

Component Skills Exercises

Exercise 1. (CS4.5)

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute $\det(A)$ by Laplace expansion about the third row. When computing the determinant of your 3×3 matrix, expand about the third row.

$$\det(A) = 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = -3 \cdot (-12) = \boxed{36}$$

- (b) Compute $\det(A)$ by Laplace expansion about the first column. When computing the determinant of your 3×3 matrix, expand about the second column.

$$\det(A) = 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -9 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = -9 \cdot (-4) = \boxed{36}$$

- (c) Compute $\det(A)$ by Laplace expansion about the third column. When computing the determinant of your 3×3 matrix, expand about the second row.

$$\det(A) = 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -9 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -9 \cdot (-4) = \boxed{36}$$

- (d) Compute $\det(A)$ by reducing A to an upper-triangular matrix.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2, R_4 + R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = U$$

$k=0$ $k=1$ $k=1$ $k=1$

$$\det(A) = (-1)^k u_{11} u_{22} u_{33} u_{44} = -1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (-2) = \boxed{36}$$

• Exercise 2. (cs4.5):

(a) Prove that $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$ provided A^{-1} exists.

Hint: Use the definition of A^{-1} .

$$AA^{-1} = I_n$$

$$\det(AA^{-1}) = \det(I_n)$$

$$\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = 1 \quad (\text{since } \det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B) \text{ and } \det(I_n) = 1)$$

$$\boxed{\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}}$$

(b) Prove that $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$.

Hint: Consider the PLU decomposition of A . Note that the matrix P is orthogonal.

As shown in class, from the PLU decomposition of A , $\det(A) = (-1)^k u_{11} \cdots u_{nn}$, where k is the number of row swaps that took place, and $u_{11} \cdots u_{nn}$ are the diagonal entries of U . Now taking the transpose of the PLU decomposition and computing the determinant we see

$$(PA)^T = (LU)^T$$

$$A^T P^T = U^T L^T \quad (\text{since } (AB)^T = B^T A^T)$$

$$A^T = U^T L^T P \quad (\text{since } P \text{ is orthogonal})$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(U^T L^T P)$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(U^T) \det(L^T) \det(P) \quad (\text{since } \det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B))$$

From above we know $\det(P) = (-1)^k$. Since L is lower unitriangular (1's on the diagonal), L^T is upper unitriangular and hence $\det(L^T) = 1$.

Also, since U is upper triangular, U^T is lower triangular with the same diagonal entries as U , hence $\det(U^T) = u_{11} \cdots u_{nn}$. Therefore, we have shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A^T) &= (-1)^k \cdot 1 \cdot u_{11} \cdots u_{nn} \\ &= (-1)^k u_{11} \cdots u_{nn} \end{aligned}$$

thus we can see that $\boxed{\det(A^T) = \det(A)}$.

- (c) Two $n \times n$ matrices A and B are called similar if there exists an $n \times n$ invertible matrix S such that $B = SAS^{-1}$. Prove that $\det(A) = \det(B)$ when A and B are similar.

If A and B are similar then

$$\begin{aligned}\det(B) &= \det(SAS^{-1}) \\ &= \det(S) \det(A) \det(S^{-1}) \quad (\text{since } \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)) \\ &= \det(S) \det(A) \frac{1}{\det(S)} \quad (\text{since } \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}) \\ &= \boxed{\det(A)}\end{aligned}$$

- (d) Prove that $\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$, where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and A is $n \times n$.
Hint: write cA as CA , where C is an appropriately chosen diagonal matrix.
Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, where $C = \text{diag}(c)$ which is a matrix whose only non-zero entries are c on the diagonals. Hence we can see

$$\begin{aligned}\det(CA) &= \det(C) \det(A) \quad (\text{since } \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)) \\ &= c \cdot c \cdots c \det(A) \quad (\text{since } C \text{ has } n \text{ c's on the diagonal}) \\ &= \boxed{c^n \det(A)}\end{aligned}$$

• Exercise 3. (CS4.5)

From Oliver and Shakiban, complete Exercise 1.9.4. If a statement is true and the proof is already provided in the textbook or course notes, just cite the results. You do not need to rederive them. For (h) , 0 represents the zero matrix.

1.9.4. True or false? If true, explain why, if false, give an explicit counterexample.

- (a) If $\det A \neq 0$ then A^{-1} exists.

By Theorem 2, an $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Thus this statement is True.

(b) $\det(2A) = 2 \det(A)$.

As shown in Exercise 2, $\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$, thus we can see this statement is False.

