

Assignment 1 by Mochen Liao

1. Compute the determinant of each of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab \\ ab & b^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det A = a^2 \times b^2 - ab \times ab = 0$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad \det B = \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & x \\ x & 2 & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} \quad \det C = 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix} - x \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix} + x \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} x & 2 \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2x - x^2 + x(x^2 - 2x) = x(x-1)(x-2)$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \det D = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a^2 & b^2 \end{pmatrix} - \det \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ a^2 & c^2 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ b^2 & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= ab^2 - a^2b - ac^2 + a^2c + bc^2 - b^2c$$

$$= ab^2 - a^2b - ac^2 + a^2c + bc(c-b)$$

$$= a(b+c)(b-c) + a^2(c-b) + bc(c-b)$$

$$= (b-c)(ab+ac-a^2-bc)$$

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

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

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & a \\ 2 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 3 & c & 4 & 5 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det E = (-1)^{4+1} \cdot d \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & a \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ c & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -d \cdot (-1)^{3+1} \cdot c \cdot (2 \times 0 - a \times b) = abcd$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & b & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \det F = a \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & c & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & d \end{pmatrix} - \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a \cdot [b(cd+1) + d] + (cd+1)$$

$$= (ab+1)(cd+1) + ad$$

2. Solve the following systems of linear equations using the Gaussian elimination method:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_3 = 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x_1 + 2x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_4 = 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x_1 + 2x_3 - \frac{1}{2}x_4 = 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Transferred to matrix form}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{r_1+4r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ r_1+4r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -2 & 12 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{15}{2} & -2 & 12 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{r_3-r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \\ r_2+15r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -2 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 112 & -32 & 192 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & -4 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{r_3-14r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \\ \frac{1}{24}r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \\ 32r_4+r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ \frac{1}{112}r_3 \rightarrow r_3}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{15}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -2 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{\frac{1}{2}r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ 2r_4+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ 15r_2 \rightarrow r_2}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{\frac{1}{2}r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}r_1 \rightarrow r_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the solution of this system of linear equations:

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (1, 2, 2, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 + x_4 = 3 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = -2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 8x_3 - x_4 = 8 \\ 7x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 + 8x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Transferred to matrix form}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 8 & -1 & 8 \\ 7 & 9 & 1 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} -7r_3 + r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \\ -r_2 + 3r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ -\frac{2}{3}r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{11}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{13}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 22 & -6 & 26 \\ 0 & -5 & -55 & 15 & -56 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \frac{5}{2}r_3 + r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \\ 4r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{11}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{13}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

So this is an inconsistent system, no solution could be found.

3. Given $A = P \wedge Q$, where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \wedge = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that $QP = I_2$, compute A^8 , A^9 , and A^{2n} , A^{2n+1} for n being a positive integer.

Solution:

$$\text{We could also found that } \wedge^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } A^8 = P(\wedge QP)^7 \wedge Q = P(\wedge I_2)^7 \wedge Q = P \wedge^8 Q = P I_2 Q = PQ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_2$$

$$A^9 = A^8 \cdot A = I_2 P \wedge Q = P \wedge Q = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -12 \\ 4 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{2n} = P(\wedge QP)^{2n-1} \wedge Q = P \wedge^{2n} Q = P(I_2)^n Q = PQ = I_2$$

$$A^{2n+1} = A^{2n} \cdot A = A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -12 \\ 4 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Solve the following system of linear equations by using the inverse

$$\text{matrix: } \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 - x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Solution: This system is equivalent to $Ax = b$, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Therefore, } x = A^{-1}b. \quad \text{Because the}$$

determinant of A : $\det A = 2 + 0 = 2 > 0$, so A is invertible. Thus

the x could be calculated by using the inverse matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} (A \ I) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$x = A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution of this system of linear equations:

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1/2, -3/2, 2)$$

5. Let both A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Are the following propositions true? If it is true, please provide a mathematical proof. Otherwise, give a counterexample.

- (i) If both A and B are not invertible, then $(A + B)$ is not invertible. **False.**

Counterexample:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

In this situation, the determinant of A and B are both 0, which means A and B are not invertible. However, $(A + B)$ is invertible. It could

be calculated that $(A + B)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{23}{5} & 8 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

Therefore this proposition is false.

- (ii) If AB is invertible, then both A and B are invertible. **True.**

Proof:

According to the multiplicative property, $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$.

