

HW9- Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 4.2.3. \quad \det \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 \\ 3r_2+5r_3 \\ 7r_3 \end{pmatrix} &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 \\ 3r_2 \\ 7r_3 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 \\ 5r_3 \\ 7r_3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= 42 \det \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{pmatrix} + 35 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 2r_1 \\ r_3 \\ r_3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= 42 \det \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{pmatrix} + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 42.$$

21. Can use elementary row operation of type 3 to transform into an upper triangular matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & -43 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & -38 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$95 = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 19 \cdot 5 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 19 & -43 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

Can also use elementary column operations:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -5 & 11 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 19 & -43 \\ 2 & 3 & 19 & -38 \end{vmatrix}$$

|| expand along the 1st. column

$$95 = 19 \cdot 5 = 19 \cdot (-38) + 19 \cdot 43 = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 19 & -43 \\ 19 & -38 \end{vmatrix}$$

26.  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$

$$\det(-A) = (-1)^n \cdot \det(A)$$

$$\det(-A) = \det A \Leftrightarrow (-1)^n = 1.$$

If we assume  $F = \mathbb{R}$  ( $\text{char } F \neq 2$ ), then  $(-1)^n = 1 \Leftrightarrow n \text{ is even.}$

(If  $\text{char}(F) = 2$ , e.g.  $F = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , then  $\det(-A) = \det(A)$  always true.)

4.3. 11  $M \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  skew symmetric :  $M^t = -M$   
 complex numbers.

$$\det(M) = \det(M^t) = \det(-M) = (-1)^n \det(M).$$

if  $n$  is odd, then  $\det(M) = -\det(M) \Rightarrow \det(M) = 0$ .

When  $n$  is even,  $\det(M)$  can be nonzero: for example  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

20.  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$  where  $A$  is a square matrix. Prove  $\det(M) = \det(A)$

Proof: use induction on the size of  $I = I_{k \times k}$

$$\text{If } k=1, \text{ then } M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & b_1 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Expanding along the last column, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= (-1)^{n+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \det(A) - (-1)^{n-1+n} \cdot b_{n1} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} * & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & * \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} + \cdots (-1)^{1+n} \begin{vmatrix} * & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & * \\ & & & \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \det(A). \end{aligned}$$

Assume case k is true.

Expanding along the last column, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |M| &= \left| \begin{array}{c|cc} A & B \\ \hline 0 & I_{k+1} \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{c|c|c} A & B' & V \\ \hline 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{array} \right| \quad \text{where } B = \begin{pmatrix} B' \\ V \end{pmatrix} \\ \det(M) &= 1 \cdot \left| \begin{array}{c|cc} A & B' \\ \hline 0 & I_k \end{array} \right| = 1 \cdot \det(A) \quad \text{by induction} \end{aligned}$$

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(a) implies (b). Just need to prove:

23. Let k denote the largest integer s.t. some  $k \times k$  submatrix has a nonzero determinant. Prove that  $\text{rank}(A)=k$ .

Proof: Recall:  $\text{rank}(A)=k \Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{column space of } A) = k = \dim(\text{row space of } A)$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists k \text{ linearly independent column vectors } v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k} \text{ that span } V$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists k \text{ linearly independent row vectors } r_{j_1}, \dots, r_{j_k} \text{ that span } W$

We will prove

(1)  $\exists (m \times m)$ -submatrix C s.t.  $\det(C) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) \geq m$

(2)  $\text{rank}(A) \leq k \Rightarrow \exists (k \times k)$ -submatrix D, s.t.  $\det(D) \neq 0$ .

These will imply the wanted statement.

*Proof of 1):* Let  $C = (v_{i_1}' \dots v_{i_m}')$  be a submatrix of  $A$  such that  $\det(C) \neq 0$ . Then  $v_{i_1}', \dots, v_{i_m}'$  are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  the corresponding columns  $v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_m}$  of  $A$  are linearly independent  $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) \geq m$ .

*Proof of 2):* Assume  $\text{rank}(A) = k$ .

Let  $v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k}$  be linearly independent columns of  $A$

Set  $B = (v_{i_1} \dots v_{i_k})$ . Then  $B$  is an  $n \times k$  matrix with  $\text{rank}(B) = k$ :

$\text{rank}(B) = k \Rightarrow \dim(\text{row space of } B) = k$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists k$  linearly independent rows  $r_{j_1}', \dots, r_{j_k}'$  of  $B$

Set  $D = \begin{pmatrix} r_{j_1}' \\ \vdots \\ r_{j_k}' \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\text{rank}(D) = k \Rightarrow \det(D) \neq 0$ .

24.

$$|A+tI| = \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_0 \\ -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t & \end{vmatrix}$$

expand along the

$$\text{1st row} \quad t \cdot \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t & \end{vmatrix} + a_0 \cdot (-1)^{1+n} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & \cdots & -1 \end{vmatrix}}_{a_0 \cdot (-1)^{1+n} \cdot (-1)^{n-1}} \\ \text{iteration / induction } //$$

$$t \cdot \left( t \cdot \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_3 \\ 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t & \end{vmatrix} + a_1 \right) + a_0$$

$$t^2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_3 \\ -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_3 \\ 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t & \end{vmatrix} + t \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

$$t^{n-2} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} t & a_{n-2} \\ -1 & a_{n-1}+t \end{vmatrix} + t^{n-3} \cdot a_{n-3} + \cdots + t \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

$$t^{n-2} \cdot (t^2 + a_{n-1} \cdot t + a_{n-2}) + t^{n-3} \cdot a_{n-3} + \cdots + t \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

$$t^n + t^{n-1} a_{n-1} + t^{n-2} a_{n-2} + t^{n-3} a_{n-3} + \cdots + t \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

Another way:

$$|A+tI| = \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_0 \\ -1 & t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_0 \\ -1 & t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & -1 & t & \cdots & 0 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & (a_{n-1}+t) \cdot t + a_{n-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{n-1}+t \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_0 \\ -1 & t & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & t(a_{n-1}+t^2+a_{n-2})+a_{n-3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & a_{n-1}+t^2+a_{n-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{n-1}+t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & t^n + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + a_{n-2}t^{n-2} + \cdots + a_1t + a_0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 & a_{n-1}+t \\ \vdots & & & & & & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(-1)^{1+n} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & -1 \end{vmatrix}_{(n+1) \times (n+1)} \cdot (t^n + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + a_{n-2}t^{n-2} + \cdots + a_1t + a_0)$$

$$(-1)^{n+1} (-1)^{n-1} \cdot (t^n + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + a_{n-2}t^{n-2} + \cdots + a_1t + a_0)$$

$$t^n + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + a_{n-2}t^{n-2} + \cdots + a_1t + a_0.$$