

Calculating Biological Quantities

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Last time on CSCI 2897:

We learned that **linear algebra** (matrices and vectors) is like regular algebra, but with a few twists:

- Laws:

- Associative Law $ABC = (AB)C = A(BC)$
- Left Distributive Law $(X+Y)D = XD + YD$
- Right Distributive Law $D(X+Y) = DX + DY$
- Commutative Law for Scalars $kAB = k(AB) = (kA)B = A(kB) = (AB)k$
- Commutative Law for matrix multiplication? No. Does not usually commute!

$AB \neq BA$
unless special circumstances

- Transposes:

- $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ etc}$$

- Matrices are machines that turn vectors into other vectors.

- The identity matrix (ones on the diagonal, zeros elsewhere) reproduces the same vector.

- Trace: sum the diagonals.

- Determinant (2x2): $ad - bc$

Last Time: Determinant (2x2 matrix)

The **determinant** of a matrix is also a scalar. It has a rather peculiar formula:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Practice:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad |A| = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 3 = 4 - 6 = -2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |A| = 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0.5 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Note: the determinant of a matrix is the same as the determinant of its transpose.

Matrices as Machines II

If a matrix A has
determinant $= 0$ $|A| = 0$,
its "abilities" as a matrix
are diminished \rightarrow line

"singular"

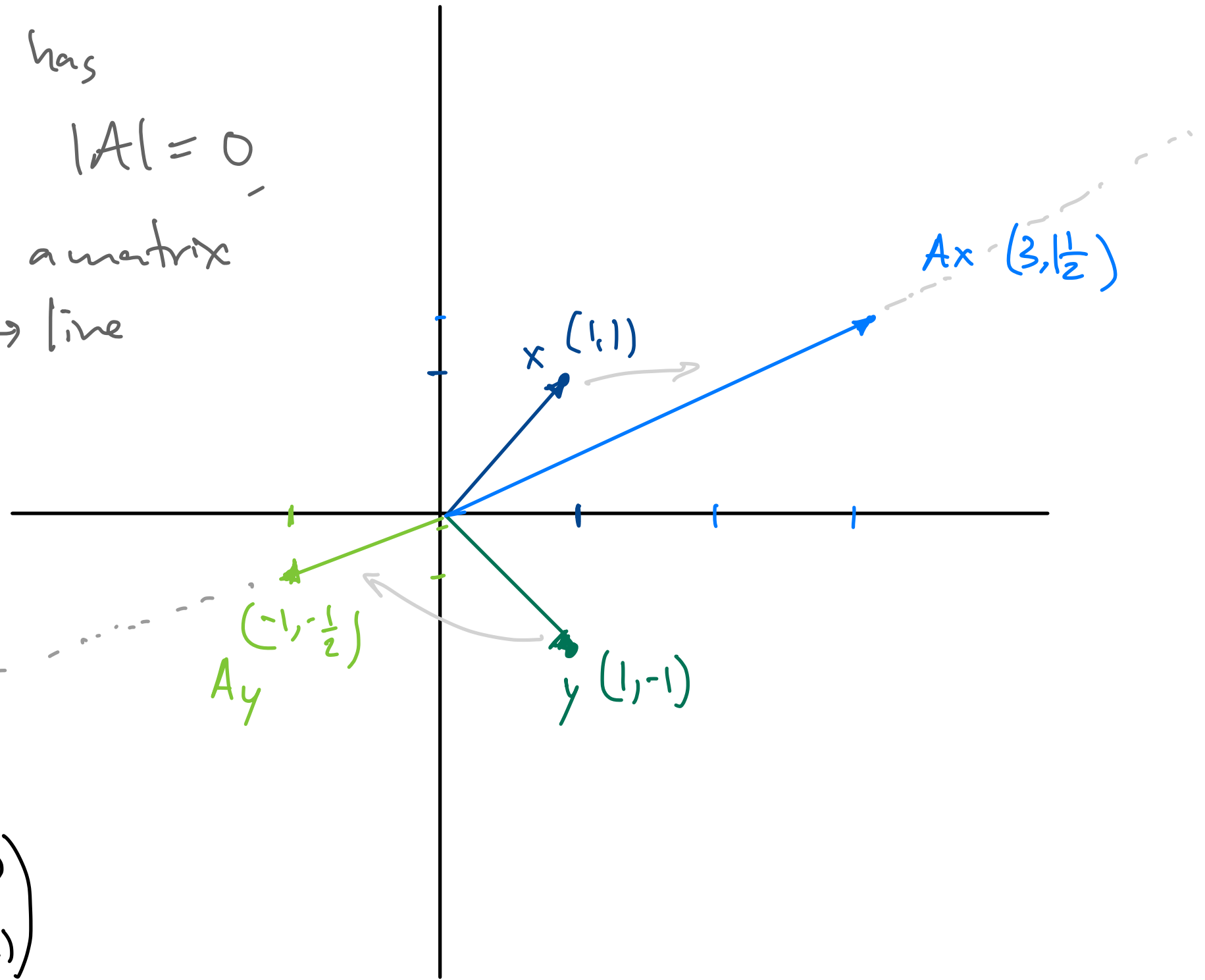
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Ay = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Solving a system of equations

