

Solution of
Assignment 1

Solution 1.
~~Prove~~ A real square matrix can be uniquely expressed as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew symmetric matrix.

Proof: Let A be a given matrix. Then A can be expressed as: -

$$A = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(A + A^t)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(A - A^t)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \left[\frac{1}{2}(A + A^t) \right]^t &= \frac{1}{2}(A^t + (A^t)^t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(A^t + A) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(A + A^t)\end{aligned}$$

So it is symmetric.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \left[\frac{1}{2}(A - A^t) \right]^t &= \frac{1}{2}(A^t - A^{tt}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(A^t - A) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(A - A^t)\end{aligned}$$

So it is skew symmetric

Therefore A is expressed as a sum of symmetric matrix and a skew symmetric.

Now we show that this decomposition is unique.

Let $A = P + Q$ where P is symmetric and Q is skew symmetric.

$$\text{Then } A^t = P^t + Q^t = P - Q \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \because P^t = P \\ Q^t = -Q \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{We have } A + A^t = 2P, \quad A - A^t = 2Q.$$

$$\text{So } P = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^t) \text{ \& } Q = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^t) \text{ and.}$$

this proves the theorem

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$$2. \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 2} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

$$\therefore AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 3 & 1 \times 6 + 2 \times 8 & 1 \times 1 + 2 \times (-2) \\ 3 \times 0 + 4 \times 3 & 3 \times 6 + 4 \times 8 & 3 \times 1 + 4 \times (-2) \\ 5 \times 0 + 6 \times 3 & 5 \times 6 + 6 \times 8 & 5 \times 1 + 6 \times (-2) \\ 7 \times 0 + 8 \times 3 & 7 \times 6 + 8 \times 8 & 7 \times 1 + 8 \times (-2) \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 3}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 22 & -3 \\ 12 & 50 & -5 \\ 18 & 78 & -7 \\ 24 & 106 & -9 \end{pmatrix}_{4 \times 3}$$

$$3. \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-b & a^2-b^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(applying property 6)
 $R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-b & (a-b)(a+b) \\ 0 & b-c & (b+c)(b-c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(applying property 6)
 $R_2 - R_3 \rightarrow R_2$

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$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-b & (a-b)(a+b) \\ 0 & b-c & (b-c)(b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a-b) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & a+b \\ 0 & b-c & (b-c)(b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{applying property 4}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & a+b \\ 0 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{applying property 4}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \\ a+b & b+c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{applying property 1} \\ \text{(transposing)} \end{array}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) \left\{ 0 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c \\ b+c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c \\ a+b & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) \{ b+c - a-b \}$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

$$4) D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 + bcd \\ 1 & b & b^2 & b^3 + cda \\ 1 & c & c^2 & c^3 + adb \\ 1 & d & d^2 & d^3 + abc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c & c^2 & c^3 \\ 1 & d & d^2 & d^3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & bcd \\ 1 & b & b^2 & cda \\ 1 & c & c^2 & adb \\ 1 & d & d^2 & abc \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Property 5})$$

$$= D_1 + D_2$$

$$\text{Now, } D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & bcd \\ 1 & b & b^2 & cda \\ 1 & c & c^2 & adb \\ 1 & d & d^2 & abc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{abcd} \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 & abcd \\ b & b^2 & b^3 & abcd \\ c & c^2 & c^3 & abcd \\ d & d^2 & d^3 & abcd \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Property 4})$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{abcd}}{\cancel{abcd}} \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 & 1 \\ d & d^2 & d^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Property 4})$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1 & c^3 \\ d & d^2 & 1 & d^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

interchanging c_1 and c_4
(Property 2)

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & 1 & c^2 & c^3 \\ d & 1 & d^2 & d^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

interchanging c_2 & c_3
(Property 2)

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c & c^2 & c^3 \\ 1 & d & d^2 & d^3 \end{vmatrix},$$

interchanging c_1 & c_2
(Property 2)

$$= -D_1$$

$$\therefore D_2 = -D_1 \Rightarrow D_1 + D_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 0$$

5. The co-factor of 7 ($= a_{13}$) is

$$= (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 36 - 36 = 0$$

$$6) \text{ Co-factor of } 1 (=a_{11}) = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } 2 (=a_{12}) = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } 1 (=a_{13}) = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Co-factor of } 1 (=a_{21}) = 5$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } -1 (=a_{22}) = -3$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } 1 (=a_{23}) = 1$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } 2 (=a_{31}) = 3$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } 3 (=a_{32}) = 0$$

$$\text{Co-factor of } -1 (=a_{33}) = -3$$

$$\therefore \text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^t$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse of A using determinant method

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now } \text{adj}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{evaluated in a previous page})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2 + 6 + 5 = 9 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A^{-1} &= \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

7) For the coefficient determinant

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -3 \neq 0$$

So Cramer's rule can be applied.

Now,

$$D_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -3$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -6$$

So by Cramer's Rule

$$x = \frac{D_1}{D} = \frac{-3}{-3} = 1$$

$$y = \frac{D_2}{D} = \frac{3}{-3} = -1$$

$$z = \frac{D_3}{D} = \frac{-6}{-3} = 2$$

\therefore the solution is $x = 1, y = -1, z = 2$. (3)