

Plan

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Plenary Session 1:

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Send me suggestions of problems by email.Review:

A vector space V
is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$
that can be written

all lin. comb.
 $c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \underline{v}_n$
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$$V = \text{span}(\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n)$$

for some
vectors $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$

A base of V is a minimal (linearly independent)
set of vectors that spans V

The dimension of V is the no. of vectors in a base of V

$$\underline{\dim V = 0:}$$

$V = \text{a point}$

$$\underline{\dim V = 1:}$$

$V = \text{a line}$

$$\underline{\dim V = 2:}$$

$V = \text{a plane}$

Key method:

$\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$ m -vectors

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$A = (\underline{v}_1 | \underline{v}_2 | \dots | \underline{v}_n)$
 $m \times n$ -matrix

Equation:

$$(*) \quad x_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + x_n \underline{v}_n = \underline{0}$$

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$$A \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

Key result:

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$ linearly independent

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(*) has only the trivial
solution $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

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$$\text{rk } A = n$$

Compute $A \cdot B$ (matrix mult.)
 A^{-1} (inverse)

See Ex 1003
Lecture 3, 5

① Determinants

$A \rightsquigarrow \det(A) = |A|$

$n \times n$ -matrix determinant
of A , a number

Methods for computing the determinant:

- Cofactor exp.
- using Gauss

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

4×4 -matrix

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = ?$$

Alt 1: Cotector expansion

Fact: Cofactor expn. through any row or column gives the same result, $\det(A)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot C_{11} + 0 \cdot C_{12} + 0 \cdot C_{13} + 4 \cdot C_{14}$$

$$= +1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 230 \\ 320 \\ 001 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \cdot * \quad + 0 \cdot * \quad - 7 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 023 \\ 032 \\ 400 \end{vmatrix}$$

Signs:

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \end{pmatrix} = +1 \left(+1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right) - 4 \left(+4 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$
$$= 1 \cdot (2 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 3) - 4 \cdot 4 (2 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 3)$$
$$= 1 \cdot (-5) - 16 (-5) = \underline{\underline{75}}$$

Alt 2: Using Gaussian elimination

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-4} = \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -15 & \end{array} \right| \xrightarrow{-3/2} =$$

$$= \left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & -5/2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -15 & \end{array} \right| = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (-5/2) \cdot (-15) = \underline{+75}$$

$$2 - 3 \cdot 3/2 \\ = 2 - 9/2 = -5/2$$

Note: A-B elementary row operation

$|B| = |A|$ if we add a multiple of one row to another row

$|B| = -|A|$ if we switch two rows

$|B| = c \cdot |A|$ if we multiply a row by $c \neq 0$

Result:

If a matrix is upper triangular (in particular, all echelon forms are like this), the determinant is the product of diagonal entries

Note:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & -5/2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -15 & \end{array} \right| = +1 \cdot \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 0 & \\ 0 & -5/2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & -15 & \end{array} \right| = +1 \cdot (+2 \cdot (-5/2 \cdot 0 \cdot (-15))) \\ = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (-5/2) \cdot (-15)$$

Note:

$$A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & e_2 & \dots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

upper triangular

$n \times n$ echelon form

$$|A| = e_1 \cdot e_2 \cdot \dots \cdot e_n$$

Two cases:

① All $e_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow |A| \neq 0$ "pivot in all col's"

② At least one $e_i = 0 \Rightarrow |A| = 0$ "at least one col. without pivots"

Ex: ① $E = \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{pmatrix}$

$$|E| = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 = 3 \neq 0$$

② $E = \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$|E| = 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Result:

$A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ linear system
with A $n \times n$.

Then:

$|A| \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ one solution

$|A| = 0 \Rightarrow$ no solution or
inf. many sol's

Result:

A
 $n \times n$

Then:

$$|A| \neq 0 \iff \text{rk}(A) = n$$

$$|A| = 0 \iff \text{rk}(A) < n$$

Theorem: A non-matrix

the following are equivalent:

i) $|A| \neq 0$

ii) $\text{rk}(A) = n$

iii) A invertible $(A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \cdot \text{adj}(A))$

iv) $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ has one unique solution
for any vector $\underline{b}$

v) The rows of A are linearly independent

vi) The cols of A — 11 —

Note:

i) Some useful formulas
for the determinant:

$$|AB| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

$$|A^T| = |A|$$

ii) The determinant of A is zero

if one of the rows of A is a linear
combination of the other rows (since a row of
zeros gives that the det. is zero)
(also works with columns)

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$R(3) = R(1) + R(2)$

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

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

② Minors and rank

A
m x n
matrix

Defn: An r -minor of A is the determinant of an $r \times r$ submatrix of A .

$M_{I,J}$ = determinant of the submatrix where we include row = I and cols = J

Defn: $M_{I,J}$ is a principal minor if $I = J$.

