

Instructions: This homework is an individual effort. Answer each question. This is due on **Monday, June 8th. Show all work to receive full credit.**

1 Chapter 5

1. If a 4×4 matrix has determinant $\det(A) = \frac{1}{2}$, find $\det(2A)$, $\det(-A)$, $\det(A^2)$ and $\det(A^{-1})$.

Solution 1. $\det(2A) = 2^4 \det(A) = 8$, $\det(-A) = (-1)^4 \det(A) = 1/2$, $\det(A^2) = \det(A) \det(A) = 1/4$ and $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A) = 2$.

2. True or false, with reason if true or a counterexample if false:

- a. The determinant of $I + A$ is $1 + \det(A)$.

Solution 2. $\det(I + I) \neq 2$

- b. The determinant of ABC is $|A||B||C|$.

Solution 3. True. $\det(ABC) = \det(AB) \det(C) = \det(A) \det(B) \det(C)$.

- c. The determinant of $4A$ is $4|A|$.

Solution 4. False. $\det(4A) = 4^n \det(A)$ and the 4 in $4|A|$ only distributes to a row.

3. Reduce A to an upper triangular matrix and find $\det(A)$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 5. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \text{ and } R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{. Since it is upper triangular, } \det(A) = 1.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - (3/2)R_2 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -(3/2) \end{bmatrix} \text{. Since it is upper triangular, } \det(A) = 3.$$

4. Compute the determinants of A and B . Are their columns independent?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 6. $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 - 1 = -2$. Thus, independent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 7R_1 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since there is a zero row or the diagonal has a 0 pivot, $\det(B) = 0$. This means the columns are not independent.

5. The $n \times n$ determinant C_n has 1's above and below the main diagonal: $C_1 = |0|$, $C_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$,

$$C_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \quad C_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

- a. What are these determinants C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 ? $C_1 = 0$, $C_2 = -1$, $C_3 = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$, and

$$C_4 = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -C_2 = 1$$

- b. By cofactors find the relation between C_n and C_{n-1} and C_{n-2} . Find C_{10} .

Solution 7. $C_n = -C_{n-2}$. Thus, $C_{10} = -C_8 = C_6 = -C_4 = C_2 = -1$.

6. Solve these linear equations by Cramer's Rule:

a.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 5y &= 1 \\ x + 4y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 8. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\det(A) = 3$, $\det(B_1) = -6$, and $\det(B_2) = 3$. Thus, $x = -6/3 = -2$ and $y = 3/3 = 1$.

b.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 1 \\ x + 2y + z &= 0 \\ y + 2z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 9. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } B_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\det(A) = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 2 = 4, \det(B_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3, \det(B_2) = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2, \text{ and}$$

$$\det(B_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1. \text{ Thus, } x = 3/4, y = -1/2, \text{ and } z = 1/4.$$

7. Find A^{-1} form the cofactor formula $C^T/\det(A)$.

$$\text{a. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{b. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution 10. We will just list the cofactors to save space.

$$C_{11} = 3, C_{12} = 0, C_{13} = 0, C_{21} = -2, C_{22} = 1, C_{23} = -7, C_{31} = 0, C_{32} = 0, C_{33} = 3.$$

$$\text{Thus, } C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3. \text{ Thus, } A^{-1} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -7/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now for b.

$$C_{11} = 3, C_{12} = 2, C_{13} = 1, C_{21} = 2, C_{22} = 4, C_{23} = 2, C_{31} = 1, C_{32} = 2, C_{33} = 3. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \det(A) = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 2 = 4. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 1/2 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. Find the cofactors of A and multiply AC^T to find $\det(A)$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

If you change that 4 to 100, why is $\det(A)$ unchanged?

Solution 11. $C_{21} = 3, C_{22} = 1, C_{23} = -1, C_{31} = -6, C_{32} = 2, C_{33} = 1.$ Thus, $C =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$AC^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \det(A)I \Rightarrow \det(A) = 3. \text{ The determinant remains unchanged nomatter}$$

what is in the 4 spot because the cofactor is always 0!

9. a. Find the area of the parallelogram with edges $\mathbf{v} = (3, 2)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (1, 4)$.

Solution 12. We show a generalization by triangles! If we assume one end point of the parallelogram is $(0,0)$, then the vectors are the coordinates of two other points. Since the line connecting the two end points of the vector bisects the area of the parallelogram we get that $Area(parallelogram) = \det([v_1, v_2])$. Thus, $Area = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 10$.

b. Find the area of the triangle with sides \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} , and $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$. Draw it.

Solution 13. $Area = (1/2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 5$. Drawing is hard to type, but please ask me if this is a question.

10. A box has edges from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(3, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 3, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 3)$. Find its volume.

Solution 14. $Volume = ((3, 1, 1) \times (1, 3, 1)) \cdot (1, 1, 3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} =$
 $-2 - 2 + 24 = 20.$

11. Find $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ when $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 1)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (5, -1, 7)$.

Solution 15. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = i \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - j \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 8i - 2j - 6k.$ Thus,
the cross product is the vector $(8, -2, -6)$.