

let n be a positive integer and F a field.

Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix over F and P is an invertible matrix over F . If f is any polynomial over F ,

prove that $f(P^{-1}AP) = P^{-1}f(A)P$

$$f(P^{-1}AP) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i (P^{-1}AP)^i$$

claim $(P^{-1}AP)^i = P^{-1}A^iP$

(which I proved in a previous homework, but I am unsure which problem.)

$$i=0 \quad (P^{-1}AP)^0 = I$$

$$P^{-1}A^0P =$$

$$P^{-1}IP = P^{-1}P = I$$

$$i=1 \quad (P^{-1}AP)^1 = P^{-1}AP = P^{-1}A^1P$$

$$i=2 \quad (P^{-1}AP)^2 = P^{-1}APP^{-1}AP = P^{-1}AIP = P^{-1}A^2P$$

assume

$$i = n-1$$

holds

$$(P^{-1}AP)^{n-1} = P^{-1}A^{n-1}P$$

$$i=n$$

$$(P^{-1}AP)^n = P^{-1}AP(P^{-1}AP)^{n-1} = P^{-1}APP^{-1}A^{n-1}P$$

$$= P^{-1}AIA^{n-1}P = P^{-1}A^nP$$

Now

$$f(P^{-1}AP) = \sum_i \alpha_i (P^{-1}AP)^i = \sum_i \alpha_i P^{-1}A^iP$$

Scalar will commute with matrix

$$= \sum_i P^{-1} \alpha_i A^i P = P^{-1} \left(\sum_i \alpha_i A^i \right) P$$

$$= P^{-1} f(A) P$$

Let A be a 2×2 matrix over a field F , and suppose that $A^2 = 0$. Show for each scalar c that

$$\det(cI - A) = c^2$$

$$A^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow A \text{ is nilpotent}$$

Claim 2×2 nilpotent matrices

have the form $\begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + ab & xa - ax \\ bx - xb & ab + x^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

form $\begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ nilpotent matrix

nilpotent matrix $A \Rightarrow A$ is not invertible

Assume inverse exists, A^{-1}

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$$

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

$$AA^{-1} = A^2$$

$$A^2 A^{-1} = A$$

$$0 A^{-1} = A$$

$$0 = A$$

Contradiction.

0 is not invertible

Claim $\text{trace}(A) = 0$

then it is clear that

the matrix will have form $\begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix}$

as $\text{trace} = x + -x = 0$

and $\det(A) = x(-x) - (ab) = -x^2 - ab = 0$

$-x^2 = ab$

proof of claim $A^2=0 \Rightarrow \text{trace}(A)=0$

$A^2=0 \Rightarrow A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2+bc & ab+bd \\ ca+dc & cb+d^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow a^2+bc=0$ and $cb+d^2=0$ and $c(a+d)=0$ (1)
 $(a+d)b=0$ (2)

Assume $a+d \neq 0$

Starting then with (1), (2) imply $ac=0$ and $b=0$
 as in any field $ab=0 \Rightarrow a=0$ or $b=0$

then $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & d^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$\Rightarrow a^2=0 \Rightarrow a=0$

and $\Rightarrow d^2=0 \Rightarrow d=0$

$\Rightarrow a+d=0+0=0$

and we arrive at a contradiction, thus $a+d=0$

$\Rightarrow \text{trace}(A) = 0$
 \Rightarrow trace $A = 0$

then $A = \begin{bmatrix} x & b \\ a & -x \end{bmatrix}$ $C I - A = \begin{bmatrix} c-x & b \\ a & c+x \end{bmatrix}$ $ab = -x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = -ab$

$\det(CI - A) = (c-x)(c+x) - ab = c^2 - x^2 - ab = c^2 - x^2 + x^2 = c^2$

Prove that the determinant of the Vandermonde matrix

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$$

by cofactor expansion

$$\det(A) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} b & b^2 \\ c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} - a \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b^2 \\ 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b \\ 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= bc^2 - cb^2 - a(c^2 - b^2) + a^2(c - b)$$

$$= -ac^2 + ab^2 + a^2c - a^2b$$

claim $(b-a)(c-a)(c-b) = -ac^2 + ab^2 + a^2c - a^2b$

$$(b-a)(c-a) = bc - ba - ac + a^2$$

$$(b-a)(c-a)(c-b) = (bc - ba - ac + a^2)(c-b)$$

$$= bc^2 - bac - \underline{ac^2} + \underline{a^2c} - bcb + \underline{bab} + acb + \underline{a^2b}$$

by commutation
in mult and
addition of the

field F

$$= -ac^2 + ab^2 + a^2c - ac^2 + \cancel{bc^2} - \cancel{b^2c} - \cancel{bac} + \cancel{bac}$$

$$= -ac^2 + ab^2 + a^2c - ac^2$$

thus $\det(A) = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$

Tyler Olivier PS9 P 162-163 #1 H2K

1) find inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ using

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

$$\det(A) = 72$$

$$\text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -18 & 6 \\ -5 & -6 & -14 \\ 9 & -18 & -18 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 & 9 \\ -18 & -6 & -18 \\ 6 & -14 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/72 & -5/72 & 6/72 \\ -18/72 & -6/72 & -18/72 \\ 6/72 & -14/72 & -18/72 \end{bmatrix}$$