Let's solve these two equations

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$2 \cdot 3x - 2 \cdot 2y = 0 \cdot 2$$

$$12x + 0y = 12$$

$$12x = 12$$

$$x = 1$$

$$3 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot y = 0$$

$$3 = 2y$$
$$y = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \left(1, \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$3x = 2y$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}y$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 1$$

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$6\left(\frac{2}{3}y\right) + 4y = 12$$

$$\frac{12}{3}y + 4y = 12$$

$$8y = 12$$

$$y = \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Solving a system of equations

We can also write these equations in "matrix-vector notation."

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M \quad \vec{x} \quad = \quad \vec{b}$

$$\frac{Mx = b}{M} \quad \text{"dividing"}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M^{-1} Mx &= M^{-1} b && \text{"multiplying"} \\ Ix &= M^{-1} b \\ x &= M^{-1} b \end{aligned}$$

goal.

The Inverse Matrix

The **inverse** of a matrix A , denoted A^{-1} is a matrix such that $A^{-1}A = I$

What does our *trick of the transpose* tell us for free?

$$\underbrace{A^T A^{-1}} = (A^{-1} A)^T = I^T = \underbrace{I} \quad A^T A^{-1T} = I$$

What else can we get “for free” from this equation?

$$A^{-1} A = I$$

$$A A^{-1} = I$$

A and A^{-1} commute.

Whoah! Remember: the *inverse* of a number a , denoted a^{-1} , is a number such that $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

Proofs are cool!

A proof is a math story told in simple and clear steps.

Theorem:

$A^{-1}A = I$ if and only if $AA^{-1} = I$.

Proof:

Suppose that $A^{-1}A = I$.



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Let's use the inverse to solve the equation from the previous slides.

$$6x + 4y = 12$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A

\vec{x}

$=$

\vec{b}

A^{-1}

A

\vec{x}

$=$

$A^{-1}\vec{b}$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 6 \cdot -2 - 4 \cdot 3 = -12 - 12 = -24$$

$$\vec{x} = \frac{1}{-24} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{-24} \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 36 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3/2 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

The Inverse Matrix (2x2)

There turns out to be a nice formula for an inverse matrix.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Let's say that generically, } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $A^{-1}A = I$ then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w \cdot a + x \cdot c = 1$$

$$w \cdot b + x \cdot d = 0$$

$$y \cdot a + z \cdot c = 0$$

$$y \cdot b + z \cdot d = 1$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad wa + xc = 1$$

goal: solve for w .

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (wb + xd = 0) \left(-\frac{c}{d}\right)$$

$$w\left(-\frac{bc}{d}\right) + x\left(-\frac{dc}{d}\right) = 0$$

$$wa - w\frac{bc}{d} + 0 = 1$$

$$w\left(a - \frac{bc}{d}\right) = 1$$

$$w = \frac{1}{a - \frac{bc}{d}} \cdot \frac{d}{d}$$

$$w = \frac{d}{ad - bc}$$

$$w = \frac{d}{\det(A)}$$

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etc. (as on prev slide).

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}$$