

## Week 14

### Consistency

Each of the following is equivalent to saying  $[A|b]$  is consistent:

- In row reducing, a row of the form  $(0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ | \ d)$ ,  $d \neq 0$  never appears
- $b$  is a nonbasic column in  $[A|b]$
- $\text{rank}[A|b] = \text{rank}(A)$
- $b$  is a combination of the basic columns in  $A$

### Homogenous Systems

A system of  $m$  linear equations with  $n$  unknowns in which the right-hand side consists entirely of 0's is said to be a homogenous system.

- \* Consistency is never an issue with homogenous systems

### Gauss-Jordan method

- At each step, the pivot element is forced to be 1
- At each step, all terms above and below the pivot are eliminated

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & s_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & s_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & s_n \end{array} \right] \quad \text{here, } x_i = s_i$$



### Summary

Let  $[A|b]$  be the augmented matrix for a consistent  $m \times n$  non-homogenous system in which  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ .

- $[A|b]$  has a general solution of the form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + x_{s_1} \vec{h}_1 + x_{s_2} \vec{h}_2 + \dots + x_{s_{n-r}} \vec{h}_{n-r}$$

where the free variables  $x_{s_i}$  range over all possible values.

- Column  $\vec{p}$  is a particular solution of the non-homogenous system
- The expression  $x_{s_1} \vec{h}_1 + \dots + x_{s_{n-r}} \vec{h}_{n-r}$  is the general solution of the associated homogenous system  $[A|\vec{0}]$ .
- Column  $\vec{p}$  as well as the columns  $\vec{h}_i$  are independent of the row-echelon form to which  $[A|b]$  is reduced.
- The system contains a unique solution if and only if any of the following is true:
  - \*  $\text{rank}(A) = n = \# \text{ of unknowns}$
  - \* there are no free variables
  - \* the associated homogenous system possesses only the trivial solution ( $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$ )

### Effects of row operations on determinants

Let  $B$  be the matrix obtained from  $A_{n \times n}$  by one of the three elementary row operations:

- Type I: interchange rows  $i$  and  $j$
- Type II: multiply row  $i$  by  $\alpha \neq 0$
- Type III: add  $\alpha$  times row  $i$  to row  $j$

The value of  $\det(B)$  is as follows:

- $\det(B) = -\det(A)$  for Type I operations
- $\det(B) = \alpha \det(A)$  for Type II operations
- $\det(B) = \det(A)$  for Type III operations

Note:  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

This implies that column operations can be applied to a matrix while calculating its determinant with the same consequences as row operations.



### Invertibility and Determinants

- $A_{n \times n}$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$
- $A_{n \times n}$  does not have an inverse if and only if  $\det(A) = 0$

### Product Rules

- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$
- a priori,  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
- $\det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{pmatrix} = \det(A) \det(D)$  if  $A$  and  $D$  are square

### Block Determinants

If  $A$  and  $D$  are square matrices, then

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \det(A) \det(D - CA^{-1}B) & \text{when } A^{-1} \text{ exists} \\ \det(D) \det(A - BD^{-1}C) & \text{when } D^{-1} \text{ exists} \end{cases}$$

The matrices  $D - CA^{-1}B$  and  $A - BD^{-1}C$  are called the Schur complements of  $A$  and  $D$ , respectively.

### Rank-One Update

For  $u, v$  both  $n \times 1$  matrices (i.e. column vectors)

- $\det(I + uv^T) = 1 + v^T u$
- $\det(A + uv^T) = \det(A) (1 + v^T A^{-1} u)$

### Cramer's Rule

In a nonsingular system  $A_{n \times n} x = b$ , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  unknown is

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)}$$

where  $A_i = [A_{*1}] \cdots [A_{*i-1}] \ b \ [A_{*i+1}] \cdots [A_{*n}]$ .

That is,  $A_i$  is identical to  $A$  except in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column, which has been replaced with  $b$ .



- ① Line  $p: (1,0,0) + \lambda(1,1,1)$ .  
Find points on  $p$  which are equidistant from planes  
 $\Sigma: x+y-z=-1$  and  $\Pi: x-y+z=5$ .

Solution: A point on line  $p$  (call the point  $t$ ) is of the form  $t(1+\lambda, 1, 1)$ .

Want:  $d(t, \Sigma) = d(t, \Pi)$ . Know:  $\vec{n}_{\Sigma} = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $d_{\Sigma} = -1$   
 $\vec{n}_{\Pi} = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $d_{\Pi} = 5$

Using formula of distance between a point and a plane:

$$d(t, \Sigma) = \frac{|\vec{n}_{\Sigma} \cdot t - d_{\Sigma}|}{|\vec{n}_{\Sigma}|} = \frac{|\vec{n}_{\Pi} \cdot t - d_{\Pi}|}{|\vec{n}_{\Pi}|} = d(t, \Pi)$$

$$\cancel{\sqrt{}} \cdot \frac{|1 \cdot (1+\lambda) + 1 \cdot \lambda + (-1) \cdot \lambda - (-1)|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2}} = \cancel{\sqrt{}} \cdot \frac{|1 \cdot (1+\lambda) + (-1) \cdot \lambda + 1 \cdot 1 - 5|}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}}$$

$$|1 + \lambda + \lambda - \lambda + 1| = |1 + \lambda - \lambda + \lambda - 5|$$

$$|\lambda + 2| = |\lambda - 4|$$

Because of absolute value, we must consider two cases:

