

# Mary Radcliffe Math 241 Homework 7 Solution

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Complete the following problems. Fully justify each response.

1. Calculate each of the following determinants:

$$(a) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 * 1 - 3 * (-1) = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$(b) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ = 1 * \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 * \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1) * \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = 1 * 0 - 2 * 0 - 1 * 2 = -2$$

(2.5 each, 5 in total)

2. Prove that the determinant of an upper triangular matrix is equal to the product of the diagonal entries of the matrix.

Prove by Induction: induce on the dimension of the upper triangular matrix  $n \times n$ .

$$\text{BC: } n = 1: \det \begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix} = a \checkmark$$

$$n = 2: \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = a * c - b * 0 = a * c \checkmark$$

IH: the determinant of an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  upper triangular matrix is equal to the product of the diagonal entries of the matrix.

IS: NTS the claim holds for an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix. Let A be an  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ \det(A) = a_{11} * \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} + a_{12} * \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_{1n} * \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2(n-1)} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{3(n-1)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & a_{n(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \\ = a_{11} * (a_{22} * a_{33} * \dots * a_{nn}) + a_{12} * 0 + \dots + a_{1n} * 0 \text{ by IH} \\ = a_{11} * a_{22} * a_{33} * \dots * a_{nn} \checkmark$$

Therefore, the determinant of an upper triangular matrix is equal to the product of the diagonal entries of the matrix.

(1 for base case, 1 for IH, 3 for IS)

3. Complete problems 12.14.2, 12.14.3, 12.14.9 on pages 483-485 in Coding the Matrix.

12.14.2:

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 7-5 & -4 \\ 2 & 1-5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 - 4x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 2x_2 \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 7-3 & -4 \\ 2 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0.5 point for each eigenvector, 1 point in total)

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 4-3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0-3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0, 2x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 0, x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 4+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0+1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x_1 = 0, 2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0, x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0, x_2 = -3x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0.5 point for each eigenvector, 1 point in total)

12.14.3:

$$(a) Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1$$

$$Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 5$$

(0.5 point for each eigenvalue, 1 point in total)

$$(b) Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2$$

$$Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 5$$

(0.5 point for each eigenvalue, 1 point in total)

12.14.9

Let  $v_i$  be the eigenvector correspond to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$

For an arbitrary  $v_i$

$$(A - kI)v_i = Av_i - kIv_i = Av_i - kv_i = \lambda_i v_i - kv_i = (\lambda_i - k)v_i$$

Thus the eigenvalues of  $A - kI$  are  $\lambda_i - k, i = 1, \dots, m$

(1 point)

4. Suppose that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the invertible matrix  $A$  having a corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$ . Prove that  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ . What is a

corresponding eigenvector?

$$\begin{aligned}Av &= \lambda v \\ A^{-1}Av &= A^{-1}\lambda v \\ v &= A^{-1}\lambda v \\ \frac{1}{\lambda}v &= A^{-1}v\end{aligned}$$

$v$  is the corresponding eigenvector

(4 points for the proof, 1 points for the corresponding eigenvector)

5. Use the previous problem to prove that a square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .  
( $\Rightarrow$ ) AFSOC 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$   
Since  $A$  is invertible, from Problem 4, we know that  $\frac{1}{0}$  is an eigenvalue for  $A^{-1}$ , which is a contradiction.  
( $\Leftarrow$ ) If 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ , there isn't a trivial solution that  $Av = 0v = 0$ , so  $A$  is invertible  
(2.5 for each direction, 5 in total)
6. Complete the problem set found at [autolab.andrew.cmu.edu](http://autolab.andrew.cmu.edu). The submission for this is directly on autolab, no need to hand it in on paper.