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M511: Linear Algebra (Fall 2017)
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Chapter 2 Exam



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Read and follow all instructions. You may not use any notes or electronic devices. You may use a compass, straightedge, and colored pens/pencils.

Part I: True/False [4 points each]

Neatly write **T** on the line if the statement is always true, and **F** otherwise [2 points]. In the space provided, give sufficient explanation of your answer [2 points].

F 1. $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$.

IF A is any nonsingular matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, then put $B = -A$.

$$\det(A+B) = 0$$

$$\det(A) + \det(-A) = 2 \det(A) \neq 0.$$

T 2. $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$.

Expanding on row k of A^T is equivalent to expanding on column k of A .

F 3. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a triangular matrix, then $\det(A) \neq 0$.

e.g.) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is lower triangular but $\det(A) = 0$.

T 4. If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is nonsingular, then $\text{adj}(A)$ is nonsingular.

$$A \left(\frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) \right) = I \quad \text{if } A \text{ is nonsingular implies}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\det(A)} A \right) \text{adj}(A) = I \quad \text{whence} \quad \text{adj}(A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} A.$$

F 5. $(\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{y} \times \mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \times \bar{\mathbf{y}} = -(\bar{\mathbf{y}} \times \bar{\mathbf{x}}).$$

Part I: Written Problems [10 points each]

Follow all instructions exactly, and show enough work.

For questions 6 – 9 consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Find and clearly label all minors of A.

$$M_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{33} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

7. Find and clearly label all cofactors of A.

$$A_{11} = 14$$

$$A_{12} = -(-8) = 8$$

$$A_{13} = -2$$

$$A_{21} = -14$$

$$A_{22} = 1$$

$$A_{23} = -(-5) = 5$$

$$A_{31} = -14$$

$$A_{32} = -14$$

$$A_{33} = 14$$

Recall, for questions 6 – 9 consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

8. Compute $\det(A)$.

Expand on any row or column.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Row 1: } \det A &= a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{13} + a_{13}A_{13} \\ &= 2(14) + 3(8) + 5(-2) \\ &= 28 + 24 - 10 \\ &= 42. \end{aligned}$$

9. Compute A^{-1} , provided it exists. If it does not exist, explain why.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^T = \frac{1}{42} \begin{pmatrix} 14 & -14 & -14 \\ 8 & 1 & -14 \\ -2 & 5 & 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. Use Cramer's Rule to solve the system of equations. Give your answer in simplified fraction form.

$$\begin{cases} 5x+7y = 1 \\ -8x+3y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ -8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \bar{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 15 + 56 = 71$$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_1) = 3 + 7 = 10$$

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -8 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A_2) = -5 + 8 = 3$$

$$x = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det A} = \frac{10}{71}$$

$$y = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det A} = \frac{3}{71}$$

$$\text{sol'n: } (x, y) = \left(\frac{10}{71}, \frac{3}{71} \right)$$

11. Write $\det(A)$ as a simplified polynomial in x , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & x^2 & -3 \\ -2 & 3 & x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = x \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & -3 \\ 3 & x^3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -2 & x^3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x^2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x(x^5 + 9) - (-x^3 - 6) + 2(-3 + 2x^2)$$

$$= x^6 + 9x + x^3 + \cancel{6} - 6 + 4x^2$$

$$= x^6 + x^3 + 4x^2 + 9x$$

12. Find the values of λ that make A singular, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= (1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - \sqrt{3}^2 \\ &= +(\lambda-1)(\lambda+1) - 3 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 1 - 3 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{set } \det(A) = 0,$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = 4$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = \pm 2}$$

13. Find the determinant of A , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -\frac{1}{2} & 56 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 & 27 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 & \sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 115 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$A = LU$$

$$\det A = \det L \det U$$

$$= 1 \cdot (-20)$$

$$= -20.$$