

2/16/26 Exam 1 next wed 2/25.

Covers all of ch1, ch2. None of ch3. (Although we'll start Ch3 Wednesday.)

No calculators! Cell phones should be put away.

Today: some odds & ends to finish Ch2

Last time: we worked out

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

(re they're inverses of each other) so if we have the linear system

$$x + 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$3x + 5y + 6z = 4$$

$$2x + 4y + 3z = 3$$

then there's a unique solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -31 \\ 11 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{you can check})$$

Similarly the homog linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 2z &= 0 \\ 3x + 5y + 6z &= 0 \\ 2x + 4y + 3z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

has the unique solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

What if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad ? \quad \text{Consider } A \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduce

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Can't row reduce to $I_3 \rightsquigarrow \text{rank}(A) = 2$ so

A is not invertible

and $A \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is inconsistent.

But what about $A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$?

Same process reduces to

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

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2z &= 0 \\ y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= -2z \\ y &= 0 \\ z &= t\end{aligned}$$

It is consistent, with infinitely many solutions

Remark (a) if A and B are invertible $n \times n$ matrices (so A^{-1} , B^{-1} both exist) then AB is invertible, and

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Check: $(AB)(B^{-1}A^{-1}) = I_n$ (associativity)

(b) When $n=2$ there's a convenient shortcut to determine if A is invertible, and if so, how to find it.

Theorem

let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Then $ad-bc$ is the determinant of A ,

denoted $\det(A)$.

A is invertible if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$. In that case

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

(Check)

Remark we'll say a lot more about determinants later!

Ex $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is not invertible since $\det(A) = 0$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible since $\det(A) = -2$

then $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ check ...

Interesting detail:

Thm (2.4.8)

Let A, B be $n \times n$ matrices such that $BA = I_n$. Then

- (a) A, B are both invertible
- (b) $A^{-1} = B$ and $B^{-1} = A$
- (c) $AB = I_n$ (reverse order)

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(a) consider the lin. system $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

WTS it has only the trivial solution. (so $\text{rank}(A) = n$)

$$B(A\vec{x}) = B\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

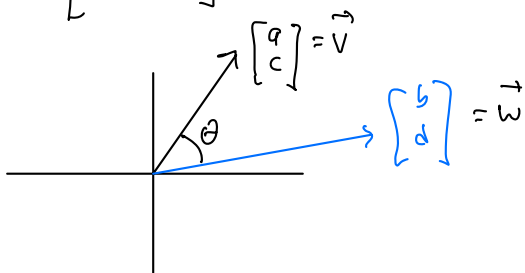
" $\vec{x}$

(b) Since the inverse is unique, $B = A^{-1}$ and $A = B^{-1}$

(c) immediate since $B = A^{-1}$

Last thing from §2.4: geometric interpretation of the determinant in the 2×2 case.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$$



Look at the column vectors

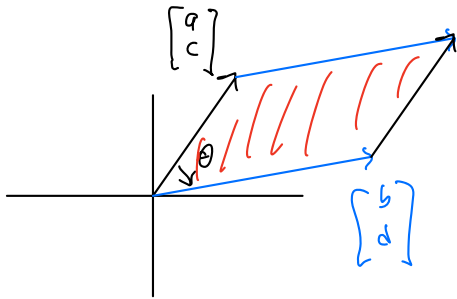
$$\text{let } \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix}.$$

let θ be the angle from $\vec{v}$ to $\vec{w}$, so

$$-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

then

Fact $\det A = ad - bc = \|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\| \sin \theta$
= area of the parallelogram determined by $\vec{v}$ and $\vec{w}$



(you can see the details
in the book.)

Next time: start ch 3 (not on exam)