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

3x4 matrix

3-minors:

$$M_{123,123} = \begin{vmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= +1 \cdot (-7) - 1(-10) + 1(8)$$

$$= \underline{11} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank } A = 3$$

(4 3-minors)

2-minors:

$$M_{23,12} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{8}$$

Method: Using minors to find the rank = rank

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

3x4 matrix not pivot pos.

Start with max minor = 3-minors:

$$M_{123,123} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = +3 \cdot (4) + 4(-3) = \underline{0}$$

$$M_{12,12} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \neq 0$$

$$M_{123,124} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = +3(5) + 6(-3) = -3 \neq 0$$

There is a 3-minor $\neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk}(A) = \underline{3}$

Remember: A $|A| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk}(A) = n$

Result:

The rank of A is the maximal value of r such that at least one r -minor is non-zero.

Ex: A
3x4-matrix

i) One of the 3-minors $\neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk } A = 3$

ii) All 3-minors $= 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk } A < 3$

a) One 2-minor $\neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk } A = 2$

b) All 2-minors $= 0 \Rightarrow \text{rk } A < 2$

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \end{pmatrix}$

$r=2$: $M_{12,12} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p \end{vmatrix} = p-1$

$M_{12,13} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p^2 \end{vmatrix} = p^2-1$

$M_{12,23} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ p & p^2 \end{vmatrix} = p^2-p$

$\text{rk } A < 2 \iff \text{All 2-minors are zero} \iff \begin{cases} p-1=0 \\ p^2-1=0 \\ p^2-p=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{p=1}$

$p=1$: $\text{rk } A < 2$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{rk } A = \underline{1}$

$p \neq 1$: $\text{rk } A = 2$

Conclusion: $\text{rk } A = \begin{cases} 1, & p=1 \\ 2, & p \neq 1 \end{cases}$

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \\ 1 & q & q^2 \end{pmatrix}$

$|A| = 1(pq^2 - p^2q) - 1(q^2 - p^2) + 1 \cdot (q - p)$

$\text{rk } A < 3 \iff |A| = 0$

$\begin{cases} (q-p)(pq-p-q+1) = 0 \\ q=p \text{ or } pq-p-q+1=0 \\ (p-1)(q-1)=0 \\ p=1 \text{ or } q=1 \end{cases} \left. \begin{aligned} &= pq(q-p) - (q-p)(q+p) \\ &+ (q-p) \\ &= (q-p) \cdot [pq - (q+p) + 1] \end{aligned} \right\}$

$\text{rk } A < 3$ if $p=q$ or $p=1$ or $q=1$

$\underline{p=1}$: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & q & q^2 \end{pmatrix}$

$q \neq 1$: $M_{13,12} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & q \end{vmatrix} = q-1 \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \text{rk } A = 2$

$q=1$: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{rk } A = 1$

$\underline{p \neq 1, q=1}$: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$M_{12,12} = p-1 \Rightarrow \text{rk } A = 2$ if $p \neq 1$

$\underline{p \neq 1, q \neq 1}$: $p=q$: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \\ 1 & p & p^2 \end{pmatrix}$ $M_{12,12} = p-1 \neq 0$
 $\text{rk } A = \underline{2}$

$p \neq q$: $|A| \neq 0$ $\text{rk } A = 3$

Conclusion: $\text{rk } A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p=q=1 \\ 2 & \text{if } p=1 \text{ or } q=1 \text{ or } p=q \text{ but } (p,q) \neq (1,1) \\ 3 & \text{if } p \neq 1, q \neq 1, p \neq q \end{cases}$

③ Applications to linear systems

Ex:
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z + w &= 5 \\ 2x - y + 3z + 4w &= 2 \\ 3x + 4z + 6w &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{123,123} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

since $R(3) = R(1) + R(2)$

Explicit solutions:

z free

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + w &= 5 - z \\ 2x - y + 4w &= 2 - 3z \\ 3x + 6w &= -1 - 4z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 - z \\ 2 - 3z \\ -1 - 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{123,124} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3(5) + 6(-3) = -3 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \text{rk } A = 3$
 $\text{rk}(A|b) = 3$ } $\Rightarrow$ one degree of freedom (z free), inf. many solutions
 (see earlier in the lecture)

invertible since the determinant is $M_{123,124} = -3 \neq 0$

adj. matrix = transpose of cofact. matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 - z \\ 2 - 3z \\ -1 - 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-3} \begin{pmatrix} -6 - 6 + 5 \\ 6 + 3 - 2 \\ 3 - 3 - 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 - z \\ 2 - 3z \\ -1 - 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 6 - 5 \\ 0 - 3 & 2 \\ -3 - 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 - z \\ 2 - 3z \\ -1 - 4z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4z - 4z \\ z - 8 \\ -2z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 z - 4/3 \\ 1/3 z - 8/3 \\ -2/3 z \end{pmatrix}$$