Counterexample: Let $A = I_2$, then $\det(A) = 1$, $2A = 2I_2 = \text{diag}(2) \Rightarrow \det(2A) = 4 \neq 1$.

(c) $\det(A+B) = \det A + \det B$

This statement is False as shown by the counterexample

Counterexample: Let $A = B = I_2$, then $\det(I_2 + I_2) = \det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 4$, but $\det I_2 + \det I_2 = 1 + 1 = 2 \neq 4$.

(d) $\det(A^{-T}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$

This statement is True as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} \det A^{-T} &= \det(A^{-1})^T \\ &= \det(A^{-1}) \quad (\text{since } \det(A^T) = \det(A)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\det(A)} \quad (\text{since } \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}). \end{aligned}$$

(e) $\det(AB^{-1}) = \frac{\det(A)}{\det(B)}$

This statement is True as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(AB^{-1}) &= \det(A) \det(B^{-1}) \quad (\text{since } \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)) \\ &= \frac{\det(A)}{\det(B)} \quad (\text{since } \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}) \end{aligned}$$

(f) $\det[(A+B)(A-B)] = \det(A^2 - B^2)$

This statement is False as shown below.

$\det[(A+B)(A-B)] = \det[(A+B)A - (A+B)B] = \det(A^2 + BA - AB + B^2)$, since $BA \neq AB$ in general, we can see this is False.

Counter example: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\det[(A+B)(A-B)] &= \det\left[\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)\right] \\ &= \det\left[\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right] \\ &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= 2 - 2 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A^2 - B^2) &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2\right) \\ &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= 2 - 4 \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

(g) If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with $\det A = 0$, then $\text{rank } A < n$.

If $\det A = 0$, then A is not invertible, which means A has linearly independent columns which implies $\text{rank}(A) < n$. Thus this statement is true.

(h) If $\det A = 1$ and $AB = 0$, then $B = 0$.

If $\det A = 1$, then A is invertible, thus

$$AB = 0 \Rightarrow B = A^{-1}0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

hence this statement is true.

• Exercise 4. (CS 4.5)

Determine the volume of the parallelepiped (three-dimensional analogue of a parallelogram) that is formed by the vectors

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The volume of this parallelepiped is equal to the magnitude of the determinant of the matrix formed by these vectors. Namely,

$$\text{Volume} = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right|$$

Expanding about the third row we obtain

$$\text{Volume} = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$= |2 - 6 + 3(3 + 2)|$$

$$= |2 - 6 + 15|$$

$$= |11|$$

• Exercise 5. (CS4.6):

Find the Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrices:

(a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

i.) Eigenvalues:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 = 4 \Rightarrow 1-\lambda = \pm 2 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \mp 2$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1.$$

ii.) Eigenvectors:

□ $\lambda_1 = 3$:

$$\text{null}(A - 3I) = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}R_1 + R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□ $\lambda_2 = -1$:

$$\text{null}(A + I) = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

∴ $\lambda_1 = 3, v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\lambda_2 = -1, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

i.) Eigenvalues:

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 (2-\lambda) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 1; \lambda = 1 \text{ has algebraic multiplicity of } 2.$$

ii) Eigenvectors:

$$\square \lambda_1 = 2:$$

$$\text{null}(A - 2I) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}r_2 + r_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\square \lambda_{2,3} = 1:$$

$$\text{null}(A - I) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{2A_1 + A_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 2, v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \lambda_{2,3} = 1, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Exercise 6. (CS4.6):

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Find the eigenvalues of A .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 2-\lambda = \pm 3 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \mp 3 \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = -1.$$

(b) Find the corresponding eigenvectors of A .

$$\square \lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\text{null}(A - 5I) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{A_1 + A_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\square \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\text{null}(A + I) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-A_1 + A_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Show that your eigenvectors are orthogonal. Why is this expected?

$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = v_1^T v_2 = (1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 = -1 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 \text{ and } v_2 \text{ are orthogonal.}$$

This is expected because A is symmetric and thus has orthogonal eigenvectors.

- d.) write out the spectral decomposition $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$, where Q is an orthogonal matrix.

1.) Normalize eigenvectors:

$$q_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

2.) Form Q, Λ, Q^T :

$$Q = (q_1, q_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } A = Q \Lambda Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

• Exercise 7. (cs4.6)

Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

- a.) Find the eigenvalues of A .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = i, \lambda_2 = -i$$

- b.) Find the corresponding eigenvectors of A .

$$\text{a) } \lambda_1 = i$$

$$\text{null}(A - iI) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{iR_1 + R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{a) } \lambda_2 = -i$$

$$\text{null}(A + iI) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & i & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-iR_1 + R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$