

**Math S-21b – Summer 2023 – Homework #6**

**Problems due Tues, July 18:**

**Section 5.5:**

**Problem 1.** (5.5/10) Consider the space  $P_2$  with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$ . Find an orthonormal basis of the space of all functions in  $P_2$  that are orthogonal to the function  $f(t) = t$ .

**Problem 2.** (5.5/12) Find all Fourier coefficients of the absolute value function  $f(t) = |t|$  defined on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Problem 3(a).** (5.5/27) Find the Fourier coefficients of the piecewise continuous function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 0 \end{cases}$  defined on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**3(b).** (5.5/29) Apply Fact 5.5.6 to your answer in Problem 3(a). [Fact 5.5.6 states that the (infinite) sum of the squares of the Fourier coefficients of a piecewise continuous function  $f$  converges to  $\|f\|^2$ , the square of the norm of  $f$ .]

**Section 6.1:**

**Problem 4.** (6.1/18) Use the determinant to find out for which values of the constant  $k$  the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & k \\ 3 & 2k & 5 \\ 9 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

**Section 6.2:**

In Problems 5 and 6, use Gaussian elimination, i.e. row reduction, to find the determinant of the matrix.

**Problem 5.** (6.2/6)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 8 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Problem 6.** (6.2/9)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

**Problem 7.** (6.2/17) Find the determinant of the linear transformation  $T(f) = 2f + 3f'$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$ .

**Problem 8.** (6.2/18) Find the determinant of the linear transformation  $(T(f))(t) = f(3t - 2)$  from  $P_2$  to  $P_2$ .

**Problem 9.** (6.2/26) Find the determinant of the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  from the space  $V$  of symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrices to  $V$ .

**Problem 10.** (6.2/34) a. For an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and an arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , show that  $\text{rref}[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}] = [\mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{B}]$ .

*Hint:* The left part of  $\text{rref}[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}]$  is  $\text{rref}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{I}_n$ . Write  $\text{rref}[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}] = [\mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{M}]$ ; we have to show that

$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{B}$ . To demonstrate this, note that the columns of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ -\mathbf{I}_n \end{bmatrix}$  are in the kernel of  $[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}]$  and

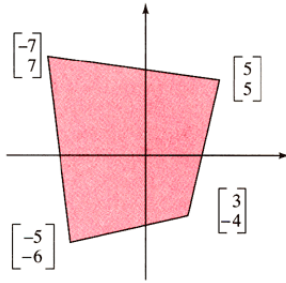
therefore in the kernel of  $[\mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{M}]$ . [Note: It's best to think in terms of *block* (or *partitioned*) matrices.]

b. What does the formula  $\text{rref}[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}] = [\mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{M}]$  tell you if  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ?

[Note: The result that  $\text{rref}[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{AB}] = [\mathbf{I}_n \mid \mathbf{B}]$  is an essential step in the proof that  $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B})$ .]

**Section 6.3:**

**Problem 11.** (6.3/7) Find the area of the following region:



**Problem 12.** (6.3/13) Find the area (or 2-volume) of the parallelogram

(or 2-parallelepiped) defined by the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Problem 13.** (6.3/14) Find the 3-volume of the 3-parallelepiped defined by the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

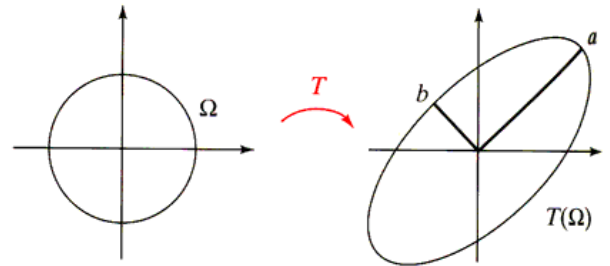
**Problem 14.** (6.3/18) If  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  is an invertible linear transformation from  $\mathbf{R}^2$  to  $\mathbf{R}^2$ , then the image  $T(\Omega)$  of the unit circle  $\Omega$  is an ellipse. (Reference: Exercise 2.2.50.) [Note: This observation is useful in Exercises 48 (Problem 16 below) and 49.]

a. Sketch this ellipse when  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive. What is its area?

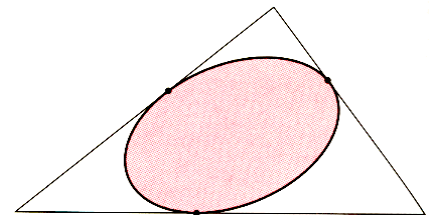
b. For an arbitrary invertible transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , denote the lengths of the semi-major and semi-minor axes of  $T(\Omega)$  by  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively. What is the relationship between  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ ?

c. For the transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ , sketch this ellipse and determine its axes.

