



### Problem Sheet 9

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if you see a contradiction then it is NOT solvable.

**Problem 1.** [3 pts] Solve the following system of linear of equations.

- 1. fix the order
- 2. make the matrix
- 3. do the row operations until it is RREF.

$$\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 9x_2 - 2x_3 + 17x_4 - 13x_5 = 16 \\ 2x_1 + 7x_2 + 7x_4 - 2x_5 = 11 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 + 13x_4 - 13x_5 = 11 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 - 4x_5 = 5 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

4. write the simplified system.

5. solve it!

**Problem 2.** [3 pts] Which values of  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  make the following system solvable? Find these solutions.

do 1, 2 and 3

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 3 \\ 3x_1 + 8x_2 + 8x_3 + 7x_4 = 9 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 + 5x_4 = 7 \\ rx_4 + x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 5 \end{cases}$$

4. find that for which values of  $r$  you don't see a contradiction. The system is solvable for those values.

**Problem 3.** [2+2+1+3\* pts] Compute determinants of

i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 8 & 7 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

ii)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 0 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2 simple ways to compute the determinant:

1. do the row operations until you have the RREF of the matrix. Now you have an upper triangular matrix. The determinant is the multip. of the diagonals.



iii)  $\det(A^5 B^2)$   
 2. expand with respect to a row/column:  
 (or simply, follow the pattern:)

2x2 matrix:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$

3x3 matrix:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} a_{11} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} a_{12} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3} a_{13} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}$

for iii - just note that  $\det(M_1 M_2) = \det(M_1) \times \det(M_2)$

\* for which  $n$ -tuples  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the equation  $\det A = 0$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & s_1 - x & s_1 & \dots & s_1 & s_1 \\ 1 & 1 & s_2 - x & \dots & s_2 & s_2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & ns_n - x \end{bmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$$

has a unique solution  $x = 0$ .

what does the problem mean? let's set  $s_i = 0$  for  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

then we have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -x & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -x & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & -x \end{bmatrix}$ . what is  $\det A$ ?

take  $r_i = r_i - r_1 \quad \forall i \geq 2$ .

$$\det A = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & -x-1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ & & -x-1 & \dots & 1 \\ & & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & -x-1 \end{bmatrix} = (-x-1)^{n-1} \rightarrow \text{so } \det A = 0$$

has a unique solution  $x = -1$

but we want this solution to be  $x = 0$

If we do the same process without setting  $s_i = 0 \quad \forall i$ :

we get

$\det A = \det$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & s_1 - 1 - x & s_1 & \dots & s_1 \\ & & 2s_2 - 1 - x & \dots & s_2 \\ & & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & ns_n - 1 - x \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\overbrace{(s_1 - 1 - x)}^0 \overbrace{(2s_2 - 1 - x)}^0 \dots \overbrace{(ns_n - 1 - x)}^0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (s_1, \dots, s_n) = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots, 1, \frac{1}{n}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

\* prove that the determinant of a diagonal matrix (if exists) is diagonal. what is the relation between  $D_{ii}$  and  $D_{ii}^{-1}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} D_{n \times n} & \\ \hline & I_{n \times n} \end{array} \right]_{n \times 2n} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} d_{11} & & & & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & d_{22} & & & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_{nn} & & & & 0 \\ \hline & & & & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & \dots & & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & \dots & & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

we make the RREF of  $D$ : divide the first row by  $d_{11}$ . then you need to use  $1$  to make the rest of the first column zero. but the rest is already zero. So you move to the second row, the first nonzero element is  $d_{22}$ , divide everything by  $d_{22}$ . now the same story again, ...

If instead of  $D$  it was an upper-triangular  $U$



do you see that these zeros never change?



**Problem 5.** [2+2+2 pts] Invert matrices

how to invert a matrix  $A_{n \times n}$ :

$[A \mid I]_{n \times 2n}$  of  $A$   $\xrightarrow{\text{make RREF}}$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $A^{-1}$  exists then  $Ax=b$  has a unique sol.  $x=A^{-1}b$ .

if not just solve  $Ax=b$  as in problem 1.

