

Lecture 4

Inverse; Determinant; Orthogonal tensor; Rotation tensor

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Review of L3

I. Principal values and principal vectors:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \lambda \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \quad |\hat{\mathbf{v}}| = 1$$

1. Find $\{\lambda, [\hat{\mathbf{v}}]_{\mathcal{E}}\}$ for $[\mathbf{A}]_{\mathcal{E}}$ in *any* $\{\mathcal{E}, O, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\}$
2. \mathbf{A} is *diagonal* in *principal* CS $\{\mathcal{P}, C, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i\}$.

II. Symmetric tensor: $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^T$.

1. S_i are real and $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i$ are *orthogonal*.
2. *Principal* CS $\{\mathcal{P}, C, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i\}$ is *Cartesian*.

$$3. \quad \mathbf{S} = \sum_{i=1}^3 S_i \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i \otimes \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i \text{ and } [\mathbf{S}]_{\mathcal{P}} = \begin{bmatrix} S_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{S} is always diagonalizable; stretch by S_i along $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_i$

III. Skew-symmetric tensor: $\mathbf{W} = -\mathbf{W}^T$

1. *Axial* vector: $\text{ax}(\mathbf{W}) =: \mathbf{w} = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{ijk}W_{jk}\hat{\mathbf{E}}_i$
2. $\mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{a}$ for all \mathbf{a} .
3. $\text{asym}(\mathbf{w}) =: \mathbf{W} = -\epsilon_{ijk}w_i(\hat{\mathbf{E}}_j \otimes \hat{\mathbf{E}}_k)$

Inverse, Determinant

- I. **Definition:** A^{-1} is the inverse of A if
- $$A \cdot A^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot A = 1 \quad (\text{identity tensor})$$
1. *Independent* of CS.
 2. To find A^{-1} , pick *any* convenient CS $\{\mathcal{P}, P, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\}$ and use $[A^{-1}]_{\mathcal{P}} = ([A]_{\mathcal{P}})^{-1}$.
 3. A has *no* zero principal value $\implies A^{-1}$
- II. **Definition:** Determinant of A is found by
- $$\det(A) = \det([A]_{\mathcal{P}})$$
- in *any* CS $\{\mathcal{P}, P, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i\}$ of our choice.
1. $\det(A)$ is *independent* of CS.
- III. **Properties:** λ_i are principal values of A .
1. λ_i^{-1} are principal values of A^{-1} .
 2. $(A \cdot B)^{-1} = B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$.
 3. $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T = A^{-T}$.
 4. $\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i$.
 5. $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^{-1}$.
 6. $\det(A \cdot B) = (\det A)(\det B)$.

Orthogonal tensor

I. **Definition:** Q is orthogonal if for all \mathbf{a}

$$|Q \cdot \mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{a}|$$

Q preserves *length* of \mathbf{a} , but not direction.

II. **Properties:** λ_i are principal values of Q .

1. $Q^{-1} = Q^T$.

2. $|\lambda_i| = 1$, with $\lambda_3 = \pm 1$, $\lambda_{1,2} = a \pm ib$.

3. One real principal vector $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ for λ_3 .

4. Relative orientation: For all \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} :

i. $(Q \cdot \mathbf{a}) \cdot (Q \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$.

ii. Plane *normal* to $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ is *invariant* under Q

Q either rotates objects about $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$
or reflects them about invariant plane.

iii. $(Q \cdot \mathbf{a}) \times (Q \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \lambda_3 Q \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$.

