

1. (1) A skew-symmetric matrix satisfies $A^T = -A$. In 3 by 3 case, show that the determinant must be zero.
(2) How about a 4 by 4 skew-symmetric matrix? Give a 4 by 4 skew-symmetric matrix with $\det A \neq 0$.

$$(1) A^T = -A$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A) = (-1)^3 \det(A) \quad (\because \det(CA) = C^n \det(A))$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A) \quad (\because \det(A^T) = \det(A))$$

$$\therefore -\det(A) = \det(A)$$

$$\det(A) = 0$$

$$\therefore \det(A) = \det(A^T) = \det(-A) = 0$$

$$(2) \det(-A) = (-1)^4 \det(A)$$

$$\therefore \det(A^T) = \det(-A) = \det(A)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad -A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +1 \cdot C_{13} = -1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1(-1) = 1$$

$$2. \text{ Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the determinant of A^{-1} and $A - \lambda I$. For which values of λ is $A - \lambda I$ a singular matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{P_{12} \\ E_{21}(+4)}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -10 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{D_2(-10) \\ E_{12}(-3)}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{10} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{10} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{6}{50} - \frac{1}{50} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = (4-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 2 = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow A - \lambda I \text{ is singular matrix}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2, 5 \text{ when } A - \lambda I \text{ is singular matrix}$$

3. By applying row operations to produce an upper triangular matrix, compute

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{21}(-2)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{32}(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{42}(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{E_{13}(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{D_4(+1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} X & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = B \end{array}$$

$$\det B = \frac{1}{6} \det A = 6$$

$$\therefore \det A = 36$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{P_{14}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{21}(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{41}(-2)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \\ \xrightarrow{E_{12}(-1)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{13}(+)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{14}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right] = B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{E_{42}(+)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{E_{34}\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = B \end{array}$$

$$\det B = -\det A = -5$$

$$\therefore \det A = 5$$

4. Find the cofactor matrix C of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and compare AC^T with A^{-1} .

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & -M_{12} & M_{13} \\ -M_{21} & M_{22} & -M_{23} \\ M_{31} & -M_{32} & M_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AC^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & C_{31} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & C_{32} \\ C_{13} & C_{23} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \det A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \det A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \det A \end{bmatrix} = \det A \cdot I$$

$\therefore AC^T = \det A \cdot I$

$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot C^T$