

1. Let  $a_{i,j} = i + j \quad \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$ .

Write  $(a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq 5}$  as an array of numbers, *i.e.* as a  $5 \times 5$  matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Define a function  $a : \{1, 2, 3, 4\}^2 \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  representing the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad a_{i,j} = (-1)^{i+j}$$

That is, give a formula for  $a_{i,j}$ . Hint: One way is to use power of  $(-1)$ .

3. Let  $R$  be the relation defined by

$$R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (3, 4), (2, 1)\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}^2.$$

Define  $(a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq 4} \in M_n(\{0, 1\})$  by  $a_{i,j} = 1 \iff iRj$ .

Write  $(a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq 4}$  as a matrix.

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

4. Let  $(q_1, q_2, q_3) \in \mathbb{Q}^3$  represent the quantities (in ml) of three ingredients required to produce one glass of a cocktail.

(a) Which vector  $(r_1, r_2, r_3) \in \mathbb{Q}^3$  represents the quantities required to produce five glasses of the cocktail?

$$(r_1, r_2, r_3) = 5(q_1, q_2, q_3) = (5q_1, 5q_2, 5q_3)$$

(b) If  $q_1, q_2$  correspond to alcohols, and  $q_3$  to juice, are you making the cocktail stronger or weaker by replacing  $(q_1, q_2, q_3)$  by  $(q_1, q_2, q_3) + (-10, -20, 30)$ ? **weaker**

5. Compute the following.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 7 & 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \\ 9 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \alpha \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x + \beta a & \alpha y + \beta b \\ \alpha z + \beta c & \alpha w + \beta d \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Are the following functions linear?

(a)  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ . **No. Counterexample to  $f(\lambda x) = \lambda f(x)$ :  $f(3 \times 2) = f(6) = 13$ ;  $3 \times f(2) = 3 \times 5 = 15$ .**

(b)  $g : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  defined by  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ . **No. Counterexample to  $g(\lambda x) = \lambda g(x)$ :  $g(3 \times 2) = g(6) = 37$ ;  $3 \times g(2) = 3 \times 5 = 15$ .**

(c)  $k : \mathbb{Q}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^3$  defined by  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = M \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , for  $M \in M_3(\mathbb{Q})$ .

**Yes. We have a theorem that says that every function defined by a matrix in this way is linear.**

7. Compute the following.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} x + 2y \\ 3x + 4y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} x + z \\ y + z \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & j \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} a + 2b + 3c \\ d + 2e + 3f \\ g + 2h + 3j \end{pmatrix}$$

8. Compute the following.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 7 \\ 11 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 10 & 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ a & b & c \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} x + 2 & y + 1 & z \\ a + 2 & b + 1 & c \\ x + a & y + b & z + c \end{pmatrix}$$

9. Let  $(x_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$  represent, at time  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the quantity  $x_n$  of a certain plant in an ecosystem, and  $y_n$  the quantity of a pollutant. Assume that they are related in the following way:  $x_0 = a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $y_0 = b \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$   $x_{n+1} = 2x_n - 3y_n$ ,  $y_{n+1} = y_n/2$ .

(a) Explain the meaning of these equations.

**Each timestep the plant quantity doubles by growth but is reduced by three times the quantity of pollutant. The pollutant quantity halves each time step.**

$$(b) \text{ Prove that } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

The proof uses mathematical induction as in the ecology example in lectures:  
First note that:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Basis Step:** For  $n=1$ , using (i) & (ii) we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \text{ which agrees with the formula.}$$

**Inductive Step:** Assume the formula holds up to and including some fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and consider the case  $n+1$ .

Using (i), (ii) & (iii) and the inductive assumption we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^{n+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-(n+1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

and so the formula also holds for  $n+1$ .

(c) Prove that, if  $a > 2b$ , then the plant will survive.

$$\text{Multiplying out the formula proved for part (b) gives } \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n - 2^{n+1} + 2^{-n+1} \\ 0 & 2^{-n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus  $x_n = 2^n(a - 2b) + 2^{1-n}b$ , so if  $a - 2b > 0$ ,  $x_n$  increases with  $n$ , but if not then  $x_n$  will go negative for some  $n$ , meaning the plant has died out.

**10.** A portfolio is to contain three types of shares;  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . To hedge certain risks, the investor wants twice as many  $C$  shares as the combined number of  $A$  and  $B$  shares and only a third as many  $B$  shares as the combined number of  $A$  and  $C$  shares. The numbers of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  shares are to be  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  with a total of 1200.

(a) Show that 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1200 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From the given information we get that  $c = 2(a+b)$ ,  $b = \frac{1}{3}(a+c)$  and  $a+b+c = 1200$ . These equations can be rewritten as the system

$$\begin{aligned} 2a + 2b + -c &= 0 \\ a + -3b + c &= 0 \\ a + b + c &= 1200. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying out the matrix equation gives precisely this system of equations.

(b) Verify that 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ -4 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is sufficient to check that  $A^{-1}A = I$ :

$$\frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ -4 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) Find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1200 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ -4 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1200 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1200 \\ 3600 \\ 9600 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 100 \\ 300 \\ 800 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So  $a = 100$ ,  $b = 300$  and  $c = 800$ .

**11.** Compute  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = -2.$$

**12.** Prove that  $\forall A, B \in M_2(Q) \quad \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ .

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(AB) &= \det \left( \begin{pmatrix} ap+br & aq+bs \\ cp+dr & cq+ds \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= acpq + adps + bcqr + bdrs \\ &\quad - acpq - adqr - bcps - bdrs \\ &= ad(ps - qr) + bc(qr - ps) \\ &= (ad - bc)(ps - qr) = \det(A) \det(B). \end{aligned}$$

**13.** Let  $P \in M_2(\mathbb{Q})$  be such that  $P^2 = I$ . Prove that  $\det(P) \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

Taking the determinant of both sides of the equation, and using the result of Q12 gives:

$$(\det(P))^2 = \det(P^2) = \det(I) = 1 \times 1 - 0 \times 0 = 1.$$

So  $\det(P) = \pm 1$ .