2a) Use Cramer's rule to solve

$$\begin{cases} x+y+z=11 \\ 2x-6y-z=6 \\ 3x+4y+2z=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 11$$

$$\text{let } A_x = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 11 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_x) = -88$$

$$\det(A_y) = -77$$

$$\det(A_z) = 286$$

$$x = \frac{\det(A_x)}{\det(A)} = \frac{11}{-88} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$y = \frac{\det(A_y)}{\det(A)} = -\frac{7}{11}$$

$$z = \frac{\det(A_z)}{\det(A)} = \frac{11}{286}$$

A $n \times n$ matrix A over F is skew-symmetric
 if $A^T = -A$. If A is a skew-symmetric $n \times n$ matrix
 with complex entries and n is odd, prove that $\det A = 0$.

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma} (\text{sgn } \sigma) A(1, \sigma_1) \cdots A(n, \sigma_n)$$

$$\det(-A) = \sum_{\sigma} (\text{sgn } \sigma) (-A(1, \sigma_1)) \cdots (-A(n, \sigma_n))$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma} (\text{sgn } \sigma) (-1)^n A(1, \sigma_1) \cdots A(n, \sigma_n)$$

$$= (-1)^n \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn } \sigma A(1, \sigma_1) \cdots A(n, \sigma_n)$$

$$= (-1)^n \det(A)$$

Thus $\det(A) = -\det(-A)$ if n is odd

but $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

$$\det(A^T) = -\det(-A)$$

← must be 0!

$$\text{thus } \det(A^T) = 0$$

$$\det(A) = 0$$

An $n \times n$ matrix A over F is called orthogonal if $AA^T = I$

if A is orthogonal, show that $\det A = \pm 1$.

$$\det(AA^T) = \det(I) = 1$$

$$\det(A)\det(A^T) = 1$$

$$\det(A)\det(A) = 1$$

$$\det(A)^2 = 1$$

$$\det(A) = \pm \sqrt{1} = \pm 1$$

Let $a(x), b(x) \in F[x]$ where F is a field. Let \mathcal{J} be the set of all polynomials in $F[x]$ that are of the form $a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x)$ with $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$.

Let $p(x)$ be the monic polynomial in \mathcal{J} of the smallest degree.

- a) Show that $p(x)$ divides every polynomial in \mathcal{J} , and in particular divides $a(x)$ and $b(x)$.

$$p(x) \in \mathcal{J} : p(x) = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x)$$

\mathcal{J} is an ideal. $\mathcal{J} \subseteq F[x]$
 $dh \in \mathcal{J}$ when $h \in F[x], d \in \mathcal{J}$

$$dh(x) = [a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x)]h(x)$$

$$(dh)(x) = a(x)f(x)h(x) + b(x)g(x)h(x)$$

$$= a(x)(fh)(x) + b(x)(gh)(x)$$

$$\rightarrow (fh)(x) \in F[x] \quad (gh)(x) \in F[x]$$

due to $F[x]$ being an algebra

$$\Rightarrow (dh) \in \mathcal{J}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}$ is an ideal.

let $d \in J$, $p \in J$

$$d = pq + r \quad \text{where } q \in F[x] \quad r=0 \text{ or } r < \deg p$$

if p is in J , $pq \in J$ by definition of ideal

$$\text{and } d - pq \in J$$

$$r = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x) - (a(x)+t(x) + b(x)m(x))$$

$$r = a(x)(f(x)-t(x)) + b(x)(g(x)-m(x))$$

$f(x)-t(x) \in F[x] \quad g(x)-m(x) \in F[x]$

$\Rightarrow r=0$ because $\Rightarrow r \in J$ if $r < \deg p(x)$. we contradict the assumption of $p(x)$ being the smallest degree in J .

$$\Rightarrow d = pq \quad \text{where } d \in J \quad p \in J \quad q \in F[x]$$

$\Rightarrow p(x)$ divides all polynomials in J .

If $p(x)$ divides all polynomials in J , $p(x)$ divides $a(x)$ and $b(x)$. This is because $a(x), b(x) \in J$.

$$\text{let since } d(x)p(x) = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x)$$

$$\text{clearly } d \in J \quad \text{let } f(x)=1 \quad g(x)=0$$

$$f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$$

$$d(x) = a(x) \in J$$

$$\text{let } g(x)=1 \quad f(x)=0 \quad (g, f \in F[x])$$

$$d(x) = b(x) \in J$$

$\Rightarrow p$ divides all polynomials in J . $\Rightarrow a, b$ are in J . p divides a and b .

Tyler Oliver! PS9 #2 b

Show that every polynomial $q(x) \in F[x]$ that divides both $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ must also divide $p(x)$, and conclude that $p(x)$ has highest degree among all polynomials that divide both $a(x)$ and $b(x)$.