$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \text{RREF of } A & B \end{array} \right]$  if this is  $I_{nn}$  then  $B=A^{-1}$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\frac{1}{2}$  you can already use the RREF of  $A$ , do you see why?

and solve (if possible)  $A_i x = b_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  with  $A_i$  above and  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Problem 6.** [3 pts] What are the values of parameters  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$c_1 = (5, 7, s, 2), c_2 = (1, 3, 2, 1), c_3 = (2, 2, 4, t)$$

of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly independent?

linear independency means that none of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of the other two. In another words the RREF of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & s & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow c_1 \\ \leftarrow c_2 \\ \leftarrow c_3 \end{array}$$

does (not) have a zero row.

so just form the RREF and check for which  $s, t$  no row is zero. (If you have heard of the "Rank", you can say the rank of the matrix has to be  $\geq 3$ .)

# The Gram–Schmidt process [\[ edit \]](#)

We define the [projection operator](#) by

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} \mathbf{u},$$

where  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$  denotes the [inner product](#) of the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

This operator projects the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonally onto the line spanned by vector  $\mathbf{u}$ . If  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , we define  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{v}) := \mathbf{0}$ . i.e., the projection map  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{0}}$  is the zero map, sending every vector to the zero vector.

The Gram–Schmidt process then works as follows:

for you  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1,$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}_2),$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}_3) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_2}(\mathbf{v}_3),$$

$$\mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{v}_4 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}_4) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_2}(\mathbf{v}_4) - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_3}(\mathbf{v}_4),$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{v}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_j}(\mathbf{v}_k),$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_1}{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_2}{\|\mathbf{u}_2\|}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_3 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_3}{\|\mathbf{u}_3\|}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_4 = \frac{\mathbf{u}_4}{\|\mathbf{u}_4\|}$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \frac{\mathbf{u}_k}{\|\mathbf{u}_k\|}.$$

The sequence  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$  is the required system of orthogonal vectors, and the normalized vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_k$  form an [orthonormal](#) set. The calculation of the sequence  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$  is known as [Gram–Schmidt orthogonalization](#), while the calculation of the sequence  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_k$  is known as [Gram–Schmidt orthonormalization](#) as the vectors are normalized.

## Example [\[edit\]](#)

### Euclidean space [\[edit\]](#)

Consider the following set of vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  (with the conventional [inner product](#))

$$S = \left\{ \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Now, perform Gram–Schmidt, to obtain an orthogonal set of vectors:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \text{proj}_{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{8}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Handwritten notes in green:*  $\frac{\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle}{\langle \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{6+2}{9+1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We check that the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_1$  and  $\mathbf{u}_2$  are indeed orthogonal:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = -\frac{6}{5} + \frac{6}{5} = 0,$$

noting that if the dot product of two vectors is 0 then they are orthogonal.

For non-zero vectors, we can then normalize the vectors by dividing out their sizes as shown above:

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{10}$$
$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{40}{25}}} \begin{pmatrix} -2/5 \\ 6/5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Preparatory Exercises for the Problem Sheet 1

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First week

In all of the following problems we are working over the field of real numbers. (Note that the equation  $x^2 + 1 = 0$  has no solution over  $\mathbb{R}$ , however, it has two solutions  $\pm i$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ )

**Problem 1.** Determine whether the following systems of equations have any solutions? If no, explain why, and if yes write all the solutions.

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 0, \\ y + x = 1, \\ 2x - y = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - 3x_2 - 7x_3 + 5x_4 + 2x_5 = -2, \\ x_1 - 2x_2 - 4x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 = -2, \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_5 + 2x_4 = 3, \\ x_1 - 5x_2 - 7x_3 + 6x_4 + 2x_5 = -7 \end{cases}$$

**Solution 1.** The first system has no solution because adding up the first and the last equations result in

$$\begin{aligned} 4x &= 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = 0 && (\text{since } 2x + y = 0) \\ &\Rightarrow 1 = 0 && (\text{since } x + y = 0) \end{aligned}$$



$r_i$  corresponds to the  $i$ -th equation.

