# Essentials of Analytical Geometry and Linear Algebra I, Class #3

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## 1 Operations with Matrices

#### 1.1 Introduction to matices

1. Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ :

- (a) Find A + B;
- (b) Find 2A 3B + I;
- (c) Find AB and BA (make sure that, in general,  $AB \neq BA$  for matrices);
- (d) Find AI and IA.

2. Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ :

- (a) Find AB and BA if they exist;
- (b) Find  $A^TB$  and  $BA^T$  if they exist.
- 3. If solution exists, what the dimension of the result matrix. There are several matrices: A, B, C, D, D, D, E, K.
  - (a) ABC;
  - (b)  $AB^TC^T$ ;
  - (c) EBAE;
  - (d)  $K^T \times K^T C E^T$ .

### 1.2 Determinants

1. Find the determinants of the following matrices:

(a) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
; (b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. A triangle is constructed on vectors 
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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- (a) Find the area of this triangle.
- (b) Find the altitudes of this triangle.

- 3. Find the matrix product AB if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & x \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ x & 2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then find the largest possible value of det(AB).
- 4. Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  be three pairwise non-collinear vectors. Prove that  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## 2 Scalar Triple Product

- 1. Find the scalar triple product of  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 2. Vectors **a**, **b**, **c** are not coplanar. Find all values of  $\theta$  such that vectors  $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} + \theta\mathbf{c}$ ,  $4\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b} + 6\mathbf{c}$ ,  $7\mathbf{a} + 8\mathbf{b} + \theta^2\mathbf{c}$  are coplanar.

## 3 Changing Basis and Coordinates

- 1. Two bases are given in the plane:  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$  and  $\mathbf{e}'_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}'_2$ . The vectors of the second basis have coordinates (-1; 3) and (2; -7) in the second basis.
  - (a) Compose transition matrices from the old basis to the new and vice versa.
  - (b) Find the coordinates of a vector in the old basis given that it has coordinates  $\alpha'_1$ ,  $\alpha'_2$  in the new basis.
  - (c) Find the coordinates of a vector in the new basis given that it has coordinates  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  in the old basis.
- 2. Let us consider two coordinate systems in the plane: O, e<sub>1</sub>, e<sub>2</sub> and O', e'<sub>1</sub>, e'<sub>2</sub>. Point O' has coordinates (7; -2) in the old coordinate system, and vectors e'<sub>1</sub>, e'<sub>2</sub> can be obtained from vectors e<sub>1</sub>, e<sub>2</sub> by rotating them 60° (a) clockwise; (b) counterclockwise. Find the old coordinates of a point x, y given its new coordinates x', y'.