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M511: Linear Algebra (Summer 2018)

Good Problems 2: Chapter 2



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**Instructions** Complete all problems on this paper, showing enough work. A selection of problems will be graded based on the organization and clarity of the work shown in addition to the final solution (provided one exists).

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1. Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  with  $\det(A) = 4$  and  $\det(B) = 6$ , and let  $E$  be an elementary matrix of type I. Determine the value of each of the following:

a.)  $\det\left(\frac{1}{2}A\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \det(A) = \frac{1}{8} \cdot 4 = \frac{1}{2}$

b.)  $\det(B^{-1}A^T) = \det(B^{-1}) \cdot \det(A^T) = \frac{1}{\det(B)} \cdot \det(A) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

c.)  $\det(EA^2) = \det(E) \cdot \det(A)^2 = -1 \cdot 4^2 = -16$

2. If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular, show that  $A^T A$  is nonsingular and  $\det(A^T A) > 0$ .

$$\det(A^T A) = \det(A^T) \cdot \det(A) = \det(A)^2 > 0.$$

Since  $A$  is nonsingular,  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . Thus  $\det(A^T A) = \det(A)^2 \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Moreover, } \det(A^T A) = \det(A)^2 > 0.$$

3. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and let  $\lambda$  be a scalar. Show that  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  if and only if  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  if and only if  $(A - \lambda I)$  is singular.

By Thm 1.5.2,  $(A - \lambda I)$  is singular if and only if there exists  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \neq \bar{\mathbf{0}}$  satisfying

$$(A - \lambda I)\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}.$$

By matrix algebra rules,

$$(A - \lambda I)\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}} \rightarrow A\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \lambda I\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$$

$$\rightarrow A\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \lambda\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$$

$$\rightarrow A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda\bar{\mathbf{x}} \quad \square$$

4. Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ , and let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Show that if  $A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{y}$ , then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

$$A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = A\bar{\mathbf{y}} \Rightarrow A\bar{\mathbf{x}} - A\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$$

Since  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \neq \bar{\mathbf{y}}$ , then  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \bar{\mathbf{y}} \neq \bar{\mathbf{0}}$ , hence  $(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})$  is a nontrivial solution to the homogeneous equation. By theorem 1.5.2,  $A$  is singular.

Therefore  $\det(A) = 0$ .

5. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & x \end{pmatrix}.$$

a.) Compute all minors and cofactors of  $A$ .

b.) Compute  $\det(A)$ . (Your answer should be a function of  $x$ .)

c.) For what values of  $x$  will the matrix be singular?

a)  $M_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} x & -1 \\ -1 & x \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & x \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$     The cofactor matrix is,

$M_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & x \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ -1 & x \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$      $C_A = \begin{pmatrix} x^2-1 & 1-x & x-1 \\ -x-1 & x^2+1 & x-1 \\ -x-1 & x-1 & x^2-1 \end{pmatrix}$

$M_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ x & -1 \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$      $M_{33} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\det(A) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13} = x(x^2-1) + 1(1-x) + 1(x-1)$

$= \boxed{x(x^2-1)}$

c)  $A$  will be singular iff  $\det(A) = 0$ .

$$x(x^2-1) = 0$$

$$x(x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 0, -1, 1}$$

6. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a.) Compute the  $LU$  factorization of  $A$ .

b.) Use the  $LU$  factorization to determine the value of  $\det(A)$ .

a)  $\begin{cases} R_2 - [1] R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - [1] R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - [1] R_1 \rightarrow R_4 \\ R_3 - [2] R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \\ R_4 - [3] R_2 \rightarrow R_4 \\ R_4 - [3] R_3 \rightarrow R_4 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $\det(A) = \det(L) \cdot \det(U) = \det(U) = 1.$