$q(x)$ divides both $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ for $h(x) \in F[x]$
 $k(x) \in F[x]$

$$a(x) = q(x)h(x) \quad b(x) = q(x)k(x)$$

$f(x) \in F[x]$
 $g(x) \in F[x]$

$p(x) \in S$ then $p(x) = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x)$

$$p(x) = q(x)h(x)f(x) + q(x)k(x)g(x)$$

$$p(x) = q(x)[h(x)f(x) + k(x)g(x)]$$

$$h(x)f(x) + k(x)g(x) \in F[x]$$

due to $F[x]$ being an algebra.

thus $q(x)$ divides $p(x)$.

$p(x)$ has highest degree among all polynomials that divide both $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ because $\deg(p(x)) > \deg(q(x))$.

$$\deg fg = \deg f + \deg g$$

$$\deg p = \deg q + \deg [h(x)f(x) + k(x)g(x)]$$

either $p = q$ or $\deg p > \deg q$

let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \in M_n(F)$ where $c \in F$ is a scalar

a) using row reduction, determine for which $c \in F$ there is an inverse for A and find A^{-1} for each such c .

$$\text{row } 2 = \text{row } 1 - \text{row } 2$$

$$\text{row } 3 = \text{row } 2 - \text{row } 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{row } 2 = \text{row } 2 - \text{row } 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-(1-c) \\ 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{row } 1 = \text{row } 1 - k \text{row } 3$$

$$k \in F$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 - k(1-c) \\ 0 & 1 & 1 - (1-c) \\ 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1-k(1-c) \\ 0 & 1 & 1-k(1-c) \\ 0 & 0 & 1-c \end{bmatrix}$$

A is invertible when it is
invertible when
row equivalent to I.
 $1-1-c = 0$ and $1-1-c = 1$
let $c=0$ $1-c=1$
 $1-1+c=0$
 $1-0=1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$c=0 \Rightarrow A$ is invertible

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

As long as $c \neq 1$, A is invertible by appropriate
choice of k in the row reduction.
 $c=1$ gives 0 row and thus A is not invertible.

Inverse of A for a general c.

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-c}{-c+1} & \frac{1}{-c+1} & \frac{1}{-c+1} \\ \frac{c}{c-1} & \frac{-c}{c-1} & \frac{-1}{c-1} \\ \frac{1}{-c+1} & \frac{-1}{-c+1} & \frac{-1}{-c+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the determinant of A .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

by cofactor expansion

$$\det(A) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & c \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1)(c) + 1 = -c + 1 = 1 - c$$

3 c) Using part (b) determine for which $c \in \mathbb{F}$ there is an inverse for A and compute A^{-1} using the formula for inverses in terms of determinants. Does this agree with part (a)?

$$\det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow A \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 - c$$

$$\det(A) = 0 \text{ when } c = 1$$

$$\det(A) \text{ is invertible for } c \neq 1$$

This agrees with the answers in part (a)

Let A be a 3×2 matrix and let B be a 2×3 matrix. Find $\det(AB)$. Connect this to PS5 #4

What are possible values of $\det(BA)$?

$$A + A = I_n$$

$$AB \in F^{3 \times 3}$$

$$\text{let } A' = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix} \text{ s.t. } A' \in F^{3 \times 3}$$

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A'B' \in F^{3 \times 3}$$

$$\text{Furthermore } AB = A'B'$$

$$\text{thus } \det(AB) = \det(A'B')$$

$$A'B' = \begin{bmatrix} AB & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A'B') = \det(A') \det(B')$$

$$\det(B') = 0 \text{ (because it has a zero row)}$$

$$\det(AB) = \det(A'B') = \det(A') \det(B') = \det(A') \cdot 0 = 0$$

this is related to PS5 #4. $AB \neq I_{3 \times 3}$

$$\det(AB) = 0 \Leftrightarrow AB \text{ not invertible. } \Leftrightarrow AB \neq I_{3 \times 3}$$

$\det(BA)$ can be any scalar as $BA = I_{2 \times 2}$ by appropriate choice of B and A by PS5 #4. It is also possible

$$\det(BA) = 0 \text{ for choice of } B \text{ and } A.$$

Consider the system of eq. $AX=B$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

a) Solve by row reduction $(A|B)$

$$(A|B) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_2 = R_2 + 1/3 R_1 \quad R_3 = R_3 + 2/3 R_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5/3 & 1/3 & 7/3 \\ 0 & 4/3 & 1 & 14/3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_3 = 5 \cdot R_3 \quad R_2 = R_2 - 1 \cdot R_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5/3 & 0 & -20/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 = 3/5 R_2 \quad R_1 = R_1 - 2 \cdot R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow \quad R_1 = -1/3 R_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x = -3$$

$$y = -4$$

$$z = 9$$

b) Find A^{-1} by writing $X = A^{-1}B$

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

$$\det(A) = 1$$

$$\text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1}$$

$$x = A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Solve by Cramers rule

$$\det(A) = 1 \quad \text{from (b)}$$

$$\text{let } A_x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_x) = -3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\det(A_x)}{\det(A)} = -3$$

$$\det(A_y) = -4 \Rightarrow y = -4$$

$$\det(A_z) = 9 \Rightarrow z = 9$$