

Q6: We claim that if $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the determinant on 2 by 2 matrices, then $Df(a, b, c, d)(x, y, z, w) = dx - cy - bz + aw$. We proceed by showing that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(x+h) - f(x) - Df(x)(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{(x,y,z,w) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\| \det(a+x, b+y, c+z, d+w) - \det(a, b, c, d) - Df(a, b, c, d)(x, y, z, w) \|}{\|(x, y, z, w)\|} \\
 &= \lim_{(x,y,z,w) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\| (a+x)(d+w) - (b+y)(c+z) - (ad-bc) - (dx-cy-bz+aw) \|}{\|(x, y, z, w)\|} \\
 &= \lim_{(x,y,z,w) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\| ad+aw+dx+xw-bc-bz-cy-yz-ad+bc-dx+cy+bz-aw \|}{\|(x, y, z, w)\|} \\
 &= \lim_{(x,y,z,w) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\| xw-yz \|}{\|(x, y, z, w)\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

.Note that $xw - yz = \det \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix}$. Since the determinant is bilinear in each column it follows that the above limit is equal to 0 by 5a. The claim follows. ■