

## ASSIGNMENT #6

**Please do not write your answers on a copy of this assignment.** As with all assignments, there will be conceptual and computational questions. For computational problems you may check your work using any tool you wish; however **you must clearly explain each step that you make in your computation.**

For this assignment I encourage you to work with others; however, you are expected to **submit your own work in your own words.** In addition to the true and false section being graded, I will grade one other problem; this will account for 10 points out of 25. The other 15 will be based on completion. **If you would like feedback on a particular problem, please indicate it somehow.** You must make an honest attempt on each problem for full points on the completion aspect of your grade.

- (1) Find the determinants of the following matrices using cofactor expansion along the row or column of your choice.

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 8000 \\ 11 & 0 & 1 & 121 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 \\ 12 & 0 & 21 & 90 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 23 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) For each of the matrices above, determine which ones represent linear transformations (via multiplication on the left) that are isomorphisms (i.e. bijective functions).

- (2) For each of the following matrices, use row operations to determine their determinants. Use your answers to problem 1 to check your work.

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 8000 \\ 11 & 0 & 1 & 121 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 \\ 12 & 0 & 21 & 90 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 23 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (3) What is the determinant of the  $2 \times 2$  matrix that first rotates vectors 45 degrees about the origin and then scales vectors by a factor of 2.
- (4) Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Answer the following questions.
- Find the determinant of  $A = [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - Find the area of the parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that is determined by  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
  - How do your answers in parts (a) and (b) compare?
- (5) Answer the following questions.
- Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - Using your answers to parts (a) and (b), what do you think the determinant of a  $n \times n$  matrix consisting of only 1's is? Does this agree with your answer on Homework 4 Problem 4(c)?
- (6) Answer the following as true or false. No justification is needed.
- For  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , we have  $\det(A + B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .
  - Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then two rows or two columns are the same, or a row or a column is zero. *Hint:* Consider some concrete examples of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
  - Let  $A$  and  $P$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Assume that  $P$  is invertible. Then,  $\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(A)$ .
  - If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then  $A$  is invertible.
  - If  $A$  is not invertible, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .