

Math 290 ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA
SOLUTION FOR MIDTERM EXAM – IIA (04/10)

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[I] (15pts) (1) For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$, its determinant $\Delta = \det A$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = & \quad a q z - a r y - b p z \\ & + b r x + c p y - c q x. \end{aligned}$$

We may use this definition to calculate the determinant for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} :$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta & \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-3) - 1 \cdot (-2) \cdot 2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-3) \\ &\quad + 4 \cdot (-2) \cdot 1 + (-4) \cdot 1 \cdot 2 - (-4) \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= (-3) - (-4) - (-12) + (-8) + (-8) - (-4) \\ &= -3 + 4 + 12 - 8 - 8 + 4 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since we found $\Delta \neq 0$, A is non-singular.

(2) For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$, its inverse A^{-1} is found as

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} q & r \\ y & z \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ y & z \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ q & r \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} p & r \\ x & z \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ x & z \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ p & r \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ x & y \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ x & y \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ p & q \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix},$$

provided $\Delta \neq 0$. For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ (the same matrix as (1)), we

found the value of Δ to be 1, which is not equal to 0. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

[Note]: $A^{-1} = A$ in this example.

[II] (15pts) Let A , B , C be square matrices in the same size. Let I denote the identity matrix having the same size as A , B , C .

(1) True or false: “ If $AB = I$, then $BA = I$. ”

The answer is “true”. See Formula 21 in Pg. Ch. V, page 41.

(2) True or false: “ If $AB = I$ and $AC = I$, then $B = C$. Based on this, we may define A^{-1} as the unique B such that $AB = I$. ”

The answer is “true”. See Formula 22 in Pg. Ch. V, page 42. Or, we may prove it using (1), as follows: If $AB = I$ and $AC = I$, then by (1), $BA = I$, and hence $C = IC = BAC = BI = B$.

(3) True or false : “ If $AB = C$, and C is invertible, then A, B are both invertible. Under the same assumption, we have $C^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$. ”

The answer is “true”. The first part of the statement is verified as follows. Assume $AB = C$ is invertible. Then C^{-1} makes sense and $CC^{-1} = I$. The same thing to say,

$$(AB)(C^{-1}) = I.$$

By the associativity law,

$$A(BC^{-1}) = I.$$

From this it follows that A is invertible, and $BC^{-1} = A^{-1}$. Note that A^{-1} is invertible. From what we have just proved, it follows that B is invertible. Multiply B^{-1} from the left to the identity $BC^{-1} = A^{-1}$ to obtain $C^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

[III] (15pts) (1) The number of inversions for the permutation

$$(3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 2, 8, 1)$$

is calculated as

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 \boxed{2} & + & \boxed{2} & + & \boxed{3} & + & \boxed{2} & \\
 \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & \\
 \text{from } \boxed{3} & & \text{from } \boxed{4} & & \text{from } \boxed{6} & & \text{from } \boxed{5} & \\
 \\
 + & \boxed{2} & + & \boxed{1} & + & \boxed{1} & + & \boxed{0} & = & \boxed{13} & . \\
 & \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & & \text{contribution} & & \text{total} & \\
 & \text{from } \boxed{7} & & \text{from } \boxed{2} & & \text{from } \boxed{8} & & \text{from } \boxed{1} & & &
 \end{array}$$

(2) Hence, the permutation in (1) is odd.

(3) In the formula defining the determinant

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} & a_{17} & a_{18} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} & a_{27} & a_{28} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} & a_{37} & a_{38} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} & a_{47} & a_{48} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} & a_{57} & a_{58} \\ a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} & a_{67} & a_{68} \\ a_{71} & a_{72} & a_{73} & a_{74} & a_{75} & a_{76} & a_{77} & a_{78} \\ a_{81} & a_{82} & a_{83} & a_{84} & a_{85} & a_{86} & a_{87} & a_{88} \end{bmatrix},$$

