

# MA-106 Linear Algebra

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# Summary: Linear transformations

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

- The nullspace of  $T$ ,  $N(T)$ , is a subspace of  $V$ .

Its range,  $C(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

- $T$  is one-one  $\Leftrightarrow N(T) = 0$ , and  $T$  is onto  $\Leftrightarrow C(T) = W$ . In particular,

$T$  is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow N(T) = 0$  and  $C(T) = W$ .

- If  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , and  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$ , then  $T(v) = a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_n T(v_n)$ . Thus,

$T$  is determined by its action on a basis.

In particular,  $T : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $T(v_i) = e_i$ , i.e.,  $T(v) = [v]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , is an isomorphism. Thus, if  $\dim(V) = n$ , then  $V \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Given  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ , and  $T(x) = Ax$  defines a linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Conversely, if  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear, then  $T(x) = Ax$ , where  $A = (T(e_1) \cdots T(e_n)) \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ , the *standard matrix* of  $T$ .

## Matrix Associated to a Linear Map: Example

$S : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$  given by  $S(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_1 + 4a_2x$  is linear.

**Question:** Is there a matrix associated to  $S$ ?

Expected size:  $2 \times 3$ . Why?

**IDEA:** Construct an associated linear map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Use coordinate vectors! Fix bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , and  $\mathcal{C} = \{1, x\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_1$  to do this.

Identify  $f = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \in \mathcal{P}_2$  with  $[f]_{\mathcal{B}} = (a_0, a_1, a_2)^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $S(f) \in \mathcal{P}_1$  with  $[S(f)]_{\mathcal{C}} = (a_1, 4a_2)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

The associated linear map  $S' : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by

$S'(a_0, a_1, a_2)^T = (a_1, 4a_2)^T$ , i.e.,  $S'([f]_{\mathcal{B}}) = [S(f)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ , i.e.,

$S'$  is defined by  $S'(e_1) = (0, 0)^T$ ,  $S'(e_2) = (1, 0)^T$ ,  $S'(e_3) = (0, 4)^T \Rightarrow$

the standard matrix of  $S'$  is  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Q:** How is  $A$  related to  $S$ ?

**Observe:**  $A_{*1} = [S(1)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $A_{*2} = [S(x)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $A_{*3} = [S(x^2)]_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

# Matrix Associated to a Linear Map

**Example:** The matrix of  $S(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_1 + 4a_2x$ , w.r.t. the bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{1, x\}$  of  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is  $A =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \boxed{A_{*1} = [S(1)]_{\mathcal{C}}, A_{*2} = [S(x)]_{\mathcal{C}}, A_{*3} = [S(x^2)]_{\mathcal{C}}.}$$

**General Case:** If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear, then the matrix of  $T$  w.r.t. the ordered bases  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  of  $V$ , and  $\mathcal{C} = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  of  $W$ , denoted  $[T]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ , is

$$A = ([T(v_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \cdots [T(v_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}) \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}.$$

**Example:** Projection onto the line  $x_1 = x_2$

$$P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_1+x_2}{2} \\ \frac{x_1+x_2}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ has standard matrix } \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is the matrix of  $P$  w.r.t. the standard basis.

**Q:** What is  $[P]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}$  where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 1)^T, (-1, 1)^T\}$ ?

**Conclusion:** The matrix of a transformation depends on the chosen basis. Some are better than others!

# Determinant: Introduction

**INVERTIBILITY:** Very often we are interested in knowing when a matrix is invertible. Consider a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  has full rank.

If  $a, c$  both are zero then clearly  $\text{rank}(A) < 2 \Rightarrow A$  is not invertible. Assume  $a \neq 0$ , else, interchange rows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - c/a R_1} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - cb/a \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is invertible if and only if  $d - cb/a \neq 0$ , i.e.,  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

**AREA:** The area of the parallelogram with sides as vectors  $v = (a, b)$  and  $w = (c, d)$  is equal to  $ad - bc$ .

Thus, a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is singular  $\Leftrightarrow$  its columns are on the same line  $\Leftrightarrow$  the area is zero.

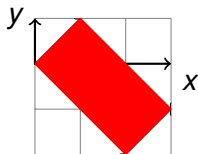
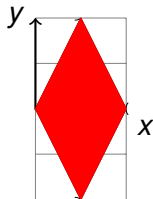
# Determinant: Introduction

- **Test for invertibility:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ .
- **$n$ -dimensional volume:** If  $A$  is  $n \times n$ , then  $|\det(A)|$  = the volume of the box (in  $n$ -dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) with edges as rows of  $A$ .

**Examples:** (1) The volume (area) of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2 = 0$ .

(2) The determinant of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\boxed{-4}$ .

(3) Let's compute the volume of the box (parallelogram) with edges as rows of  $A$  or columns of  $A$ .



$$\boxed{= 4}$$

# Determinants: Defining Properties

The determinant function

$$\det : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

can be defined (**uniquely**) by its three basic properties.

