

# MATH 221

QSCU Midterm Review Session

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# Introductions

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# Overview of Topics

- Matrix Operations
- The Inverse of a Matrix
- Characteristics of Invertible Matrices
- Subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Dimension and Rank
- Introduction to Determinants
- Properties of Determinants



# Matrix Operations



# Matrices

- What does a diagonal matrix look like?
- What does the identity matrix look like?
  - Is the identity matrix a diagonal matrix?
- What does the zero matrix look like?
- What does it mean for two matrices to be **equal**?



# Matrix Operations and Scalar Multiples

- Note that the sum  $A + B$  is defined only when  $A$  and  $B$  are the same size!!!!!!
- If  $r$  is a scalar and  $A$  is a matrix, then the **scalar multiple**  $rA$  is the matrix whose columns are  $r$  times the corresponding columns in  $A$ .





# Theorem 1

- Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be matrices of the same size, and let  $r$  and  $s$  be scalars.
  - $A + B = B + A$
  - $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
  - $A + 0 = A$
  - $r(A + B) = rA + rB$
  - $(r+s)A = rA + sA$
  - $r(sA) = (rs)A$



# Properties of Matrix Multiplication: Theorem 2

- Recall matrix multiplication
- What about squaring a matrix? What do we do?
- Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $B$  and  $C$  have sizes for which the indicated sums and products are defined.
  - $A(BC) = (AB)C$  (associative law of multiplication)
  - $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  (left distributive law)
  - $(B + C)A = BA + CA$  (right distributive law)
  - $r(AB) = (rA)B = A(rB)$  for any scalar  $r$
  - $I_m A = A = A I_n$  (identity for matrix multiplication)



## Some Warnings!!!!

- 1) In general,  $AB$  does not equal  $BA$
- 2) The cancellation laws do not hold for matrix multiplication (you can not cancel across the equals sign)
- 3) If a product  $AB$  is the zero matrix, you *cannot* conclude that in general  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$ .



# Transpose of a Matrix

- Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the transpose of  $A$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix, denoted by  $A^T$ , whose columns are formed from the corresponding rows of  $A$ 
  - Swapping the rows and columns in a sense
- The transpose of a product of matrices equals the product of their transposes in the reverse order.
  - $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$



## Theorem 3

- Let  $A$  and  $B$  denote matrices whose sizes are appropriate for the following sums and products
  - $(A^T)^T = A$
  - $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
  - For any scalar  $r$ ,  $(rA)^T = rA^T$
  - $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$



# The Inverse of a Matrix



# Matrix Operations

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be **invertible** if there is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that
  - $CA = I$  and  $AC = I$

Where  $I = I_n$ , then  $n \times n$  identity matrix

- In this case,  $C$  is an **inverse** of  $A$
- $A^{-1}A = I$  and  $AA^{-1} = I$ 
  - It does not matter if you left multiply or right multiply by the inverse -- but whichever you choose, be consistent if you are multiplying an entire equation

## Matrix Operations: Theorem 4

▪ **Theorem 4:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then

$A$  is invertible and

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

If  $ad - bc = 0$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.

- The quantity  $ad - bc$  is called the **determinant** of  $A$ , and we write  $\det A = ad - bc$
- This theorem says that a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$

Example!





## Theorem 5

▪ **Theorem 5:** If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix, then for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ .

- This is really just saying we can solve the above equation. Let's see how this would be done...

## Theorem 6

- **Theorem 6:**

- a. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  is invertible and

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

- b. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  invertible matrices, then so is  $AB$ , and the inverse of  $AB$  is the product of the inverses of  $A$  and  $B$  in the reverse order. That is,

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

- c. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then so is  $A^T$ , and the inverse of  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A^{-1}$ . That is,

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$



# Elementary Matrices

- An **elementary matrix** is one that is obtained by performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix

▪ **Theorem 7:** An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_n$ , and in this case, any sequence of elementary row operations that reduces  $A$  to  $I_n$  also transforms  $I_n$  into  $A^{-1}$ .

- We will see an algorithm for solving for the inverse matrix on the next slide...



# Algorithm for Finding $A^{-1}$

- Recall theorem 7, this is the underlying principle behind the algorithm
- Best shown through an example!
- How could you check your answer to make sure it is correct?



# Characterizations of Invertible Matrices



## Theorem 8 - The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- **Theorem 8:** Let  $A$  be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given  $A$ , the statements are either all true or all false.
  - a.  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
  - b.  $A$  is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
  - c.  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.
  - d. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
  - e. The columns of  $A$  form a linearly independent set.

## Theorem 8 - The Invertible Matrix Theorem


- f. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is one-to-one.
- g. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- h. The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- i. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- j. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  such that  $CA = I$ .
- k. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D$  such that  $AD = I$ .
- l.  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.



## Theorem 9

- **Theorem 9:** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation and let  $A$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is an invertible matrix. In that case, the linear transformation  $S$  given by  $S(\mathbf{x}) = A^{-1}\mathbf{x}$  is the unique function satisfying equation (1) and (2).