$- a_{13} a_{24} a_{36} a_{45} a_{57} a_{62} a_{78} a_{81}$ appears as a term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[IV] (15pts)} \quad (1) \quad & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} - a \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + a^2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ b & c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{co-factor expansion}) \\ &= 1 \cdot \left(\boxed{bc^2} - \boxed{cb^2} \right) \\ &\quad - a \cdot \left(\boxed{c^2} - \boxed{b^2} \right) \\ &\quad + a^2 \cdot \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right) \\ &= bc \cdot \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right) - a(c+b) \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right) \\ &\quad \quad \quad + a^2 \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right) \\ &= \left[bc - (c+b)a + a^2 \right] \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right) \\ &= \left(\boxed{b} - \boxed{a} \right) \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{a} \right) \left(\boxed{c} - \boxed{b} \right). \end{aligned}$$

(2) using the result of (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 9 & 36 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2^2 & 3^2 & 6^2 \end{vmatrix} = (3-2)(6-2)(6-3) \\ &= 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \\ &= 12. \end{aligned}$$

[V] (15pts) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{bmatrix}.$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad AA^T &= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{a} & \boxed{b} & \boxed{c} \\ \boxed{a^2} & \boxed{b^2} & \boxed{c^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{a} & \boxed{a^2} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{b} & \boxed{b^2} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{c} & \boxed{c^2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1+1+1} & \boxed{a+b+c} & \boxed{a^2+b^2+c^2} \\ \boxed{a+b+c} & \boxed{a^2+b^2+c^2} & \boxed{a^3+b^3+c^3} \\ \boxed{a^2+b^2+c^2} & \boxed{a^3+b^3+c^3} & \boxed{a^4+b^4+c^4} \end{bmatrix} = B. \end{aligned}$$

(2) To find $\det B$, use the result of problem [IV]:

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b).$$

Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= \det(A A^T) \\ &= (\det A) (\det A^T) \\ &= (\det A)^2 = (b-a)^2 (c-a)^2 (c-b)^2. \end{aligned}$$

(3) To find $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & 18 \end{vmatrix}$, realize

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & 18 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + 1 + 1 & (-1) + 1 + 2 & 1 + 1 + 4 \\ (-1) + 1 + 2 & 1 + 1 + 4 & (-1) + 1 + 8 \\ 1 + 1 + 4 & (-1) + 1 + 8 & 1 + 1 + 16 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + 1 + 1 & (-1) + 1 + 2 & (-1)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 \\ (-1) + 1 + 2 & (-1)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 & (-1)^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 \\ (-1)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 & (-1)^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 & (-1)^4 + 1^4 + 2^4 \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The above determinant is exactly the determinant in (2), with $a = -1$, $b = 1$, and $c = 2$. Hence the above determinant equals

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - (-1))^2 (2 - (-1))^2 (2 - 1)^2 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 1^2 \\ &= 36. \end{aligned}$$

[VI] (15pts) (1) The definition of an orthogonal matrix is as follows:

“ A square matrix A is said to be orthogonal, when $A^T A = I$ holds. ”

Or, alternatively to the above,

“ A square matrix A is said to be orthogonal, when $A A^T = I$ holds. ”

(2) For an arbitrary orthogonal matrix A ,

$$\det A = 1, \text{ or } -1.$$

See Pg. Ch. VIII, page 33, Formula 20.

(3) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal, and $ad - bc = -1$, then

$$A^2 = I.$$

Proof for (3): A is written as $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}$, with $a^2 + b^2 = 1$.
Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a^2 + b^2} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{a^2 + b^2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[\text{by } a^2 + b^2 = 1. \right] \end{aligned}$$

[VII] (15pts) Let a, b, c, d be real numbers, such that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1.$$

Let A be defined as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 & 2(bc + ad) & 2(bd - ac) \\ 2(bc - ad) & a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2 & 2(cd + ab) \\ 2(bd + ac) & 2(cd - ab) & a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1) A is the general form of a 3×3 special orthogonal matrix. Hence

$$AA^T = I, \quad \det A = 1.$$

(2) For $(a, b, c, d) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, the matrix A becomes

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(3) For $(a, b, c, d) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$, the matrix A becomes

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4) To find a quartuple (a, b, c, d) such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{look at the three main diagonal entries:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 &= 0, \\ a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2 &= 0, \\ a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + d^2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Add the first two equations, and we obtain $2a^2 - 2d^2 = 0$. Hence

$$a^2 = d^2.$$

Similarly, add the first and the last equations, and we obtain

$$a^2 = c^2.$$

Similarly, add the middle and the last equations, and we obtain

$$a^2 = b^2.$$

In sum, we obtain $a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2$. Taking into account

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1,$$

we conclude

$$a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus, each of a, b, c and d must equal either

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Substituting

$$a = b = c = d = \frac{1}{2}$$

into A yields the given matrix. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

★ $a = b = c = d = -\frac{1}{2}$ is an equally valid answer.

