

## Determinants

$\det A$  " = " product of eigenvalues  
("up to multiplicity")

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x} \\ N(A\vec{x} - \lambda \vec{x}) \end{array}}$$

## Laplace Formula

Defn:  $A = (a_{ij}) \in M_{n \times n}$

The  $i,j$  minor matrix of  $A$  is a  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix  $M_{ij}$ .  
delete  $i^{th}$  row,  $j^{th}$  column

The  $i,j$  minor is  $\det M_{ij}$

The  $i,j$  cofactor is  $(-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij})$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ \cancel{5} & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{minor} = \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = -3$$

$$\text{cofactor} = (-1)^{1+1} (-3) = -3$$

$$M_{3,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -2 & -1 \\ \cancel{3} & \cancel{3} & \cancel{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{minor} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -13$$

$$\text{cofactor} = (-1)^{3+2} (-13) = 13.$$

Fact (Cofactor Expansion): Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}$

- if  $A \in M_{1 \times 1}$ ,  $\det[a_{11}] = a_{11}$

- else

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ki} A_{ki} = a_{k1} A_{k1} + \dots + a_{kn} A_{kn}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ik} A_{ik} = a_{1k} A_{1k} + \dots + a_{nk} A_{nk}$$

for any  $k$ .

$$Ex: A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det A &= 0(-1)^{3+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0(-1)^{3+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + 2 (-1)^{3+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \left( 0(-1)^{2+1} \det [2] + 5 (-1)^{2+2} \det [3] \right)$$

$$= 2(5 \cdot 1 \cdot 3) = 30$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 3(-1)^{3+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3(-1)^{3+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3(-1)^{3+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3(1(-1)^{1+1} \det [-1] + 2(-1)^{1+2} \det [-2]) \\
&\quad - 3(3(-1)^{1+1} \det [-1] + 5(-1)^{1+2} \det [2]) \\
&\quad + 3(1(-1)^{1+2} \det [5] - 2(-1)^{1+3} \det [3]) \\
&= 3(-1 + 4) - 3(-3 - 10) \\
&\quad + 3(-5 - 6) = 9 + 39 - 33 = 15.
\end{aligned}$$

Prop

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a(-1)^{1+1} \det [d] + b(-1)^{1+2} \det [c]$$
$$= ad - bc$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = aei + bfg + cdh - gec - hfa - idb$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & ab \\ d & e & f & de \\ g & h & i & gh \end{bmatrix}$$

## Properties of $\det$

Prop: if  $A$  is triangular, then  $\det A$  is product of diagonal  
Pf/ cofactor expansion.

Prop: if  $A$  has a row or column of all zeroes

then  $\det A = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Prop:  $\det A^T = \det A$

Pf/ expand along 1<sup>st</sup> row of  $A$ , 1<sup>st</sup> col of  $A^T$

## Fact (row operations)

1) Interchanging 2 rows multiplies det by -1.

2) Multiplying a row by a scalar  $r$   
multiplies det by  $r$ .

$$(\text{Cor: } \det(rA) = r^n \det A)$$

3) adding mult of one row to another: does nothing

$$4) \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{a}_1 + \vec{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = (1 \cdot 2) - (1 \cdot 1) = 1.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1.$$

Cor:  $\det A = 0$  iff rows are L.D.

Prop: A matrix  $A$  is invertible iff  $\det A \neq 0$ .

PS/1) Eval:  $\det A = 0$  iff  $0$  is an evl.

iff  $E_0$  is nontrivial

iff  $\ker(A - 0\mathbb{I}) = \ker(A)$  is nontrivial.

2) cofactor:  $A$  is invertible, iff row-eq to  $I_n$   
know  $\det(I_n) = 1 \neq 0$ , so  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

If  $A$  not invertible, it's row-eq to a matrix w/ row of zeroes

Fact:  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$ .

Pf/ ugly induction on cofactor expansion

Cor: If  $\det A \neq 0$ , i.e. if  $A$  is non-singular,

$$\text{then } \det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}.$$

Fact: if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

### §5.3 Characteristic Polynomials

Dfn:  $\chi_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  is characteristic polynomial of A.

Prop:  $\lambda$  is an eval of  $A$  iff  $\chi_A(\lambda) = 0$ .

pf/  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  iff  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$  for some  $\lambda$   
iff  $\vec{v} \in \ker(A - \lambda I)$  for some  $\lambda$ .

So  $\lambda$  is an eval iff  $\ker(A - \lambda I)$  is nontrivial  
iff  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$   
iff  $\chi_A(\lambda) = 0$ .

$$Ex! \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A - xI = \begin{bmatrix} 3-x & 2 \\ 3 & -2-x \end{bmatrix} - x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-x & 2 \\ 3 & -2-x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\chi_A(x) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-x & 2 \\ 3 & -2-x \end{bmatrix} = (3-x)(-2-x) - (6) \\ = x^2 + x - 12 = (x-4)(x+3)$$

So evals are 4, -3

$$\ker(A - 4I) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ basis for } E_4$$

$$\ker(A + 3I) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

basis for  $E_{-3}$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 5-x & 1 \\ 3 & 3-x \end{bmatrix} = (5-x)(3-x) - 3 = x^2 - 8x + 12 = (x-6)(x-2)$$

$$E_2 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E_6 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_A(x) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2-x & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -2-x & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2-x \end{bmatrix} = (2-x)(-2-x)(2-x) + (-3) + (-3) \\ &\quad - ((1-x) + (-3)(2-x) + (-3)(2-x)) \\ &= -x^3 + 2x^2 - x = -x(x^2 - 2x + 1) = -x(x-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Observe, 1 is an eval "twice"

$$E_0 = \ker(A) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis for } E_0 \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E_1 = \ker(A - I) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis for } E_1 \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Prop: If  $A \in M_{n \times n}$  and  $n$  is odd,  
then  $A$  has an eval.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_A(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1$$

no evals

(Prop: if we work over complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$   
every matrix has an eval.)

$$\text{Ex! } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{evals are } 2, 4, 2$$

$$E_4 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$B - 4I$

$$E_2 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ Basis } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$B - 2I$