# Some Comments on the Invertible Matrix Theorem

- Each statement in the theorem describes a property of every  $n \times n$  invertible matrix
- The negation of a statement in the theorem describes a property of every  $n \times n$  singular matrix (non invertible matrix)
- For instance, an  $n \times n$  singular matrix is not row equivalent to  $I_n$ , does not have  $n$  pivot positions, and has linearly dependent columns.
- The Invertible Matrix Theorem *applies only to square matrices*



# Invertible Linear Transformations

- A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be **invertible** if there exists a function  $S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$S(T(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad (1)$$

$$T(S(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad (2)$$



# Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$



## Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Definition:** A subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is any set  $H$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that has three properties:
  - a) The zero vector is in  $H$ .
  - b) For each  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $H$ , the sum  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $H$ .
  - c) For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$  and each scalar  $c$ , the vector  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$ .



# Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix

- **Definition:** The **column space** of a matrix  $A$  is the set  $\text{Col } A$  of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ .
- If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  with the columns of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\text{Col } A$  is the same as  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ . Example 4 shows that the column space of an  $m \times n$  matrix is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



# Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix

- **Definition:** The **null space** of a matrix  $A$  is the set  $\text{Nul } A$  of all solutions of the homogenous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- **Theorem 11:** The null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Equivalently, the set of all solutions of a system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  of  $m$  homogenous linear equations in  $n$  unknowns is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



# Basis

- One such matrix is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Its columns are denoted by  $e_1, \dots, e_n$
- The set  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is called the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

■ **Definition:** A **basis** for a subspace  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linearly independent set in  $H$  that spans  $H$ .



## Theorem 12 - Basis for a Subspace

- **Theorem 12:** The pivot columns of a matrix  $A$  form a basis for the column space of  $A$ .
- adapt previous example
- Warning: in determining a basis for the column space of  $A$ , use the pivot columns of  $A$  not those of the row echelon form of  $A$





# Dimension and Rank



# The Dimension of a Subspace

- The **dimension** of a nonzero subspace  $H$ , denoted  $\dim H$ , is the number of vectors in any basis for  $H$ .
- The **rank** of a matrix  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{rank } A$ , is the dimension of the column space of  $A$ :

$$\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A$$

- If someone asks you to determine the rank of the matrix...
  - Find the echelon form of  $A$
  - Count the number of pivots, this is the rank

## More Theorems

- **Theorem 13** If a matrix  $A$  has  $n$  columns, then
$$\dim \text{Col } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n, \text{ or equivalently}$$
$$\text{rank } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n.$$

**Theorem 14** Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Any linearly independent set of exactly  $p$  elements in  $H$  is automatically a basis for  $H$ . Also, any set of  $p$  elements of  $H$  that spans  $H$  is automatically a basis for  $H$ .

## The Invertible Matrix Theorem Cont

- **The Invertible Theorem (continued)** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are each equivalent to the statement that  $A$  is an invertible matrix.
  - m. The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - n.  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^n$
  - o.  $\dim \text{Col } A = n$
  - p.  $\text{rank } A = n$
  - q.  $\text{Nul } A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
  - r.  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$



# Introduction to Determinants



# Determinants

**Definition:** If  $A$  is a matrix with a row  $i$  and column  $j$ , then  $A_{ij}$  is the submatrix of  $A$  formed by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$

- **Definition:** For  $n \geq 2$ , the **determinant** of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is the sum of  $n$  terms of the form  $\pm a_{1j} \det A_{1j}$ , with plus and minus signs alternating, where the entries  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}$  are from the first row of  $A$ . In symbols,

$$\begin{aligned}\det A &= a_{11} \det A_{11} - a_{12} \det A_{12} + \dots + (-1)^{1+n} a_{1n} \det A_{1n} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} \det A_{1j}\end{aligned}$$

- Let's see an example

## Lead up to Theorem 1

To state the next theorem, it is convenient to write the definition of  $\det A$  in a slightly different form. Given  $A = [a_{ij}]$ , the  $(i, j)$ -**cofactor** of  $A$  is the number  $C_{ij}$  given by

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij} \quad (4)$$

- Then

$$\det A = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$$

- This formula is called a **cofactor expansion across the first row of  $A$** .



## Theorem 1 and Theorem 2

**Theorem 1:** The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  can be computed by a cofactor across any row or down any column. The expansion across the  $i$  th row using the cofactors in (4) is

$$\det A = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in}$$

- **Theorem 2:** If  $A$  is a triangular matrix, then  $\det A$  is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of  $A$ .





# Properties of Determinants



## Properties of Determinants: Theorem 3

- **Theorem 3:** Let  $A$  be a square matrix
  - a) If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .
  - b) If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = -\det A$ .
  - c) If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = k \cdot \det A$



## Properties of Determinants: Theorem 4 and Theorem 5

**Theorem 4:** A square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

- **Theorem 5:** If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det A^T = \det A$ .



# Determinants and Matrix Products

- **Theorem 6:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, then
$$\det AB = (\det A)(\det B).$$



# Midterm 2 Process






# About the Exam

I realize some of the processes are long and will take that into account in posing questions

- you maybe asked to do a partial computation – read carefully

- Make sure to know the definitions
- Make sure to know the statements of the theorems
- From midterm 1 - make sure to write the row operation if asked



# Thank you for coming :) Good Luck!

Link for the practise questions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AqSuRcK1CG-EM98vTTmEKXuVA7ZDfuVZ/view?usp=sharing>

Answers - some do not show all of the steps - like in row reduction:

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