

Last time :

- Finding bases and dimensions of subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

- The rank-nullity theorem.



- matrix version : for every $m \times n$ matrix A , we have

$$\text{Rank}(A) + \text{Nullity}(A) = \# \text{ cols in } A = n$$

- linear map version : for every linear map $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, we have
 $\dim(\text{Im } T) + \dim(\text{ker } T) = \dim(\text{the domain}) = n.$

Today :

- Coordinate systems.

- Determinants. (Ch. 3.)

Important equality:

$$v = \underbrace{[v_1 \mid v_2 \mid \dots \mid v_k]}_{M_B, \text{ matrix for } B} [v]_B$$

$= c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$

Two kinds of problems:

(1) Given B (M_B) and $[v]_B$, find v . E.g. $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$. $B = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
a basis. If we have $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$v = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(2). Given B and v , find $[v]_B$. E.g. v, B as above. $v = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

What's $[v]_B$? Need $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$ st $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = v$,

ie we need to solve $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, ie, $M_B \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{v}$

2. Determinants

We'll associate a number to each square matrix A called its determinant;

- Determinants for 1×1 matrices. $A = [a] \rightarrow \det A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a$ we denote it by $\det A$
or $|A|$ ($\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$ instead of
- Determinants for 2×2 matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \det A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \quad \left(\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

Thm. (an application of determinants) A 2×2 matrix A is invertible

if and only if $\det A \neq 0$. If $\det A \neq 0$, then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determinants for larger square matrices

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$ $n \times n$, $n \geq 2$
 $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Cofactor expansion: We can compute $\det A$ using

$a_{ij} = A_{ij}$, the entry in A on the i th row, j th col.

determinants of smaller matrices via the formula

$$\det A = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j} \cdot a_{1j} \cdot \det C_{1j}$$

where C_{ij} is the submatrix obtained from A by removing the 1st row and j th column.

$$n=2 \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot a \cdot d + (-1)^{1+2} \cdot b \cdot c = ad - bc.$$

Eg.

$$n=3 \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \\ + (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \\ + (-1)^{1+3} \cdot 3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot (-3) \\ -2 \cdot (-6) \\ +3 \cdot (-3) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

3x3 example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$C_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

In fact, we can compute $\det A$ by cofactor expansion along any row or any col

of A . e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{1st row}}$ $+1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 + (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-5) = -3$.

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for any fixed i or j .

$\xrightarrow{\text{2nd row}}$ $(-1)^{2+1} \cdot (-1) \cdot (-3) + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 0 \cdot 1 + (-1)^{2+3} \cdot 0 \cdot 5 = -3$.
Certainly 0!

$$\det A = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} \cdot a_{ij} \cdot \det C_{ij} \quad \text{expansion along Row } i.$$

$$\det A = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} \cdot a_{ij} \cdot \det C_{ij} \quad \text{expansion along Col } j.$$

e.g. This gives six ways to compute $\det A$ when A is 3×3 .

Note: Picking a row/col with the most zeros can make the det. computation easier.

Prop.: (determinant of triangular matrices)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot \dots \cdot a_{nn}.$$

all zeros below the diagonal

e.g. $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = +3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1.$

Main theorems.

Thm 1. (det. and inv.) For every square matrix A , we have

A is invertible if and only if $\det A \neq 0$.

Thm 2. (det. and products.) For every two square matrices $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ A, B \end{matrix}$ of the same shape,

we have $\det(A \cdot B) = \det A \det B.$

more next time!