

# Tutorial-6, MA 106 (Linear Algebra)

## Linear Algebra and its Applications by Gilbert Strang

This tutorial sheet consists of the problems based on 2.6, 3.4 and 4.2. This includes:

**Problem Set 2.6:** [2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 27, 30, 31, 36, 44, 50]

**Problem Set 3.4:** [1, 10, 23, 16, 29, 32]

**Review Exercises Chapter 3:** [3.2, 3.7, 3.15, 3.19, 3.29, 3.31]

**Problem Set 4.2:** [4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 29]

**Problem Set 4.3** [5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 20, 21, 26, 35]

### Section 2.6

- On the space  $\mathcal{P}_3$  of cubic polynomials, what matrix represents  $d^2/dt^2$ ? Construct the 4 by 4 matrix from the standard basis  $1, t, t^2, t^3$ . Find its nullspace and column space. What do they mean in terms of polynomials?
- Suppose  $A$  is a linear transformation from the  $x$ - $y$  plane to itself. Why does  $A^{-1}(x + y) = A^{-1}x + A^{-1}y$ ? If  $A$  is represented by the matrix  $M$ , explain why  $A^{-1}$  is represented by  $M^{-1}$ .
- What 3 by 3 matrices represent the transformations that
  - project every vector onto the  $x - y$  plane?
  - reflect every vector through the  $x - y$  plane?
  - rotate the  $x - y$  plane through  $90^\circ$ , leaving the  $z$ -axis alone?
  - rotate the  $x - y$  plane, then  $x - z$ , then  $y - z$ , through  $90^\circ$ ?
  - carry out the same three rotations, but each one through  $180^\circ$ ?
- The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  yields a shearing transformation, which leaves the  $y$ -axis unchanged. Sketch its effect on the  $x$ -axis, by indicating what happens to  $(1, 0)$  and  $(2, 0)$  and how the whole axis is transformed.
- Which of these transformations on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , satisfy  $T(v + w) = T(v) + T(w)$ , and which satisfy  $T(cv) = cT(v)$ ?
  - $T(v) = v/\|v\|$ .
  - $T(v) = v_1 + v_2 + v_3$ .
  - $T(v) = (v_1, 2v_2, 3v_3)$ .
  - $T(v)$  = largest component of  $v$ .
- Find the range and kernel (those are new words for the column space and nullspace) of  $T$ .
  - $T(v_1, v_2) = (v_2, v_1)$ .
  - $T(v_1, v_2, v_3) = (v_1, v_2)$ .
  - $T(v_1, v_2) = (0, 0)$ .
  - $T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1, v_1)$ .
- Suppose  $T$  transposes every matrix  $M$ . Try to find a matrix  $A$  that gives  $AM = M^T$  for every  $M$ . Show that no matrix  $A$  will do it. Is this a linear transformation that doesn't come from a matrix?
- What matrix transforms  $(1, 0)$  into  $(2, 5)$  and transforms  $(0, 1)$  to  $(1, 3)$ ?

- (b) What matrix transforms  $(2, 5)$  to  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 3)$  to  $(0, 1)$ ?
- (c) Why does no matrix transform  $(2, 6)$  to  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 3)$  to  $(0, 1)$ ?
- 9. (a) What matrix  $M$  transforms  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  to  $(r, t)$  and  $(s, u)$ ?
- (b) What matrix  $N$  transforms  $(a, c)$  to  $(b, d)$  to  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  ?
- (c) What conditions on  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  will make the previous part impossible?
- 10. True or false: If we know  $T(v)$  for  $n$  different nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then we know  $T(v)$  for every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Section 3.4

- 11. Project  $b = (0, 3, 0)$  onto each of the orthonormal vectors  $a_1 = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})$  and  $a_2 = (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$  and then find its projection  $p$  onto the plane of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .
- 12. Project the vector  $b = (1, 2)$  onto two vectors that are not orthogonal,  $a_1 = (1, 0)$  and  $a_2 = (1, 1)$ . Show that, unlike the orthogonal case, the sum of the two one- dimensional projections does not equal  $b$ .
- 13. Find a third column so that the matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{14} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{14} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -3/\sqrt{14} \end{bmatrix}$$

is orthogonal. It must be a unit vector that is orthogonal to the other columns; how much freedom does this leave? Verify that the rows automatically become orthonormal at the same time.

- 14. If the vectors  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  are orthonormal, what combination of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  is closest to  $q_3$ ?
- 15. Find an orthonormal set  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  for which  $q_1, q_2$ , span the column space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which fundamental subspace contains  $q_3$  ? What is the least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$  if  $b = [1 \ 2 \ 7]^T$ ?

- 16. Apply Gram-Schmidt to  $(1, -1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, -1)$ , and  $(1, 0, -1)$ , to find an orthonormal basis on the plane  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ . What is the dimension of this subspace, and how many nonzero vectors come out of Gram-Schmidt?
- 17. Find orthogonal vectors  $A, B, C$  by Gram-Schmidt from  $a = (1, -1, 0, 0)$ ,  $b = (0, 1, -1, 0)$ ,  $c = (0, 0, 1, -1)$ .  $A, B, C$  and  $a, b, c$  are bases for the vectors perpendicular to  $d = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ .
- 18. Construct the projection matrix  $P$  onto the space spanned by  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 3)$ .
- 19. If  $Q$  is orthogonal, is the same true of  $Q^3$ ?
- 20. The system  $Ax = b$  has a solution if and only if  $b$  is orthogonal to which of the four fundamental spaces?
- 21. Find an orthonormal basis for the plane  $x - y + z = 0$ , and find the matrix  $P$  that projects onto the plane. What is the nullspace of  $P$ .

