

Exercise sheet n° 6

Matrix calculus

1. Compute the products AB and BA in case they are defined.

1. $A = (1, 2, -1, 3), B = (-1, 0, 2, 1)^t$

2. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

3. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(Hint : Use the product by blocks in this example).

2. Answer the following yes/no questions.

- (a) Every diagonal matrix is symmetric.
- (b) For every matrix A and every scalar number c , $(cA)^t = cA^t$.
- (c) Every tridiagonal matrix is symmetric.
- (d) Given any pair of matrices A and B , $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$.

3. Complete the following sentences so they become true statements.

- (a) The rank of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is
- (b) If A is a matrix of 3×7 , then its rank is greater than or equal to and less than or equal to
- (c) The rank of a nonzero matrix of size 3×3 and all equal entries is
- (d) If A is a matrix of size 4×8 , then its nullity is greater than or equal to
- (e) If A is a nonzero matrix of size 4×3 each of whose columns contains the same constant entry, then the rank of A is
- (f) An example of matrix of rank 2 and nullity 1 is

4. Let $u = (1, 2, 3)^t$ and $v = (a, b, c)^t$ be two column vectors. Consider the matrix given by $P = uv^t$. What is the rank of P ? Compute $P^2, P^k, k = 3, 4, \dots$. What is the image of P ? And its kernel?

5. Compute the matrix representation of the following linear maps relative to the given bases.

1. $f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x, y, z) & \mapsto & (x + 2y + 3z, 2y - z, x + z) \end{cases}$,

2. the symmetry of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 given by the mirror reflection through the axis defined by e_1 , where (e_1, e_2) is any basis of \mathbb{R}^2 ,

3. the orthogonal projection of \mathbb{R}^2 onto the axis defined by a nonzero vector e_1 ,

$$4. f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}_2[X] & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}_2[X] \\ P & \mapsto & 2(X+1)P - (X^2-1)P' \end{cases} .$$

6. Consider the plane \mathbb{R}^2 endowed of the canonical basis $B = (e_1, e_2)$. Let f be the linear

$$\text{map given by } f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (u, v) & \mapsto & (2u, -v) \end{cases} .$$

1. Compute the matrix representation A of f relative to the basis B .
2. Show that the vectors $e'_1 = (3, 1)$ and $e'_2 = (5, 2)$ give a new basis B' of \mathbb{R}^2 .
3. Compute the matrix representation A' of f relative to the basis B' by explicitly calculating $f(e'_1)$ and $f(e'_2)$.
4. Compute the transition matrices P and Q between the bases B and B' .
5. Reobtain A' by means of the change of basis formula.
6. Compute the matrices of f^5 relatives to both bases
(**Hint** : Note that $A = PA'P^{-1}$ implies $A^n = PA'^nP^{-1}$).

7. Consider the space \mathbb{R}^3 endowed of the canonical basis B .

1. Show that $u_1 = (2, -1, -2)$, $u_2 = (1, 0, -1)$ and $u_3 = (-2, 1, 3)$ form a basis B' of \mathbb{R}^3 .
2. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear map whose matrix relative to the basis B is
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -6 & 10 \\ -5 & 2 & -5 \\ -12 & 6 & -13 \end{pmatrix} .$$
 Compute the transition matrices between the two bases.
3. Compute the matrix of f relative to the basis B' .

8. Consider four square matrices A, B, C and D of size $n \times n$.

1. Show that $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$.
2. Deduce that the equalities $AC + DB = I_n$ and $CA + BD = 0_n$ cannot hold simultaneously.
3. Let u be any linear map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^n . Deduce that the trace of the matrix of u relative to any basis B is independent of the chosen basis.

9. Express the quadratic form

$$Q(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 4yz - 6xz$$

as a matrix product $v^t A v$, where $v = (x, y, z)^t$ and

- (i) A is a lower triangular matrix;
- (ii) A is a symmetric matrix.

Systems of linear equations and determinants

10. Solve the following systems of linear equations by using the Gauss or the Gauss-Jordan method.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 & x + y + z = 0 \\
 (a) & x + 2y + 3z = 2 \\
 & x + 3y + 4z = 3
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ll}
 & x + 3y - z = 9 \\
 (b) & 3x + 9y - 3z = 27 \\
 & -2x + y - 5z = 10
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 & x + y = 1 \\
 (c) & 2x + y = 2 \\
 & 3x + 2y = 5;
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ll}
 & x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\
 (d) & -2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\
 & -x_3 + x_4 = 0;
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ll}
 & x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 2 \\
 (e) & 2x_1 + 5x_2 + 9x_3 = 1 \\
 & x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 1;
 \end{array}$$

11. In this exercise all matrices will be square.

- Given any matrix M , let M' be the matrix obtained from M by the row operation $L_1 \rightarrow 2L_1 + L_2$. Does the equality $\det(M) = \det(M')$ hold?
- Assume that M and M' are two square matrices of the same size and that there exists $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ such that $Mx = M'x$. Is it true that $\det(M) = \det(M')$? And $\det(M - M') = 0$?
- Assume now that $n = 3$. Is it true that $\det_{\mathcal{B}}(v_1, v_2, v_3) = \det_{\mathcal{B}}(v_2, v_3, v_1)$?
- Let v be an element of an n -dimensional vector space E . If $\det(v_1 + v, v_2, \dots, v_n) = \det(v_1, \dots, v_n)$, is it true that $v \in \text{vect}(v_2, \dots, v_n)$?

12. Compute the determinants of the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 4 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad
 B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad
 C = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad
 D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$a = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}, \quad
 b = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos x & \cos 2x \\ 1 & \cos y & \cos 2y \\ 1 & \cos z & \cos 2z \end{vmatrix} \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

13. We recall the following identity :

$$\det(u, v, w) = u \cdot (v \wedge w) [= v \cdot (w \wedge u) = w \cdot (u \wedge v)].$$

- Give a geometrical interpretation of the quantity $\|v\| \|w\| |\sin \theta|$, where θ is the angle between v and w .
- Deduce that $|\det(u, v, w)| = \text{Vol}(P)$, where P is the parallelepiped generated by u, v and w .
- Under what conditions has this parallelepiped volume 0?

14. Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\text{rank}(A) = 1$.

1. We denote by (C_1, \dots, C_n) the columns of A . Show that $\exists C \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ tq
 $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, C_i = \lambda_i C$.
 2. By making use of an appropriate change of basis, show that $\det(I_n + A) = 1 + \text{tr}(A)$.
- 15.** Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0_n & I_n \\ -I_n & 0_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$.
1. Compute $\det A$.
 2. Let $S \in M_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $S^T A S = A$. Show that S is invertible and that S^T and S^{-1} are similar.