

Homework 5

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Problem 1

Column space of A is the set of pivot columns in A.

$$\text{Col}A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -9 \\ -9 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ 7 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Finding the null space of A. Solving $[A \ 0]$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow \frac{-1}{5}R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow -3R_3 + R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow 4R_2 + R_1$$

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

$$\text{Equations: } \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_4 - 5x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = x_4 \\ x_5 = x_5 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_4 + 5x_5 \\ 2x_5 \\ 0 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Problem 2

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -7 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & -6 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{2+j} a_{2j} \mathbf{A}_{2j} \text{ where } n = \text{number of columns in } \mathbf{A}$$

$$= -0 + 0 - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 - 0$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+2} a_{i2} \mathbf{A}_{i2} \text{ where } n = \text{number of columns in submatrix}$$

$$= -2 \left(-0 + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 0 \right)$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{3+j} a_{3j} \mathbf{A}_{3j} \text{ where } n = \text{number of columns in submatrix}$$

$$= -6 \left(0 - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{Determinant of a } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix, } \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -6(0 - 1(-12 - (-25)) + 2(8 - 15))$$

$$= -6(0 - 1(13) + 2(-7))$$

$$= -6(-13 - 14)$$

$$= -6(-27)$$

$$= 162$$

\therefore The determinant of \mathbf{A} is 162.

Problem 3

Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be 4×4 matrices such that:

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -3, \det \mathbf{B} = -1$$

a)

$$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = (\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{B})$$

$$\therefore \det(\mathbf{AB}) = (-3)(-1) = 3$$

The determinant of a product of matrices is equal to the product of the determinants of the matrices.

b)

$\det 2\mathbf{A} = (2^n)(\det \mathbf{A})$, where $n =$ number of rows in \mathbf{A}

$$\therefore \det 2\mathbf{A} = (2^4)(-3) = -48$$

$2\mathbf{A}$ is equivalent to multiplying all the rows of \mathbf{A} by 2. One of the properties of determinants is that if one row is multiplied by a scalar, k , then the determinant of the new matrix is $k \cdot \det \mathbf{A}$. For multiplying all the rows, the determinant is $k^n \cdot \det \mathbf{A}$, where n is the number of rows.

c)

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}) = (\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{B})(\det \mathbf{A})$$

$$\therefore \det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}) = (-3)(-1)(-3) = -9$$

The determinant of a product of matrices is equal to the product of the determinants of the matrices. Also, the determinant of a transpose of a matrix, say \mathbf{A}^T is equal to the determinant of the original matrix, \mathbf{A} .

d)

$$\det(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}) = \left(\frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \right) (\det \mathbf{A})(\det \mathbf{B})$$

$$\therefore \det(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}) = \left(\frac{1}{-3} \right) (-3)(-1) = -1$$

The determinant of a product of matrices is equal to the product of the determinants of the matrices. Also, the determinant of the inverse of a matrix, say \mathbf{A}^{-1} is equal to the reciprocal of the determinant of the original matrix, \mathbf{A} .