

## 2B Concept formation according to APOS theory

Try to identify the individual **A-P-O-S** phases in the following sequence of steps to *form the concept of the inverse matrix* to an invertible matrix  $A$ :

$\begin{cases} 1x+2y = 3 \\ 4x+5y = 6 \end{cases}$	<b>Row image</b>
↓	1. compression via concept of vector (addition)
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}x + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$	<b>Vector image</b>
↓	2. compression via concept of matrix (multiplication)
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$	<b>Matrix image</b>
↓	3. compression via symbolisation
$A \cdot X = B$	
↓	... problemsolving via concept of analogy [1, p.10] <i>using CAS</i>
$X = A^{-1} \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	
↓	... and abstraction gives
•	<b>Concept image</b>
$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	<b>of inverse <math>A^{-1}</math></b>

*Exercise:*

- a) First test and explain the following interactive EIGENMATH mini *learning environment* (LE) to support *the coining of the concept of the inverse matrix* as shown above:

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# EIGENMATH
A = ((1,2), (4,5))
X = (x,y)
B = (3,6)           -- dot(.,.) = .*
dot(A,X)           -- LHS of linear system A*X=B
X = dot(inv(A),B)  -- X = 1/A*B = A^(-1)*B
dot(A,X) == B      -- verify solution X = A^-1*B
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Note: EIGENMATH use *dot* for the scalar/matrix product and *inv(A)* for the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

Invoke Eigenmath: <https://georgeweigt.github.io/eigenmath-demo.html>

Now enter the 6 statements in Eigenmath's window line by line.

Press **[↵] RETURN** after every code line. Press the **[Run]** button. Watch the output.

- b) In your opinion, what exploration opportunities are offered to the student in the above CAS-LE? Which *phenomena* could be specifically observed? In what respect is this LE *interactive*? What additional didactical and methodological options are there compared to a CAS-free access to the formation of the concept 'inverse matrix'?
- c) Design a small A.C.E cycle based on the above CAS-LE to form the concept of the inverse matrix.
- d) Construct an A.C.E cycle within a suitable CAS-LE to create a concept for a self-chosen concept from linear algebra/analytic geometry or analysis.