

Math 241 – Quiz # 2c

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1. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} -g & -h & -i \\ 7d & 7e & 7f \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$. If $\det(B) = -3$, find $\det(C)$?

$$\begin{aligned} \det(C) &= \begin{vmatrix} -g & -h & -i \\ 7d & 7e & 7f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1} = 7 \begin{vmatrix} -g & -h & -i \\ d & e & f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} = 7(-1) \begin{vmatrix} g & h & i \\ d & e & f \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 7(-1)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 7(-1)(-1) \det(B) \\ &= 7(-1)(-1)(-3) \\ &= -21 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the values of k for which the matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & k \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible.

B is invertible iff $\det(B) \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & k \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & k \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & k \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(3k-2) + 2k \\ &= 6k-4+2k \\ &= 8k-4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B \text{ is invertible} &\iff 8k-4 \neq 0 \\ &\iff k \neq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So, B is invertible for all values of k except $k = \frac{1}{2}$.

3. Consider the following system of linear equations:

$$-2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 4$$

$$-2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = -3$$

Use Cramer's rule to solve for x_1 ?

The coefficients matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2(1) - 3(-1) - 1(3) = -2 + 3 - 3 = \boxed{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 - 3(1) - 2 = \boxed{-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|} = \frac{-4}{-2} = 2$$