Therefore if AB is invertible, then $\det(AB) \neq 0$, which means both $\det A \neq 0$ and $\det B \neq 0$.

Then according to $\det A \neq 0$, it could be deduced that A is invertible; the B could also be deduced as an invertible matrix.

Finally, we could prove this proposition is true.

(iii) If AB is not invertible, then neither A nor B is invertible.

False.

Counterexample:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad AB = \begin{pmatrix} 57 & 93 \\ 19 & 31 \end{pmatrix}$$

We could see that $\det AB = \det A = 0$, AB and A are not invertible.

However, $\det B = 1$, which means B is invertible.

Therefore this proposition is false.

(iv) If A is invertible, then kA is also invertible with k being a nonzero real number. **True.**

Proof:

While A is invertible, then $\det A = a \neq 0$.

$$\text{if } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } kA = \begin{pmatrix} ka_{11} & \cdots & ka_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ka_{n1} & \cdots & ka_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, according to the row operation property of matrix, $\det kA =$

$k^n a$. Because $a \neq 0$, and $k \neq 0$, $\det kA = k^n a \neq 0$.

This means kA is also invertible.

Finally, we could proof this proposition is true.

6. Suppose that A and B are $n \times n$ matrices and $A = B^T$. Which of the following expressions is a simplified form of $A^T(B^{-1}A^{-1}+I)^T$? Why?

(a) $A + B$

(b) $B + A^{-1}$

(c) A^TB

(d) $A + A^{-1}$

(e) $A + B^{-1}$

(f) AA^T

Solution: The deduction process is listed below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^T(B^{-1}A^{-1}+I)^T &= A^T(B^{-1}A^{-1})^T + A^T \\
 &= A^T(A^{-1})^T(B^{-1})^T + B \\
 &= (A^{-1}A)^T(B^{-1})^T + B \\
 &= (B^{-1})^T + B \\
 &= (B^T)^{-1} + B \\
 &= B + A^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the (b) is the simplified form.

7. Express α linearly in terms of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ and α_4 ,

Where $\alpha = (1, 2, 1, 1)$, $\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$, $\alpha_2 = (1, 1, -1, -1)$, $\alpha_3 = (1, -1, 1, -1)$, $\alpha_4 = (1, -1, -1, 1)$

Solution: Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and assume $Ax = \alpha$,

therefore we just need to solve x , each element of x will be the linear coefficient of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ and α_4 .

At first, we need to solve A^{-1} :

It is easy to get that $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$

Therefore $x = A^{-1}\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$

Finally, we could express α linearly in terms of $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ and α_4 with

the following type: $\alpha = \frac{5}{4}\alpha_1 + \frac{1}{4}\alpha_2 - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_3 - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_4$

8. Are the following vectors linearly independent? Why?

$$\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T, \alpha_2 = (0, 2, 5)^T, \alpha_3 = (1, 3, 6)^T.$$

Solution: To judge the dependency of this three vectors, we need to get the rank of $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$

$$(\alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \quad \alpha_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $R(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = 2 < 3$, therefore $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ are not linearly independent.

9. Prove that vectors $\delta_1 + \delta_2, \delta_2 + \delta_3$ and $\delta_3 + \delta_1$ are linearly independent, if and only if the δ_1, δ_2 are linearly independent.

Proof: (Assume that δ_1, δ_2 and δ_3 are n -dimensional vectors)

Let $A = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3), B = (\delta_1 + \delta_2, \delta_2 + \delta_3, \delta_3 + \delta_1)$

Then it is easy to deduce that $B = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Let $K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Therefore $B = AK$.

Because $\det K = 1 \neq 0$, so $R(A) = R(B)$.

If the vectors group A is linearly dependent, then $R(A) < n$.

Therefore $R(B) = R(A) < n$, which means B is also a linearly dependent vectors group.

Also, K is an invertible matrix, thus only if the δ_1, δ_2 are linearly independent, vectors $\delta_1 + \delta_2, \delta_2 + \delta_3$ and $\delta_3 + \delta_1$ are linearly

independent.

10. Find the rank of each of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

There are three nonzero rows in the transformed A .

So the rank of A is 3.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -5 & -6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -5 & -6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -\frac{7}{2} & \frac{11}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 7 & -11 & -8 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & -\frac{7}{2} & \frac{11}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

There are three nonzero rows in the transformed B .

So the rank of B is 3.