solve it, we can form the reduced row echelon form by doing row operations:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r_1 \\
 r_2 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & \\
 2 & -3 & -7 & 5 & 2 & -2 \\
 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & 1 & -2 \\
 2 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\
 1 & -5 & -7 & 6 & 2 & -7
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2}
 \begin{array}{l}
 r_2 \\
 r_1 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & 1 & -2 \\
 2 & -3 & -7 & 5 & 2 & -2 \\
 2 & 0 & -4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\
 1 & -5 & -7 & 6 & 2 & -7
 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r_2 \\
 r_1 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} r_2 = r_2 + 2r_1 \\ r_3 = r_3 - r_1 \\ r_4 = r_4 + 3r_1 \end{array}}
 \begin{array}{l}
 r_2 \\
 r_1 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & -2 & -4 & 3 & 1 & -2 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\
 0 & 4 & 4 & -4 & -1 & 7 \\
 0 & -3 & -3 & 3 & 1 & -5
 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow r_3 = -r_3$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r_2 \\
 r_1 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{r_4 = r_4 - r_3}
 \begin{array}{l}
 r_2 \\
 r_1 \\
 r_3 \\
 r_4
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{pmatrix}$$

The simplified version of the original system of equations is:

$$\begin{cases}
 x_1 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 1 \\
 x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 2 \\
 x_5 = 1
 \end{cases}$$

By setting  $x_3 = \alpha$  and  $x_4 = \beta$ , the solution set is

$$\{(2\alpha - \beta + 1, -\alpha + \beta + 2, \alpha, \beta, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^5 : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Problem 2.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . For which values of  $b$  the system  $Ax = b$  has a solution?

**Solution 2.** We start with simplifying the system as in the previous problem:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -1 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & b_2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & b_3 \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow[r_1 \leftrightarrow r_3]{} & \begin{array}{l} r_3 \\ r_2 \\ r_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & b_3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & b_2 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & b_1 \end{array} \right) \\
 & & \begin{array}{l} r_2 = r_2 - 2r_3 \\ r_1 = r_1 - 3r_3 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{l} r_3 \\ r_2 \\ r_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & b_2 - 2b_3 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & b_2 - 3b_3 \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow[r_1 = r_1 - r_2]{} & \begin{array}{l} r_3 \\ r_2 \\ r_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & b_2 - 2b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_1 + b_2 - 5b_3 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

for  $\{b \in \mathbb{R}^3 : b_1 + b_2 = 5b_3\}$ , the system  $Ax = b$  has (at least) one solution.

**Problem 3.** Find the determinant of the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & \dots & -(n-1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Remark 1.** Based on your questions in the class: Determinant is ONLY defined for square matrices.

**Solution 3.** The first equation shows how to find the determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. The second one shows how to reduce the problem of finding a  $3 \times 3$  determinant to the  $2 \times 2$  case. The third equation reduces finding a  $4 \times 4$  determinant to  $3 \times 3$  determinants. Therefore you can see that following this pattern you can see how to find a  $n \times n$  determinant by finding some number of  $2 \times 2$  determinants.

$$\det A = +1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = -2$$

$$\det B = +1 \times \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \times \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \times \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

$$\det C = -1 \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ 0 \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

here we expand with respect to the last row because of the cancellations...

3 is in the row 1 and column 3.  $(-1)^{1+3} = +1$  therefore the sign is positive

Note that:

- Determinant of a triangular matrix is the product of the elements on the diagonal,
- Row and column operations do not change the determinant.

By adding the first row of the matrix  $D$  to all the other rows you get the triangular matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ 0 & 2 & * & \dots & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & * & * & * \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & n \end{pmatrix}$$

the star elements are not important.

Therefore  $\det D = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n = n!$

**Problem 4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  matrices. If  $\det A = 5$  and  $\det B = 7$ , compute  $\det(A^2B^3A)$ .

**Solution 4.**

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A^4B^3A) &= \det(A^5B^3) \\ &= \det(A^5) \times \det(B^3) \\ &= (\det A)^5 \times (\det B)^3 \\ &= 5^5 \times 7^3.\end{aligned}$$

Note that:

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $AB$  and  $BA$  are both defined, then  $\det AB = \det BA$ ,
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices of size  $n \times n$  then  $\det AB = \det A \times \det B$

**Problem 5.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ d & b & 0 \\ f & e & c \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are nonzero, compute  $A^{-1}$ .