Hint: Consider  $T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .



**Problem 15.** (6.3/48) What is the area of the largest ellipse you can inscribe into a triangle with side lengths 3, 4, and 5. Hint: The largest ellipse you can inscribe into an equilateral triangle is a circle. Then apply a linear transformation to relate the two scenarios.



**For additional practice:**

**Section 5.5:**

3. Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ . In  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , define the product  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}$ .

- a. For which choices of  $\mathbf{S}$  is this an inner product?
- b. For which choices of  $\mathbf{S}$  is  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$  (the dot product)?

4. In  $\mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$ , consider the inner product  $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \text{trace}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B})$ .

- a. Find a formula for this inner product in  $\mathbf{R}^{n \times 1} = \mathbf{R}^n$ .
- b. Find a formula for this inner product in  $\mathbf{R}^{1 \times m}$ , i.e. the space of row vectors with  $m$  components.

9. Recall that a function  $f(t)$  from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  is called *even* if  $f(-t) = f(t)$  for all  $t$ , and *odd* if  $f(-t) = -f(t)$  for all  $t$ . Show that if  $f(x)$  is an odd continuous function and  $g(x)$  is an even continuous function, then functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are orthogonal in the space  $C[-1, 1]$  with the inner product defined in Example 1, i.e.  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$

19. For which  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}$  an inner product on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ ?

[Hint: Be prepared to complete a square.]

20. Consider the inner product  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \mathbf{v}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . (See Exercise 19.)

a. Find all vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  that are perpendicular to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  with respect to this inner product.

b. Find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  with respect to this inner product.

26. Find the Fourier coefficients of the piecewise continuous function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } -\pi < t < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \pi \end{cases}$  extended periodically. Sketch the graphs of the first few Fourier polynomials. [A graphing calculator may be useful.]

28. Apply Fact 5.5.6 to your answer in Exercise 26. [Fact 5.5.6 states that the (infinite) sum of the squares of the Fourier coefficients of a piecewise continuous function  $f$  converges to  $\|f\|^2$ , the square of the norm of  $f$ .]

**Section 6.1:**

In Exercises 16 and 17, use the determinant to find out for which values of the constant  $k$  the matrix is invertible.

16.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

17.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & -1 \\ 1 & k^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

In the following problems, use the determinant to find out for which values of the constant  $\lambda$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}_n$  fails to be invertible.

26.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

30.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

34. Find the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . [Do it without the calculator.]

43. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $k$  is an arbitrary constant, what is the relationship between  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\det(-\mathbf{A})$ ?

44. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $k$  is an arbitrary constant, what is the relationship between  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\det(k\mathbf{A})$ ?

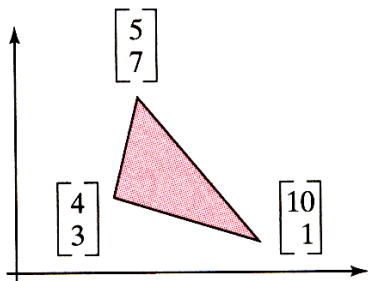
**Section 6.2:**

5. Use Gaussian elimination, i.e. row reduction, to find the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

25. Find the determinant of the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  from the space  $V$  of upper triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrices to  $V$ .
40. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an orthogonal matrix, what are the possible values of  $\det(\mathbf{A})$ ?
41. Consider a skew-symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , where  $n$  is odd. Show that  $\mathbf{A}$  is noninvertible, by showing that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .
43. Consider two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Form the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{w}]$ . Express  $\det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$  in terms of  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ ,  $\|\mathbf{w}\|$ , and  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ . What can you say about the sign of the result?

### Section 6.3:

3. Find the area of the following triangle:



19. A basis  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  is called positively oriented if  $\mathbf{v}_1$  encloses an acute angle with  $\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3$ . Illustrate this definition with a sketch. Show that the basis is positively oriented if (and only if)  $\det[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$  is positive.

20. We say that a linear transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbf{R}^3$  to  $\mathbf{R}^3$  preserves orientation if it transforms any positively oriented basis into another positively oriented basis. (See Exercise 19.) Explain why a linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  preserves orientation if (and only if)  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  is positive.

23. Use Cramer's rule to solve the system  $\begin{cases} 5x_1 - 3x_2 = 1 \\ -6x_1 + 7x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$ .

24. Use Cramer's rule to solve the system  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 8 \\ 4y + 5z = 3 \\ 6x + 7z = -1 \end{cases}$ .

49. What are the lengths of the semiaxes of the largest ellipse you can inscribe into a triangle with sides 3, 4, and 5? See Exercise 48.