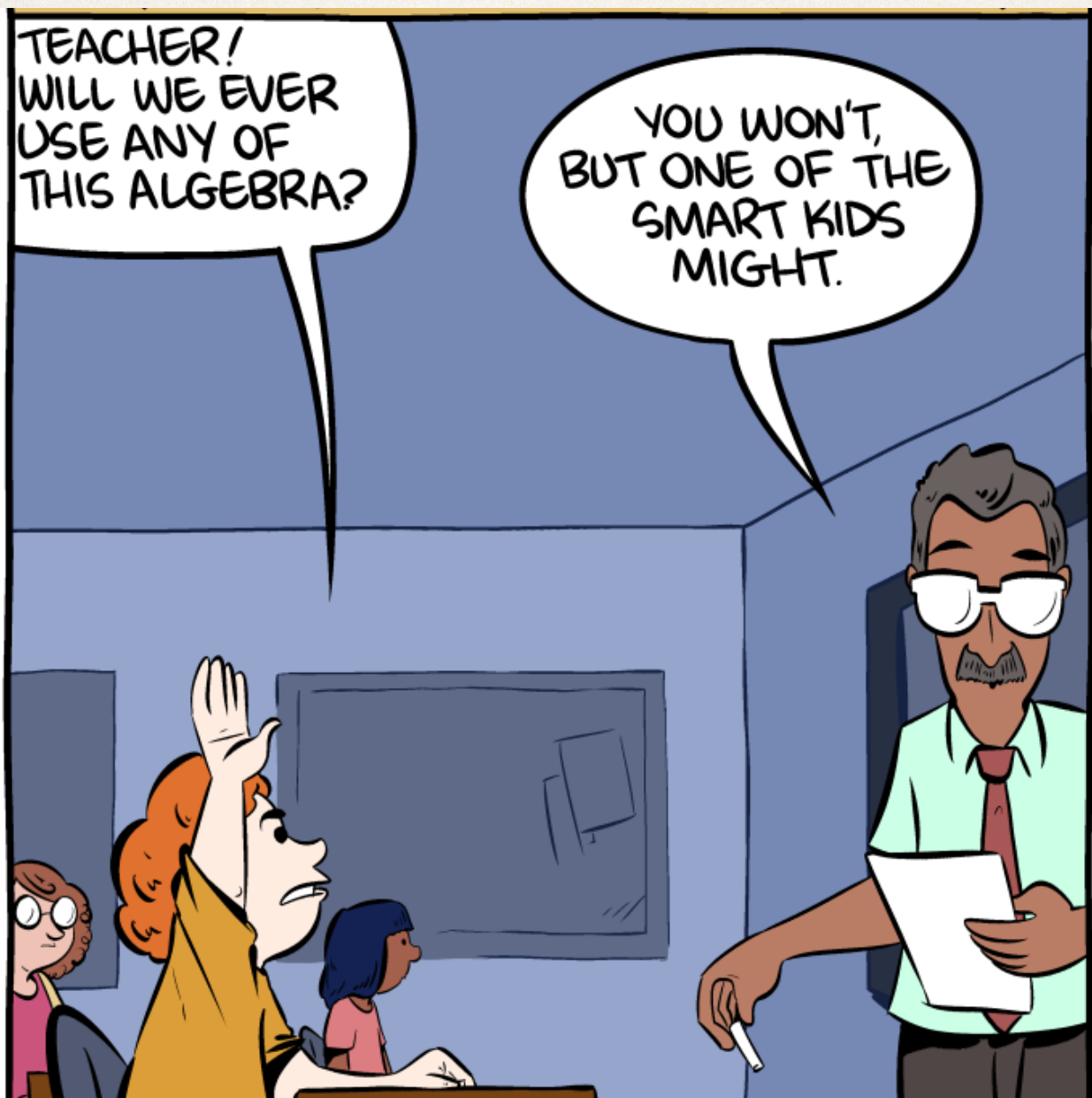
5. $\det(Q) = \lambda_3(a^2 + b^2) = \lambda_3 = \pm 1$.

i. $\det(Q) = -1 \implies Q$ *inverts* volumes.

Rotation tensor

- I. **Definition:** An *orthogonal* tensor \mathbf{R} with $\det(\mathbf{R}) = +1$ is called a rotation tensor.
- $\det(\mathbf{R}) = +1 \Leftrightarrow$ real principal value $+1$
 - $\det(\mathbf{R}) = +1$: no volume inversion.
- II. **Properties:** λ_i are principal values of \mathbf{R} .
- $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$, as \mathbf{R} is orthogonal.
 - $(\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ for all \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .
 - $|\lambda_i| = 1$, with $\lambda_3 = +1$, $\lambda_{1,2} = a \pm ib$.
 - Rotation angle $= \arg(\lambda_2) = \arctan(b/a)$
 - One *real* principal vector $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ for $\lambda_3 = +1$:
 - Plane *normal* to $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ is invariant under \mathbf{R}
 - Axis of rotation is along $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$.
 - $(\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = +\mathbf{R} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$ for all \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b}

III. Example



*You are all smart.
You need this (tensor) algebra!*