22. CT scanners examine the patient from different directions and produce a matrix giving the densities of bone and tissue at each point. Mathematically, the problem is to recover a matrix from its projections. in the 2 by 2 case, can you recover the matrix  $A$  if you know the sum along each row and down each column?

23. Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  starting with the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

#### Section 4.2

24. For each  $n$ , how many exchanges will put  $(R_n, \dots, R_1)$  into the normal order  $(R_1, \dots, R_n)$ ? Find  $\det(P)$  for  $n \times n$  permutation matrix with 1's on the reverse diagonal.

25. True or False, with reason if true and counterexample if false.

(a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are identical except that  $b_{11} = 2a_{11}$ , then  $\det(B) = 2\det(A)$ .

(b) The determinant is the product of pivots.

(c) If  $A$  is invertible and  $B$  is singular, then  $A + B$  is invertible.

(d) If  $A$  is invertible and  $B$  is singular, then  $AB$  is singular.

(e) The determinant of  $AB - BA$  is zero.

26. For which values of  $\lambda$ ,  $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$  is singular?

27. If every row of  $A$  adds to zero, prove that  $\det(A) = 0$ . If every row adds to 1, prove that  $\det(A - I) = 0$ . Show by an example that this does not imply  $\det(A) = 1$ .

28. Suppose that  $CD = -DC$  and find the flaw in the following argument: Taking determinants gives  $\det(C)\det(D) = -\det(D)\det(C)$ , so either  $\det(C) = 0$  or  $\det(D) = 0$ . Thus  $CD = -DC$  is only possible if  $C$  or  $D$  is singular.

29. Find these determinants by Gaussian elimination:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \\ 31 & 32 & 33 & 34 \\ 41 & 42 & 43 & 44 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 & t^3 \\ t & 1 & t & t^2 \\ t^2 & t & 1 & t \\ t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

30. What is wrong with this proof that projection matrices have  $\det(P) = 1$ ?

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T, \quad \text{so} \quad |P| = |A| \frac{1}{|A^T||A|} |A^T| = 1$$

#### Section 4.3

31. Let  $A_n$  be  $n \times n$  matrix which is  $(1, 1, 1)$  tri-diagonal.

$$A_1 = (1), \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Let  $D_n = \det(A_n)$ . Expand along first row to show that  $D_n = D_{n-1} - D_{n-2}$ .

(b) Starting from  $D_1 = 1, D_2 = 0$ , find  $D_3, \dots, D_8$ . Find  $D_{1000}$ .

32. (a) Find the  $LU$  factorization, the pivots, and determinant of  $4 \times 4$  matrix whose entries are  $a_{ij} =$  smaller of  $i$  and  $j$ .  
 (b) Find the determinant if  $a_{ij} =$  smaller of  $n_i$  and  $n_j$ , where  $n_1 = 2, n_2 = 6, n_3 = 8, n_4 = 10$ . Can you give a general rule for any  $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3 \leq n_4$ ?
33. In a  $5 \times 5$  matrix, does a  $+$  sign or  $-$  sign go with  $a_{15} a_{24} a_{33} a_{42} a_{51}$  down the reverse diagonal?
34. Suppose the matrix  $A$  is fixed, except that  $a_{11}$  varies from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ . Give examples in which  $\det(A)$  is always zero or never zero. Then show from the cofactor expansion that otherwise  $\det(A) = 0$  for exactly one value of  $a_{11}$ .
35. Compute the determinant of  $A_2, A_3, A_4$ . Can you predict  $A_n$ ?

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

36. (a) Place the smallest number of zeros in a  $4 \times 4$  matrix that will guarantee that  $\det(A) = 0$ .  
 (b) Place as many zeros as possible while still showing  $\det(A) = 0$ .
37. Show that  $\det(A) = 0$ , regardless of the five nonzeros marked with  $x$ . Find rank of  $A =$   

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}.$$
38. (a) If  $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = 0$ , how many of the six terms in  $\det(A_{3 \times 3})$  will be zero?  
 (b) If  $a_{11} = a_{22} = a_{33} = a_{44} = 0$ , how many of the 24 terms in  $\det(A_{4 \times 4})$  will be zero?
39. Let  $A_n$  be  $n \times n$  matrix which is  $(-1, 2, -1)$  tri-diagonal. Let  $B_n$  be same as  $A_n$  except that  $b_{11} = 1$ . Find  $\det(B_n)$ .
40. With 2 by 2 blocks, you cannot always use block determinants.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \det(A) \det(D), \text{ but } \det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \neq \det(A) \det(D) - \det(C) \det(B)$$

- (a) Why is first statement true. Somehow  $B$  does not enter.  
 (b) Show by example that equality fails when  $C$  enters.  
 (c) Show by example that the answer  $\det(AD - CB)$  is also wrong.

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