①  $\lambda + 2 = \lambda - 4$

②  $\lambda + 2 = -(\lambda - 4)$

But in case ①, subtracting  $\lambda$  from each side yields  $2 = -4$ , a contradiction  $\nexists$

So, the only possibility is case ②

$$\lambda + 2 = -(\lambda - 4) = -\lambda + 4$$

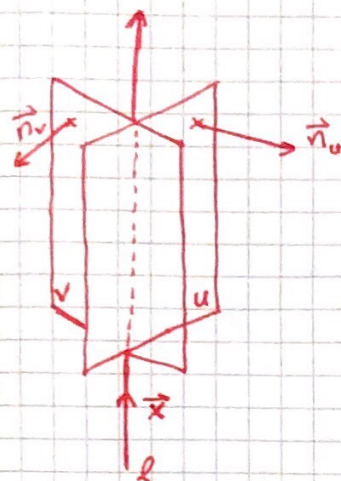
$$2\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda = 1}$$

Then, point we are looking for is  $\boxed{t(2, 1, 1)}$  ☺



② Intersection of two planes. Find the line given by

$$U: x + 2y - z = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad V: 2x + y - 5z = 2.$$



Solution: We are looking for line  $l: (x_0, y_0, z_0) + \lambda \vec{x}$

$$\vec{x} \perp \vec{n}_v, \quad \vec{x} \perp \vec{n}_u, \quad \vec{n}_u \perp \vec{n}_v$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x} \parallel \vec{n}_u \times \vec{n}_v, \quad \vec{n}_u = (1, 2, -1)$$

$$\vec{n}_v = (2, 1, -5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n}_u \times \vec{n}_v &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = i((2)(-5) - (-1)(1)) \\ &\quad - j(1(-5) - (-1)(2)) \\ &\quad + k(1(1) - 2(2)) \\ &= i \cdot 11 + j \cdot 3 + k \cdot (-3) \\ &= (11, 3, -3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\vec{x} = (11, 3, -3)}. \quad \text{Now, } l: (x_0, y_0, z_0) + \lambda(11, 3, -3).$$

Only need  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , some point which lies on both plane U and plane V.

Set up a system of equations (but only two equations with three unknowns... " )

These are 2D planes which cross all 3 axes (else they would be  $2x + y + 0 \cdot z$  or something)

So pick one coordinate to be zero (which one? Doesn't matter as long as it's the same for both)

I select  $z=0$ . Now, the system of equations relies only on  $x$  &  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R_2 - 2 \cdot R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 / (-3)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & | & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R_1 - 2 \cdot R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x=0, \quad y=2, \quad \text{so point} \\ &\quad \boxed{(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0, 2, 0)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{l: (0, 2, 0) + \lambda(11, 3, -3)}$$



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Show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 4y + 5z &= a \\ 4x + 5y + 6z &= b \\ 5x + 6y + 7z &= c \end{aligned}$$

does not have a solution unless  $a+c=2b$ .  
In that case, write the solution of the system.

Solution:

I want 1 to go here...  
I see an "easy" way to get it

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & | & a \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & | & b \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & | & c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & | & c \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & | & b \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & | & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 - R_3 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & | & c-a \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & b-a \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & | & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Not done yet, but observing rows  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 2y + 2z &= c-a \\ x + y + z &= b-a \end{aligned}$$

gives 1 in top left  
0 in bottom left

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 - R_2 \\ R_3 - 3 \cdot R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & c-b \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & b-a \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 4a-3b \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly,  $2x + 2y + 2z = 2 \cdot (x + y + z)$   
So it must be the case that  $c-a = 2 \cdot (b-a)$   
 $+2a$   
 $= 2b - 2a + 2a$   
 $\Rightarrow c+a = 2b$  ☺

$$R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & c-b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 2b-a-c \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 4a-3b \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, back to solving the system...

Want 1 in top-left position,  
0's below it.

Note:  $2b-a-c=0$

Now,  $y + 2z = 4a - 3b$

$$x + y + z = c - b$$

3 unknowns, only two equations

Let  $z = t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then,  $y = 4a - 3b - 2t$

$$x + (4a - 3b - 2t) + t = c - b$$

$$x + 4a - 3b - t = c - b$$

$$x = c + 2b - 4a + t$$

Solution:

$$(c + 2b - 4a + t, 4a - 3b - 2t, t)$$



⑤ Using elementary row operations, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+2 & b+2 & c+2 \\ x+1 & y+1 & z+1 \\ 2x-a & 2y-b & 2z-c \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{vmatrix} a+2 & b+2 & c+2 \\ x+1 & y+1 & z+1 \\ -a-2 & -b-2 & -z-2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1} \begin{vmatrix} a+2 & b+2 & c+2 \\ x+1 & y+1 & z+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

expand around me :)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+2 & b+2 & c+2 \\ x+1 & y+1 & z+1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} b+2 & c+2 \\ y+1 & z+1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a+2 & c+2 \\ x+1 & z+1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a+2 & b+2 \\ x+1 & y+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 - 0 + 0 = 0 \quad \text{":)"}$$

Idea: When computing determinants, we can "expand" around either rows or columns, abiding by the pattern

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$

Observe the given matrix and look for a row or column that seems easy to reduce.

Each column has an appearance of  $x \nmid a$ ,  $b \nmid y$ , or  $c \nmid z \dots$

Probably won't want to reduce the columns. BUT  $R_3$  has

$x \nmid a$  in  $C_1$ ,  $y \nmid b$  in  $C_2$ , and  $z \nmid c$  in  $C_3$  :)

This seems like a good one to reduce :)