[VIII] (Extra 15pts) For $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d & -c \\ -d & 0 & b \\ c & -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

$$(1) \quad B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d & -c \\ -d & 0 & b \\ c & -b & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d & -c \\ -d & 0 & b \\ c & -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-c^2 - d^2} & \boxed{bc} & \boxed{bd} \\ \boxed{bc} & \boxed{-b^2 - d^2} & \boxed{cd} \\ \boxed{bd} & \boxed{cd} & \boxed{-b^2 - c^2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B^3 = B^2 B$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-c^2 - d^2} & \boxed{bc} & \boxed{bd} \\ \boxed{bc} & \boxed{-b^2 - d^2} & \boxed{cd} \\ \boxed{bd} & \boxed{cd} & \boxed{-b^2 - c^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{d} & \boxed{-c} \\ \boxed{-d} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{b} \\ \boxed{c} & \boxed{-b} & \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{-(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)d} & \boxed{(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)c} \\ \boxed{(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)d} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{-(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)b} \\ \boxed{-(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)c} & \boxed{(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)b} & \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= - \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right) B.$$

(2) For B as above, assume $b^2 + c^2 + d^2 > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} B^n &= I + B + \frac{1}{2!} B^2 + \frac{1}{3!} B^3 + \frac{1}{4!} B^4 + \frac{1}{5!} B^5 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6!} B^6 + \frac{1}{7!} B^7 + \frac{1}{8!} B^8 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= I + B + \frac{1}{2!} B^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right) B \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right) B^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{5!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)^2 B \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)^2 B^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{7!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)^3 B \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{8!} \left(\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)^3 B^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= I + \frac{\sin \sqrt{\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}}}{\sqrt{\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}}} B \\ &\quad + \frac{1 - \cos \sqrt{\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}}}{\boxed{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}} B^2. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let $t > 0$. In the result of (2), substitute B with tB :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (tB)^n \\
&= I + \frac{\sin \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)}{t \cdot \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}} (tB) \\
&\quad + \frac{1 - \cos \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)}{t^2 \cdot (b^2 + c^2 + d^2)} (tB)^2 \\
&= I + \frac{\sin \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2}} B \\
&\quad + \frac{1 - \cos \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)}{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} B^2 .
\end{aligned}$$

(4) Equate the result of (3) with $I + (2a)B + 2B^2$:

(a) $\sin \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right) = 2a \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} ,$

(b) $\cos \left(t \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right) = -2(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + 1 .$

Do “ $(a)^2 + (b)^2$ ” side by side:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \left[2a \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right]^2 + \left[-2(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + 1 \right]^2 \\ &= 4a^2 (b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + 4(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)^2 - 4(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

This is simplified as

$$0 = 4(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \left(a^2 + (b^2 + c^2 + d^2) - 1 \right).$$

Since $b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \neq 0$ by assumption, we have

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1.$$

• The above argument proves the following: For given b, c, d with

$$0 < b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \leq 1,$$

there is a suitable parameter $t > 0$, such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (tB)^n = I + (2a)B + 2B^2,$$

where $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$.

★ We may calculate $I + (2a)B + 2B^2$ as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 & 2(bc + ad) & 2(bd - ac) \\ 2(bc - ad) & a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2 & 2(cd + ab) \\ 2(bd + ac) & 2(cd - ab) & a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that this matrix is exactly the matrix A in problem [VII].

Accordingly, we may paraphrase the above statement as follows. For four real numbers a, b, c, d satisfying

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1,$$

there is a suitable real number t such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & td & -tc \\ -td & 0 & tb \\ tc & -tb & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 & 2(bc + ad) & 2(bd - ac) \\ 2(bc - ad) & a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2 & 2(cd + ab) \\ 2(bd + ac) & 2(cd - ab) & a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$