

1) Usually $\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, show that $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ iff $a+d=0$

↳ This proof can be shown directly. We 1st evaluate $A+B$:

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \det(A+B) = (1+a)(1+d) - bc = 1+a+d+ad-bc$$

$$\text{↳ Then we evaluate } \det(A) + \det(B) = [1 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 0] + [ad - bc] = 1 + ad - bc$$

• These 2 determinants are supposed to equal each other:

$1 + a + d + ad - bc = 1 + ad - bc$, & they only equal each other when $a+d=0$, so the relation now becomes:

$$1 + 0 + ad - bc = 1 + ad - bc$$

$1 + ad - bc = 1 + ad - bc$, these are clearly equivalent & so our assumption that $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ iff $a+d=0$ is proved true

2.) A & P are $n \times n$ & P is invertible. Show $\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(A)$

↳ Given $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$, & $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$ we can prove the given statement

$$\text{↳ } \det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(PA) \cdot \det(P^{-1}) \text{ as } \det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B). \text{ And } \det(P^{-1}) = 1/\det(P) \text{ so } \det(PA) \cdot \det(P^{-1}) = \det(PA) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(P)}$$

$$\text{↳ } \det(PA) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(P)} = \det(P) \cdot \det(A) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(P)}. \text{ And}$$

$\det(P) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(P)} = 1$ so we have:

$$\overbrace{\det(P) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(P)}}^{=1} \cdot \det(A) = \det(A)$$

$\det(A) = \det(A)$, which is what we were trying to prove

3) A is $n \times n$ w/ $A^T \cdot A = I_n$. What are the possible values for $\det(A)$?

$\frac{5}{5}$ \rightarrow We can take the determinants of both sides & get $\det(A^T \cdot A) = \det(I_n)$. And the left side can be rewritten as $\det(A^T) \cdot \det(A)$. And $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ so we have $\det(A) \cdot \det(A) = \det(I_n)$. I_n is a triangular matrix so $\det(I_n)$ is the product of the main diagonal, so $\det(I_n) = 1^n = 1$.

\rightarrow We now have $\det(A) \cdot \det(A) = 1$. Clearly $\det(A)$ can either be 1 or -1 as these are the only 2 values which have squares equal to 1.

4) Find a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 4$ for the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ basis of the}$$

• The eigenspace is just the null space of $(A - \lambda I_n) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$, which will be $(A - 4I_n) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

\rightarrow $(A - 4I_n)$ is found by subtracting 4 from the diagonal of

$$A: (A - 4I_n) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ \& then we just solve } (A - 4I_n) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = -R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 = -R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 = -\frac{1}{2}R_3}$$

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$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

x_1 & x_2 are basic variables & x_3 & x_4 are free

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_3 \\ x_2 &= x_3 \\ x_3 &= \text{free} \\ x_4 &= \text{free} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4$$

↳ The basis for this eigenspace is then the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5) Construct a 2×2 w/ 1 distinct eigenvalue.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ we find the eigenvalue by finding } \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 0 = 0 \longrightarrow$$

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$$(2-\lambda)(2-\lambda) = 0$$

$\lambda = 2$, so the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ has only the eigenvalue 2

6.) A formula exists to find $\det(A)$, w/ A a 3×3 matrix.

a.) Read 3.1 & do Problems 15 & 17 (not to be turned in). ✓

b.) Use this technique to find the characteristic eqn for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A - \lambda I_n = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = -\lambda [(-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (2 \cdot 2)] - 3 [(3)(-\lambda) - 2] + [6 + \lambda]$$

$$= -\lambda (\lambda^2 - 4) - 3(-3\lambda - 2) + 6 + \lambda$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda + 9\lambda + 6 + 6 + \lambda$$

$$= \boxed{-\lambda^3 + 14\lambda + 12 = 0}$$