

Math 225 Section M1 Midterm II

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Solutions

1. Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. Determine whether the next statements are True or False. No explanation needed.

- (a) (5 points) If $Ax = 0$ has more than one solution then A is invertible.
- (b) (5 points) If A is not invertible then A does not have a pivot position in each row.
- (c) (5 points) If the rows of A do not span \mathbb{R}^n then the matrix is invertible.
- (d) (5 points) If there exists a vector b in \mathbb{R}^n such that $Ax = b$ has no solution then A is not invertible.

2. (10 points) Consider the matrix A and vector b below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 8 & 24 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate, if possible, $A^{-1}b$.

3. (i) (5 points) What is the definition of

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

(ii) (5 points) Let A be a 4×4 matrix $A = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4]^T$ (the vectors a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 are the rows of A) with $\det A = -3$. Calculate $\det[a_2, a_1, 3a_3 - 2a_4, a_4]^T$.

(iii) (5 points) Let A be as in part (ii) and B be another 4×4 matrix with $\det B = 2$. Calculate $\det(A^{-1}B)$.

(iv) (5 points) Calculate the determinant of the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -6 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 & -4 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ -1 & -3 & 9 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(v) (5 points) If the matrix A in part (iv) above is invertible find its $(4, 2)$ entry.

4. Consider the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = b.$$

(a) (10 points) Does Cramer rule apply to this system of equations. Justify your answer.

(b) (5 points) Find x_1 when $b = [0, 1, 2]^T$.

(c) (5 points) Find x_2 when $b = [1, 2, 0]^T$.

(d) (5 points) Find x_1 when $b = [1, 0, 1]^T$.

5. (10 points) Suppose $AB = AC$ where B, C are $n \times p$ matrices and A is invertible. Show that $B = C$. Is this true, in general, when A is not invertible?
6. (10 points) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B an $n \times m$ matrix such that $AB = \mathbb{I}_m$. Show that the columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m and the columns of B are linearly independent.

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1 (a) F

(b) T

(c) F

(d) T

$$2. \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 & 24 & 3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 21 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3/2 \\ -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 1 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{7}{2} & -1 \\ \frac{2}{3} & -1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 6.$$

$$3. \quad (i) \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(ii) \quad \det [a_2, a_1, 3a_3 - 2a_4, a_4]^T = -3 \det A = 9$$

because rows 1 and 2 were swapped, row 3 was multiplied by 3 and then replaced by itself minus 2 row 4.

$$(iii) \quad \det(A^{-1}B) = \det(A^{-1}) \det B = \frac{1}{\det A} \det B = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$(iv) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -6 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 & -4 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ -1 & -3 & 9 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -6 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -4 & +2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 9 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -3 & 9 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -10 \cdot 9 = -90$$

(v) $\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow A$ is invertible

$$(A^{-1})_{(4,2)} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot C_{24} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -6 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-90} \cdot (-5) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{-90} \cdot (-5) \cdot 9$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4 \text{ a. } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1)(-4) = 4$$

$\det \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ Cramer's Rule applies

$$b. \quad x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{4} = 0 \quad (\text{first \& last columns are equal.})$$

$$c. \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{4} = 2 \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{4} = 7/2$$

4 d. $x_1 = \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right| / 4 = 0$ first & second columns are equal

5. $AB = AC \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow A^{-1}(AB) = A^{-1}(AC)$

$\Rightarrow (A^{-1}A)B = (A^{-1}A)C$

$\Rightarrow I_n B = I_n C$

$\Rightarrow B = C$

Wo, if A is not invertible, say $A = O_n$ (all entries are zero)

and $B \neq C$ are arbitrary then

$AB = AC = O_{n \times p}$ but $B \neq C$.

6. $AB = I_m$ then

$Bx = \vec{0}$ can only have $x = \vec{0}$ as a solution

otherwise $(AB)x = I_m x$

$$\Rightarrow A(Bx) = x$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \vec{0} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{0} = x \text{ contradiction}$$

So $Bx = \vec{0}$ has only $\vec{0}$ as a sol \Rightarrow columns of B are linearly independent

Let $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be such that $Ay = \vec{b}$ is incompatible (no sol's exist). Then ~~for any x in~~

$$(AB)\vec{b} = I_m \vec{b}$$

$\Rightarrow A(B\vec{b}) = \vec{b} \Rightarrow y = B\vec{b}$ should have been a sol of $Ay = \vec{b}$ contradiction

So $Ay = \vec{b}$ is always solvable for \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^m
 \Rightarrow columns of A span \mathbb{R}^m