

6. exercise sheet for Engineering Mathematics



6.1. (Determinants and areas)

(4 credits)

Consider the shape \mathscr{T} enclosed by connecting the following 20 points \vec{x} in their given order with line segments and connecting back to the starting point:



(\mathscr{T} is the hatched region drawn above.) Let *A* be the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Let \mathscr{T}' be the shape obtained by repeating the above construction of \mathscr{T} , but with each of the above points \vec{x} replaced by $A\vec{x}$.

(a) Sketch \mathcal{T}' in the above coordinate system.

(Hint: to get a reasonably accurate figure, you need only compute $A\vec{x}$ for three choices of \vec{x} , and certainly not all 20. Do not try to be accurate to every millimetre, but do try to produce an adequate sketch. Please use a ruler, but do not invest more than 10 minutes on the drawing itself.)

Please submit your solutions during the next lecture (22.11.2023).

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(b) Suppose that you knew that the area of \mathcal{T} equals 10.0826 (approximately). Find the area of \mathcal{T}' .



(Hint: recall § 3.2.5 from the lecture notes. Again, the computational effort here should be rather low and should certainly not involve computing all of the points $A\vec{x}$.)

6.2. (Finding certain linear maps) (4 credits) Find a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ such that the associated linear map $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $\vec{v} \mapsto A\vec{v}$, maps the parallelogram

onto the unit square $\Box = [0,1] \times [0,1]$, i.e., $f(\Box) \coloneqq \{f(\vec{v}) : \vec{v} \in \Box\} = \Box$:



(Hint: it may be easier to find a matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ such that the associated linear map maps \Box onto \Box . One may then take $A = B^{-1}$.)

6.3. (Gram determinants)

(4 credits)

(*Gram determinants*) (4 credits) Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ and the associated linear map $f : \mathbb{R}^1 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $v \mapsto Av$.

- (a) Sketch the image im $f = \{f(v) : v \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ of f below.
- (b) In your above sketch, mark the part of im f that is $\{f(v): 0 \le v \le 1\}$ and determine its length L.
- (c) Compute $\sqrt{\det(A^{T}A)}$ and $\sqrt{\det(AA^{T})}$.



(b) Length L =(c) $\sqrt{\det(A^{\mathrm{T}}A)} =$ $\sqrt{\det(AA^{T})} =$

6.4. (Gram determinants)

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The following exercise illustrates how one may use linear algebra to find curves to data (see § 3.2.6 of the lecture notes for more background information, but reading it is not strictly necessary for solving this exercise). Consider the matrix *A* and the vector \vec{b} given below:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 11/12 \\ 1 \\ 11/4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4.$$

(a) Solve the system of linear equations $A^{T}A\vec{x} \stackrel{!}{=} A^{T}\vec{b}$ for $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.



(b) With your solution \vec{x} from above, sketch the graph of the affine map $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $t \mapsto x_1 + x_2 t$, below:



(c) Using the function f from the previous exercise, compute

$$\mathcal{E}_{f} := (1 - f(-1))^{2} + (11/12 - f(0))^{2} + (1 - f(2))^{2} + (11/4 - f(4))^{2}. \quad (\star)$$
$$\mathcal{E}_{f} = \boxed{\qquad}.$$

(Hint: the final solution may look slightly ugly, but it is roughly 0.7.)

(d) Pick a vector $(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ other than \vec{x} and compute the quantity in (*) with f replaced by $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $t \mapsto y_1 + y_2 t$. Also sketch the graph of g in the figure in (b).

$$\mathcal{E}_g =$$
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