

# ROB 101 - Computational Linear Algebra

## Recitation #4

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### 1 Matrix Determinant

#### Recall: Determinant Facts

- $\det(A)$  is a real number
- $Ax = b$ , a system of equations with  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns has a unique solution for any  $b$  if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$
- When  $\det(A) = 0$ , the system may have either infinite or no solution
- $\det(A) = ad - bc$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

In addition to the previous facts, we also have:

**Additional Fact: Determinant of product of matrices**

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices  $\Rightarrow \det(AB) =$

Matrix Determinant via LU Factorization: Given  $A = LU$ , we now have

$$\det(A) =$$

**Additional Fact: Determinant of triangular matrices**

- Let  $A$  be a triangular matrix, then  $\det(A) =$  product of the elements on the diagonal

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- Let  $P$  be a permutation matrix, then  $\det(P) = \pm 1$

## 2 Inverse of Matrices

A matrix  $A$  is invertible if there exists a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$

$$\text{Given } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

The following statements are equivalent

- $A$  is invertible
- $\det(A) \neq 0$
- $A$  is a square matrix

**Fact: Inverse of a product of matrices**  $(AB)^{-1} =$

### 3 Determinants and Inverses

**Additional Fact: Determinant of inverse of a matrix**

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

Given  $PA = LU$  we have  $\det(A) =$

## 4 Transpose of a Matrix

Let  $A^\top$  be the transpose of  $A$ . To get  $A^\top$  we simply take the rows of  $A$  and use them as the columns of  $A^\top$  or we can equivalently take the columns of our  $A$  matrix and turn them into the rows of  $A^\top$ . So if  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix, the transpose,  $A^\top$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Let's take a look at an example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^\top = \quad (1)$$

To find the transpose in julia, we can either use `transpose(A)` or `A'`.  
Properties of the Transpose of a matrix

- $(A^\top)^\top = A$
- if  $A$  is square  $\det(A^\top) = \det(A)$
- $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$

## 5 Linear Combination

A vector,  $v \in^n$  is said to be a Linear Combination of vectors  $v_1, v_2 \cdots v_m \in^n$  if there exists real numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_m$  such that

$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \cdots + \alpha_m v_m$$



Using this formulation, find if the given vector  $v$ , is a linear combination of the vectors  $v_1, v_2 \cdots v_m$  in the question, if true, also find the vector of coefficients,  $\alpha$

$$1. \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 6 Linear Independence

The vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  are **linearly independent** if the **only** real numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  yielding a linear combination of vectors that adds up to the zero vector,

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m = 0, \quad (2)$$

are  $\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \dots, \alpha_m = 0$ .

**Concise definition of Linear Independence:**

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_m v_m = 0 \iff \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using this Definition, determine if the following vectors are linearly independent.

1.  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

## 7 Solutions of $Ax=b$ and Linear Independence

### Existence

The system of equation  $Ax = b$  has a solution if:

$b$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  and if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent

Using this definition, lets set up the problem below as if we were to find if the following system of equations have a solution:

$$\begin{aligned} -a + 3b + 5c &= 20 \\ -2a - 2c &= -8 \\ -3a + 3b + 4c &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

## 8 Facts: Linear Independence, Determinant and Inverse

Given  $A = [v_1|v_2|v_3|\dots|v_m]$

- The set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  are linearly independent
- $A$  is invertible
- $\det(A^\top A) \neq 0$