**Remark 2.** Based on your questions in the class: Inverse is ONLY defined for square matrices with nonzero determinant.

**Solution 5.** In this problem we show that the inverse of a lower triangular  $3 \times 3$  matrix (if exists) is lower triangular and the entries on the diagonal of  $A^{-1}$  are the inverse of the corresponding entries on the diagonal of  $A$ . Moreover you can see a general method to find the inverse of a matrix.

Since none of  $a, b$ , or  $c$  are zero,  $\det A = abc \neq 0$  and the inverse  $A^{-1}$  exists. We attach an identity matrix of the proper size to  $A$  and make the reduced row echelon form of  $A$  that is going to be the identity matrix. The identity matrix that we attached at the beginning will turn to  $A^{-1}$  by this

process.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} a & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ d & b & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f & e & c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow{r_1 = r_1/a} & \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ d & b & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ f & e & c & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\
 & & \begin{array}{l} \downarrow r_2 = r_2 - d \cdot r_1 \\ \downarrow r_3 = r_3 - f \cdot r_1 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-d}{ab} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ 0 & e & c & \frac{-f}{a} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) & \xleftarrow{r_2 = r_2/b} & \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & \frac{-d}{ab} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e & c & \frac{-f}{a} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\
 & & \downarrow r_3 = r_3 - e \cdot r_2 \\
 \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-d}{ab} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & \frac{-f}{a} + \frac{de}{ab} & \frac{-e}{b} & 1 \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow{r_3 = r_3/c} & \begin{array}{l} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{-d}{ab} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{-f}{ac} + \frac{de}{abc} & \frac{-e}{bc} & \frac{1}{c} \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-d}{ab} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ \frac{-f}{ac} + \frac{de}{abc} & \frac{-e}{bc} & \frac{1}{c} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 6.** Let  $A$  be the matrix from the previous problem. Does the system  $Ax = b$  have a solution? Is the solution unique?

**Solution 6.** Yes, it has a solution and it is unique. Let  $v = A^{-1}b$  then  $A(A^{-1}b) = b$ . Thus  $v$  is a solution. Now let  $w$  be a solution. We have  $Aw = b$ . Multiplying both sides by  $A^{-1}$  gives  $w = A^{-1}b = v$ . Therefore the solution is unique.

**Remark 3.** If the matrix  $A$  is invertible then the system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution. If the matrix  $A$  is not invertible the system can either have no solution or infinity many solutions. We have discussed both cases in the class.

**Problem 7.** For which values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the vectors  $v_1 = (\alpha, 1)$  and  $v_2 = (0, \beta)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In other words,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are linearly independent.

**Solution 7.** Two vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  forming a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is equivalent to  $\det \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$ . Therefore, we need  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta \neq 0$ .

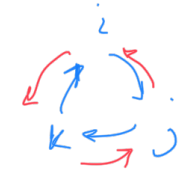
**Problem 8.** Use the alternating symbol (Levi-Civita symbol)  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  and the Kronecker delta  $\delta_{ij}$  to show

$$u \cdot (v \times w) = v \cdot (w \times u) = w \cdot (u \times v).$$

**Solution 8.** To be discussed in our next meeting.

$e_i, e_j, e_k \rightarrow$  canonical basis

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \pm 1 & \\ 0 & i=j \text{ or } i=k \\ & \text{or } j=k \end{cases}$$


NOTE that the inner product of two vectors  $A, B$  is

$$A \cdot B = \overbrace{A_i \delta_{ij} B_j}^{\text{Sum over } ij} \text{ and the outer product:}$$

$$(A \times B)_k = \overbrace{A_i B_j \epsilon_{ijk}}^{\text{Sum over } ij}$$

$$\text{Now } C \cdot (A \times B) = C_i \delta_{ij} (A \times B)_j = C_i \delta_{ij} (\underbrace{\epsilon_{mij}}_{\epsilon_{nim} = \epsilon_{nim}} A_m B_n)$$

$$= A_m (\epsilon_{nim} B_n C_i) = A_m \delta_{mj} (\epsilon_{nij} B_n C_i) =$$

$$A_m \delta_{mj} (B \times C)_j = A \cdot (B \times C).$$

