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DETERMINANTS: Only for square matrices. A number that is 0 if the matrix has no inverse, and nonzero otherwise. The general formula is complicated, but for small matrices we have

$$\det [a] = a, \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc, \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg).$$

EIGENVALUES: An *eigenvalue* of a matrix A is a non-zero number λ such that $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$, for some vector \vec{x} , called the *eigenvector* of λ . Be careful - not all matrices have eigenvalues or eigenvectors!

1. **Warm up:** Find the determinants of the following matrices.

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3/4 \\ -2 & 7/3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 8 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot [1/3 \quad 1]$$

2. The *rotation matrix* $R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$ rotates any 2-vectors by an angle of θ .

- What is the determinant of the rotation matrix?
- Calculate R^2 .
- Find a matrix S such that $S^2 = R$ (the square root of R). *Hint: think geometrically.*

3. For each function f , find values a such that $f(a) = a$.

$$(a) f(x) = e^x - 1 \quad (b) f(x, y) = (x, 2y - 2) \quad (c) f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Find the eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors and of the following linear maps.

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (c) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. For the matrices in the previous question:

- Draw where the vectors $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 1)$ get taken to and color in the shape (called a *parallelogram*) they bound.
- Find the area of the shape.
- Compare the area of the shape with the determinant of the matrix.

6. Consider a function $\mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & y \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

- Take the derivative with respect to x , then with respect to y .
- For what vectors $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ is the value of the function equal to $ad - bc$?
- Evaluate the derivatives at these values.