

202 Proof Set #2 key

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1. We want to show that if a, b real and $1 < a < b$, then $\frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$.

Suppose it's not the case that $1 < a < b$, i.e. $0 < b < a < 1$. If $a, b \neq 0$

we can divide $b < a$ by $ab > 0$, then $\frac{b}{ab} < \frac{a}{ab} < \frac{1}{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} < \frac{1}{b}$

Therefore, if $1 < a < b$, $\frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$. //

2. To show that the zero vector in a vector space is unique, we will assume it is not unique. Both \vec{u} and \vec{v} are the zero vector. Then

we need to show that $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$. The zero vector is the additive identity

so $\vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x}$. If both \vec{u} and \vec{v} act like the zero vector, then $\vec{x} + \vec{u} = \vec{x}$

and $\vec{x} + \vec{v} = \vec{x}$. Using the property of the additive inverse, we add $-\vec{x}$

to both sides of the equation giving us $\vec{x} + \vec{v} + (-\vec{x}) = \vec{x} + (-\vec{x})$ and

$\vec{x} + \vec{u} + (-\vec{x}) = \vec{x} + (-\vec{x})$ which implies $\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) + \vec{v} = \vec{x} + (-\vec{x})$ and

$\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) + \vec{u} = \vec{x} + (-\vec{x})$ by the property of commutativity. By definition

of the additive inverse we can cancel $\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ which implies

$\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ in both cases. Thus $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$. The zero vector is

not unique. //

3. a. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ and let $C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

if we exchange two rows of A to obtain B Then $B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \det B = a_{21}a_{12} - a_{11}a_{22} = -(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}) \\ = -\det A. //$$

b. if $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ then by definition of the transpose, $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A^T = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}. \quad \text{Since } a_{12}, a_{21} \text{ are real numbers, } a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} =$$

$$a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} = \det A. //$$

$$c. \quad AC = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}c_{11} + a_{12}c_{21} & a_{11}c_{12} + a_{12}c_{22} \\ a_{21}c_{11} + a_{22}c_{21} & a_{21}c_{12} + a_{22}c_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$\det(AC) = (a_{11}c_{11} + a_{12}c_{21})(a_{21}c_{12} + a_{22}c_{22}) - (a_{21}c_{11} + a_{22}c_{21})(a_{11}c_{12} + a_{12}c_{22}) =$$

$$\cancel{a_{11}c_{11}a_{21}c_{12}} + \cancel{a_{11}c_{11}a_{22}c_{22}} + a_{12}c_{21}a_{21}c_{12} + \cancel{a_{12}c_{21}a_{22}c_{22}} - \cancel{a_{21}c_{11}a_{11}c_{12}} -$$

$$a_{21}c_{11}a_{12}c_{22} - \cancel{a_{22}c_{21}a_{11}c_{12}} - \cancel{a_{22}c_{21}a_{12}c_{22}}$$

on the other hand $\det A = (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})$ and $\det C = (c_{11}c_{22} - c_{12}c_{21})$

$$\text{So } \det A \cdot \det C = (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})(c_{11}c_{22} - c_{12}c_{21}) =$$

$$a_{11}a_{22}c_{11}c_{22} - a_{11}a_{22}c_{12}c_{21} - a_{12}a_{21}c_{11}c_{22} + a_{12}a_{21}c_{12}c_{21}$$

after cancelling terms and comparing the remaining ones we find that

$$a_{11}c_{11}a_{22}c_{22} + a_{12}c_{21}a_{21}c_{12} - a_{21}c_{11}a_{12}c_{22} - a_{22}c_{21}a_{11}c_{12} =$$

$$a_{11}a_{22}c_{11}c_{22} + a_{12}a_{21}c_{12}c_{21} - a_{12}a_{21}c_{11}c_{22} - a_{11}a_{22}c_{12}c_{21}$$

$$\text{Thus } \det(AC) = \det A \cdot \det C. //$$

d. first, it's clear from the property above that $\det A^2 = \det(A \cdot A) =$

$$\det A \cdot \det A = (\det A)^2. \text{ So we suppose the property is true for } \det A^k =$$

$$(\det A)^k \text{ and show true for } k+1. \det(A^{k+1}) = \det(A^k \cdot A) = \det(A^k) \cdot \det A =$$

$$(\det A)^k \cdot \det A = (\det A)^{k+1}. \text{ Thus } \det(A^k) = (\det A)^k \text{ is true for all}$$

$k \in \mathbb{N}. //$

e. consider $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $rA = \begin{bmatrix} ra_{11} & ra_{12} \\ ra_{21} & ra_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\det(rA) =$

$$ra_{11}ra_{22} - ra_{12}ra_{21} = r^2 a_{11}a_{22} - r^2 a_{12}a_{21} \text{ by commutativity and associativity}$$

$$\text{of real #'s and by the distributive property we have } r^2(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) = r^2 \det A.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \det(rA) = r^2 \det A. //$$