

[1] Find the determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

subtract first column from others

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 9(-6) = \boxed{-54}$$

block triangular

$$\det(A) = \boxed{-54}$$

check:

pull 3 out of first row, subtract multiples from other rows

$$3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-18) = \boxed{-54} \quad \checkmark$$

[2] Find the inverse of the matrix

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

↖ check $AA^{-1} = I$ ✓

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

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[3] Using Cramer's rule, solve for y in the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 1 & 3 \\ c & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \frac{(-5)a + (3)b + (1)c}{(-2)a + (1)b + (1)c}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 1 & 3 \\ c & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 1 & 3 \\ c & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{a \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{a \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-5a + 3b + c}{-2a + b + c}$$

check: $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} 1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} 2 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

pick simple values for x, y, z , solve for a, b, c
to come up with sample solution

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = -3 \\ b = -4 \\ c = -1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow y = 2 \quad y = \frac{-5(-3) + 3(-4) + (-1)}{-2(-3) + (-4) + (-1)} = \frac{2}{1} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

[4] Find the characteristic equation and a system of eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix

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

$$\lambda^2 - \underbrace{\text{trace}(A)}_{2+1} \lambda + \underbrace{\det(A)}_{2-6} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1, 4$$

$$\lambda = -1 : \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda = 4 : \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{check: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lambda^2 + (-3)\lambda + (-4) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -1, 4$$

$$v_1, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

[5] Let $f(n)$ be the determinant of the $n \times n$ matrix in the sequence

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ & \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ -2 & 1 & \\ & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $f(0)$ and $f(1)$. Find a recurrence relation for $f(n)$. Express $f(n)$ using a matrix power. Find $f(8)$.

$$f(n) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & & \\ & f(n-1) & \\ & & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & \\ & 2 & \\ & & f(n-2) \end{vmatrix}$$

(every det term starts
 $\begin{vmatrix} \bullet & \\ & \bullet \end{vmatrix}$ or $\begin{vmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ & \bullet \end{vmatrix}$)

(or use expansion by minors)

$$f(n) = -2f(n-1) - 2f(n-2)$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det = 4 \checkmark$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det = 16 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{matrix} A & \det=2 \\ \begin{bmatrix} f(1) \\ f(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$A^8 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det = 16^2 \checkmark \quad [16 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 16$$

check:

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f(n)	1	-2	2	0	-4	8	-8	0	16

$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ sliding pattern $\checkmark$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1 & f(1) &= -2 \\ f(n) &= (-2)f(n-1) + (-2)f(n-2) \\ \begin{bmatrix} f(n) \\ f(n+1) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \end{bmatrix} \\ f(8) &= 16 \end{aligned}$$