>(none)</code>	<code>lssolve()</code>
<code>(none)</code>	<code>lsesolve()</code>
<code>(none)</code>	<code>lsglmsolve()</code>

Also see

[M-4] **Intro** — Categorical guide to Mata functions

