

MATH 1210 Assignment 5

Due: 1:30 pm Friday 3 April 2009 (at your instructor's office)

NOTES:

1. **Late assignments will NOT be accepted.**
2. **If your assignment is not accompanied by a signed Faculty of Science "Honesty Declaration", it will NOT be graded.**

Provide a complete solution to each of the following problems:

1. Evaluate each of the following determinants in two distinct ways:
 - (i) by using a cofactor expansion along some (appropriately chosen) row or column,
 - (ii) by using elementary row operations, together with properties of determinants, in order to reduce the determinant to a form which is easily evaluated.

$$(a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix},$$

$$(c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 6 & -6 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix},$$

$$(b) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix},$$

$$(d) \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 & x^4 \\ 1 & 2x & 3x^2 & 4x^3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6x & 12x^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 24x \end{vmatrix}.$$

2. Use Cramer's Rule to determine whether or not each of the following systems of equations possesses a unique solution. *If it does possess a unique solution*, find it using Cramer's Rule. *If it does not possess a unique solution*, find all solutions (possibly "none") by reducing the augmented matrix to reduced row-echelon form (RREF).

$$(a) \begin{aligned} a + 3b + c &= -2 \\ 2a + 5b + c &= -5 \\ a + 2b + 3c &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \begin{aligned} 5x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 &= 3 \\ 7x_1 + 8x_2 + 6x_3 &= 1 \\ 6x_1 + 7x_2 + 5x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 - 5x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3. For each of the following sets of vectors, determine whether the given set is linear dependent or linearly independent.

Moreover, if the set is linearly dependent:

- (i) provide a relation which explicitly displays how one (or more) of the given vectors may be written as a linear combination of the others,
- (ii) find a subset (of the given set of vectors) containing the largest number of linearly independent vectors. [HINT: If the given set of vectors is linearly dependent, delete one (or more) of the vectors until you find a subset containing the largest number of linearly independent vectors.]

(a) $\vec{v}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$, $\vec{v}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$

(b) $\vec{u}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$, $\vec{u}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$, $\vec{u}_3 = 5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$

(c) $\vec{v}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{v}_2 = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$, $\vec{v}_3 = 7\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$

(d) $\vec{w}_1 = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{w}_2 = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{w}_3 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

(e) $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{r}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{r}_3 = 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{r}_4 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$,

(f) $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$,

(g) $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

4. Determine whether or not each of the following matrices has an inverse. If so, find the inverse by two methods, namely:

(i) using the adjoint method

(ii) using the “direct” method:

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$,

(c) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$,

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$,

(d) $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$.

5. Determine all values of λ for which the homogeneous linear system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}(5 - \lambda)x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ 4x_1 + (5 - \lambda)x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + (2 - \lambda)x_3 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

possesses **non-trivial solutions**. In addition, for each admissible value of λ , find all non-trivial solutions.

Comment: The values λ determined in the above are known as *eigenvalues* of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. For each eigenvalue λ , the corresponding vector(s)

$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ are known as *eigenvectors* of $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ corresponding to the eigenvalue λ .