

# MAT2040

## Tutorial 10

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## Question 1

Explore the effect of an elementary row operation on the determinant of a matrix. In each case, state the row operation and describe how it affects the determinant.

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & k \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Solution

(a)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc, \quad \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = cb - da = -(ad - bc)$$

The row operation swaps rows 1 and 2 of the matrix, then the sign of the determinant is reversed.

(b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc, \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{vmatrix} = a(kd) - (kc)b = kad - kbc = k(ad - bc)$$

The row operation scales row 2 by  $k$ , then the determinant is multiplied by  $k$ .

## Solution

(c)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ = -8 + 1 \\ = -7$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} k & 0 & k \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot k \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+1} \cdot k \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ = -8k + k \\ = -7k$$

The row operation scales row 1 by  $k$ , then the determinant is multiplied by  $k$ .

## Question 2

(a) Show that if  $\det(A) = 1$ , then

$$\text{adj}(\text{adj } A) = A$$

(b) Set  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if  $A^2 - A - 2I = 0$ , prove that  $A$  and  $A + 2I$  are invertible matrixs, and calculate their invertible matrixs.

## Solution

(a) If  $\det(A) = 1$ , then

$$\operatorname{adj} A = \det(A)A^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

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(b)

$$A^2 - A - 2I = 0 \Rightarrow A(A - I) = 2I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(A - I);$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - A - 2I = 0 &\Rightarrow (A + 2I)(A - 3I) = -4I \Rightarrow (A + 2I)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(3I - A); \end{aligned}$$

## Question 3

Let  $V = \{a + bx + cy + dx^2 + exy + fy^2 : a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(v) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  for all  $v \in V$ .

- (a) Prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
- (b) Find a basis for  $\ker\{T\}$  and determine its dimension.

## Solution

(a) Let  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} T(v_1 + v_2) &= \frac{\partial(v_1 + v_2)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(v_1 + v_2)}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial(v_1)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(v_2)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(v_1)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(v_2)}{\partial y} \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial(v_1)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(v_1)}{\partial y} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial(v_2)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(v_2)}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= T(v_1) + T(v_2) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one can show that  $T(cv) = cT(v)$  for any scalar  $c$ , using the fact that  $\frac{\partial cv}{\partial x} = c \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ .

$$T(cv) = \frac{\partial cv}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial cv}{\partial y} = c \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = cT(v)$$



## Solution

Let  $v = a + bx + cy + dx^2 + exy + fy^2 \in V$ . Then  $v \in \ker\{T\}$  if and only if:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = b + 2dx + ey - (c + ex + 2fy) = 0$$

Comparing coefficients, we get:

$$\begin{cases} b - c = 0 \\ 2d - e = 0 \\ e - 2f = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = s \\ b = c = t \\ d = f = u \\ e = 2u \end{cases} \quad s, t, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

Then, we have:

$$v = s + t(x + y) + u(x^2 + 2xy + y^2)$$

Therefore,  $\{1, x + y, x^2 + 2xy + y^2\}$  is a basis for  $\ker\{T\}$ . Thus,  $\dim(\ker\{T\}) = 3$

## Question 4

Let  $E = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $F = \{b_1, b_2\}$ , where

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$b_1 = (1, -1)^T, \quad b_2 = (2, -1)^T$$

For each of the following linear transformations  $L$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , find the matrix representing  $L$  with respect to the ordered bases  $E$  and  $F$ :

$$L(x) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_3)^T$$

## Solution

According to the matrix representation for general vector spaces, we have:

$$[L(u)]_{\mathcal{W}} = A[u]_{\mathcal{V}}$$

where  $L$  is the linear transformation from space  $\mathcal{V}$  to space  $\mathcal{W}$ . The  $j$ th column of  $A$  is given by  $a_j = [L(v_j)]_{\mathcal{W}}$ .

So we first find the linear transformation  $L(u_j)$ :

$$L(u_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, L(u_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, L(u_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Solution

Next we find the coordinate with respect to the space  $F$ :

$$a_1 = L(u_1) = -5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_2 = L(u_2) = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_3 = L(u_3) = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So The transition matrix  $A$  is:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

## Question 5

(a) Consider a  $3 \times 3$  square matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate  $\det(A)$  and  $\text{adj}(A)$ .

(b) Using Cramers rule to solve the linear system:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 7y = 1 \\ 4x + 11y = 3 \end{cases}$$

## Solution

$$(a) \det(A) = (-1)^2 \cdot 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^4 \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -3 + 2 \times 3 = 3$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 8 & -2 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 11 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-10}{5} = -2$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$