- 1  $\det(I) = 1$ .
- 2 The sign of determinant is reversed by a row exchange.  
Thus, if  $B = P_{ij}A$ , i.e.,  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by exchanging two rows, then  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$ .  
In particular,  $\det(I) = 1 \Rightarrow \det(P_{ij}) = -1$ .
- 3  $\det$  is linear in each row separately,  
i.e., we fix  $n - 1$  row vectors, say  $v_2, \dots, v_n$ , then  
 $\det \begin{pmatrix} - & v_2 & \cdots & v_n \end{pmatrix}^T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a linear function.  
i.e., for  $c, d$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and vectors  $u$  and  $v$ , if  $A_{1*} = cu + dv$ , we have  
$$\det \begin{pmatrix} cu + dv & A_{2*} & \cdots & A_{n*} \end{pmatrix}^T$$
$$= c \det \begin{pmatrix} u & A_{2*} & \cdots & A_{n*} \end{pmatrix}^T + d \det \begin{pmatrix} v & A_{2*} & \cdots & A_{n*} \end{pmatrix}^T.$$
  
There are  $n$  such equations (for  $n$  choices of rows).



# Determinants: Induced Properties

- ❶ If  $B$  and  $C$  are  $n \times n$ , then  $\det(B + C) = \det(B) + \det(C)$ . **False.**  
Find examples.

**Exercise:** In the  $2 \times 2$  case,  $\det(B + C)$   
 $= \det(B) + \det \begin{pmatrix} B_{1*} \\ C_{2*} \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} C_{1*} \\ B_{2*} \end{pmatrix} + \det(C).$

- ❷ For a real number  $c$ ,  $\det(cB) = c \det(B)$  (**False**)

**Exercise:** If  $B$  is  $n \times n$ , then  $\det(cB) = c^n \det(B).$

- ❸ If **two rows of  $A$  are equal**, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th rows of  $A$  are equal, i.e.,  $A_{i*} = A_{j*}$ ,  
then  $A = P_{ij}A$ .

Hence  $\det(A) = \det(P_{ij}A) = -\det(A) \Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$ .

# Determinants and Row Operations

4. If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by  $R_i \mapsto R_i + aR_j$ , then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .

*Proof:* Note that  $B = E_{ij}(a)A = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ A_{i*} + aA_{j*} \\ \vdots \\ A_{j*} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{matrix} i\text{th row} \\ \\ j\text{th row} \end{matrix}$ . Then

$$\det(B) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ A_{i*} + aA_{j*} \\ \vdots \\ A_{j*} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \det(A) + \det \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ aA_{j*} \\ \vdots \\ A_{j*} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \det(A).$$

In particular,  $\det(E_{ij}(a)) = 1$ . Why?

# Determinants and Row Operations

5. If  $A$  is  $n \times n$ , and its row echelon form  $U$  is obtained without row exchanges, then  $\det(U) = \det(A)$ .

**Q:** What happens if there are row exchanges? Exercise!

6. If  $A$  has a zero row, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

*Proof:* Let the  $i$ th row of  $A$  be zero, i.e.,  $A_{i*} = 0$ .

Let  $B$  be obtained from  $A$  by  $R_i = R_i + R_j$ , i.e.,  $B = E_{ij}(1)A$ .

Then  $B_{i*} = B_{j*}$ .

**Exercise:** Complete the proof.

# Determinants of Special Matrices

7. If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_n \end{pmatrix}$  is diagonal, then  $\det(A) = a_1 \cdots a_n$ . (Use linearity).

8. If  $A = (a_{ij})$  is triangular, then  $\det(A) = a_{11} \cdots a_{nn}$ .

*Proof.* If all  $a_{ii}$  are non-zero, then by elementary row operations,  $A$

reduces to the diagonal matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$  whose

determinant is  $a_{11} \cdots a_{nn}$ .

If at least one diagonal entry is zero, then elimination will produce a zero row  $\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$ .

# Determinants and Products

9. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$ , then  $\boxed{\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)}$ .

**Example 1:** If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by interchanging the  $i$ th and  $j$ th row, then  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$ .

In this case,  $B = P_{ij}A$ . Since  $\det(P_{ij}) = -1$ , observe that  $\det(P_{ij}A) = \det(P_{ij})\det(A)$ .

**Example 2:** If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by the row operation  $R_i \mapsto R_i + aR_j$ , then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .

In this case,  $B = E_{ij}(a)A$ . Since  $\det(E_{ij}(a)) = 1$ , we see that  $\det(E_{ij}(a)A) = \det(E_{ij}(a))\det(A)$ .

## Extra Reading: $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$

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

We may assume that  $B$  are invertible. Else,  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank} B \neq n \implies \text{rank}(AB) \neq n \implies AB$  is not invertible.

**Hint:** For fixed  $B$ , show that the function  $d$  defined by

$$d(A) = \det(AB)/\det(B)$$

satisfies the following properties

- 1  $d(I) = 1$ .
- 2 If we interchange two rows of  $A$ , then  $d$  changes its sign.
- 3  $d$  is a linear function in each row of  $A$ .

Then  $d$  is the **unique** determinant function  $\det$  and

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

