## GeoLing14: Determinants and inverse matrices.

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## **EXERCISES**

1. Compute the determinant of the following matrices:

$$(a) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (b) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (c) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(d) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (e) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (f) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(g) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (h) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(i) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (l) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 9 & 3 & -10 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 11 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(m) \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Solve the following systems using determinants, i.e. Cramer's rule:

(a) 
$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = 1 \\ \alpha - \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (b) 
$$\begin{cases} m - 3n = 0 \\ n = m - 1 \end{cases}$$
  
(c) 
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ x + y - z = 0 \\ x = 1 \end{cases}$$
 (d) 
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ x + 2y + z = 1 \\ x + y + 3z = 0 \end{cases}$$
  
(e) 
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z + w = 1 \\ x + y - z - 3w = 0 \\ x + 5w = 1 \\ x - y = 0 \end{cases}$$

3. Find a vector  $\overrightarrow{x}$  orthogonal to  $\overrightarrow{v}, \overrightarrow{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  where:

(a) 
$$\overrightarrow{v} = (1, 2, 3), \ \overrightarrow{w} = (1, 0, 3),$$

(b) 
$$\overrightarrow{v} = (5, 3, 7), \ \overrightarrow{w} = (1, 0, 0).$$

4. Solve the following system in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 8x_1 + 1x_2 + 8x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Is it possible to write the solutions using  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  instead?

5. Solve the following system in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} 5x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ 8x_1 + 1x_2 + 8x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Is it possible to write the solutions using  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  instead?

6. Find the inverse of A:

$$(a) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (b) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (c) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(d) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (e) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (f) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 7. The determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$  is given by det(A) = aei + bfg + cdh ceg afh bdi.
- 8. Let  $\overrightarrow{v} \times \overrightarrow{w}$  be the cross product of two vectors in space. Prove  $(\overrightarrow{v} \times \overrightarrow{w}) \times \overrightarrow{v} = \overrightarrow{v}^2 \overrightarrow{w} (\overrightarrow{v} \cdot \overrightarrow{w}) \overrightarrow{v}$  (Hint: use that  $\overrightarrow{v} \times \overrightarrow{w} = \overrightarrow{v} \times (\overrightarrow{w} + m \overrightarrow{v})$ ) and notice  $(\overrightarrow{v} \times \overrightarrow{w}) \times \overrightarrow{v}$  is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{v}$ ).
- 9. A vector  $\overrightarrow{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  in space induces a vector function  $f(\overrightarrow{X}) = \overrightarrow{v} \times \overrightarrow{X}$ . If  $\overrightarrow{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $f(\overrightarrow{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c & b \\ c & 0 & -a \\ -b & a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}.$
- 10. Find all numbers x such that the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 12-x & 4 \\ 8 & 8-x \end{pmatrix}$  be singular, i.e. not invertible.

- 11. Let  $P = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q = (x_2, y_2)$  two given points in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Prove that the equation of the line determined by P and Q is  $det\begin{pmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ .
- 12. Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x+z & x+y \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$
- 13. Let M be an  $(a+b\times a+b)$ -block matrix, i.e.  $M=\left(\begin{array}{c|c}A&C\\\hline 0&B\end{array}\right)$  with A  $a\times a$ , B  $b\times b$ , C  $a\times b$  and 0 is the zero  $b\times a$  matrix. Prove det(M)=det(A)det(B).
- 14. Calculate the characteristic polynomial fo the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7777 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 6 & -10 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 9 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$