### Chapter 6 True/False Exercises

- If  $A = [\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}]$  is any  $3 \times 3$  matrix, then  $\det A = \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$ .
- $\det(4A) = 4 \det A$  for all  $4 \times 4$  matrices  $A$ .
- $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$  for all  $5 \times 5$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .
- The equation  $\det(-A) = \det A$  holds for all  $6 \times 6$  matrices.
- If all the entries of a  $7 \times 7$  matrix  $A$  are 7, then  $\det A$  must be  $7^7$ .
- An  $8 \times 8$  matrix fails to be invertible if (and only if) its determinant is nonzero.
- If  $B$  is obtained by multiplying a column of  $A$  by 9, then the equation  $\det B = 9 \det A$  must hold.
- $\det(A^{10}) = (\det A)^{10}$  for all  $10 \times 10$  matrices  $A$ .
- The determinant of any diagonal  $n \times n$  matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.
- If matrix  $B$  is obtained by swapping two rows of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , then the equation  $\det B = -\det A$  must hold.
- Matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 100 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 4 & 100 & 8 \\ 100 & 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 & 100 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.
- If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(A^T)$  must equal  $\det(A^{-1})$ .
- If the determinant of a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  is 4, then its rank must be 4.
- There exists a nonzero  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  such that  $\det A = \det(4A)$ .
- If two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, then the equation  $\det A = \det B$  must hold.
- The determinant of all orthogonal matrices is 1.
- If  $A$  is any  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(AA^T) = \det(A^T A)$ .

18. There exists an invertible matrix of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & e & f & j \\ b & 0 & g & 0 \\ c & 0 & h & 0 \\ d & 0 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

19. The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} k^2 & 1 & 4 \\ k & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible for all positive constants  $k$ .

20.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1.$

21. There exists a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  whose entries are all 1 or  $-1$ , and such that  $\det A = 16$ .
22. If the determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is 4, then the inequality  $\|A\vec{v}\| \leq 4\|\vec{v}\|$  must hold for all vectors  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
23. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, then the formula  $\det(A) = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w})$  must hold.
24. There exist invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$ .
25. If all the entries of a square matrix are 1 or 0, then  $\det A$  must be 1, 0, or  $-1$ .
26. If all the entries of a square matrix  $A$  are integers and  $\det A = 1$ , then the entries of matrix  $A^{-1}$  must be integers as well.
27. If all the columns of a square matrix  $A$  are unit vectors, then the determinant of  $A$  must be less than or equal to 1.
28. If  $A$  is any noninvertible square matrix, then  $\det A = \det(\text{rref } A)$ .
29. If the determinant of a square matrix is  $-1$ , then  $A$  must be an orthogonal matrix.
30. If all the entries of an invertible matrix  $A$  are integers, then the entries of  $A^{-1}$  must be integers as well.
31. There exist invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  and  $S$  such that  $S^{-1}AS = 2A$ .
32. There exist invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  and  $S$  such that  $S^TAS = -A$ .

33. If  $A$  is any symmetric matrix, then  $\det A = 1$  or  $\det A = -1$ .

34. If  $A$  is any skew-symmetric  $4 \times 4$  matrix, then  $\det A = 0$ .

35. If  $\det A = \det B$  for two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $A$  must be similar to  $B$ .

36. Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by swapping two rows of  $A$ . If  $\det B < \det A$ , then  $A$  must be invertible.

37. If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible, then there must be an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix of  $A$  (obtained by deleting a row and a column of  $A$ ) that is invertible as well.

38. If all the entries of matrices  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  are integers, then the equation  $\det A = \det(A^{-1})$  must hold.

39. If a square matrix  $A$  is invertible, then its classical adjoint  $\text{adj}(A)$  is invertible as well.

40. There exists a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = -I_3$ .

41. If all the diagonal entries of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are odd integers and all the other entries are even integers, then  $A$  must be an invertible matrix.

42. If all the diagonal entries of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are even integers and all the other entries are odd integers, then  $A$  must be an invertible matrix.

43. For every nonzero  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  there exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $B$  such that  $\det(A + B) \neq \det A + \det B$ .

44. If  $A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix whose entries are all 1 or  $-1$ , then  $\det A$  must be divisible by 8 [i.e.,  $\det A = 8k$  for some integer  $k$ ].

45. If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $A$  must commute with its adjoint,  $\text{adj}(A)$ .

46. There exists a real number  $k$  such that the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & k & 7 \\ 8 & 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible.

47. If  $A$  and  $B$  are orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $\det A = \det B = 1$ , then matrices  $A$  and  $B$  must commute.