

1. Prove that a list of vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors is a linear combination of the others.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Suppose  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_p$  are linearly dependent vectors.

Then, there exist scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ , not all zero, such that

$$c_1\bar{v}_1 + c_2\bar{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\bar{v}_p = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Without loss of generality, take  $c_1 \neq 0$

$$\therefore c_1\bar{v}_1 = -c_2\bar{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\bar{v}_p$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = (-c_1^{-1}c_2)\bar{v}_2 + (-c_1^{-1}c_3)\bar{v}_3 + \dots + (-c_1^{-1}c_p)\bar{v}_p$$

i.e.,  $\bar{v}_1$  is a linear combination of the other vectors.

CONVERSE:

Suppose,  $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_p$  is a list of vectors where at least one vector is a linear combination of the others.

$$\text{Let, } \bar{v}_p = c_1\bar{v}_1 + c_2\bar{v}_2 + \dots + c_{p-1}\bar{v}_{p-1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for some scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{p-1}$ .

$$(2) \Rightarrow c_1\bar{v}_1 + c_2\bar{v}_2 + \dots + c_{p-1}\bar{v}_{p-1} + (-1)\bar{v}_p = 0$$

In the above expression, coefficient of  $\bar{v}_p$  is  $-1 \neq 0$ .

$\therefore$  By definition, the list is linearly dependent.

- (2)
2. Show that if  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of the vector space  $V$ , then  $U+W = \{\bar{u}+\bar{w} : \bar{u} \in U, \bar{w} \in W\}$  is also a subspace of  $V$ . Furthermore, show that  $U+W$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  that contains both  $U$  and  $W$ .

Sol: Test for subspaces:

i) zero vector must lie in the subspace -

$$0 \in \bar{u}, 0 \in \bar{w}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 0 + 0 \in U+W$$

ie,  $0$  vector lies in  $U+W$ .

ii) Closure under addition -

Suppose  $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2 \in U+W$

$$\text{Then, } \bar{v}_1 = \bar{u}_1 + \bar{w}_1 \quad \text{, where } \bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2 \in U$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = \bar{u}_2 + \bar{w}_2 \quad \bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2 \in W$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2 &= (\bar{u}_1 + \bar{w}_1) + (\bar{u}_2 + \bar{w}_2) \\ &= (\bar{u}_1 + \bar{u}_2) + (\bar{w}_1 + \bar{w}_2) \\ &= \bar{u}_3 + \bar{w}_3 \quad \text{, where } \bar{u}_3 \in U, \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \bar{w}_3 \in W \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2 \in U+W$$

iii) Closure under scalar multiplication -

Let  $c$  be a scalar

$$\begin{aligned} c\bar{v}_1 &= c(\bar{u}_1 + \bar{w}_1) \\ &= c\bar{u}_1 + c\bar{w}_1 \\ &= \bar{u}_4 + \bar{w}_4 \quad \bar{u}_4 = c\bar{u}_1 \in U \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \bar{w}_4 = c\bar{w}_1 \in W \\ \therefore c\bar{v}_1 &\in U+W \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the three properties,  $U+W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

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Let,  $X$  be a subspace of  $V$  that contains both  $U$  and  $W$   
 i.e.,  $U \subseteq X$  and  $W \subseteq X$ .

Let  $\bar{v} = \bar{u} + \bar{w}$  be any element of  $U+W$

Then,  $\bar{u} \in X$  and  $\bar{w} \in X$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u} + \bar{w} \in X$$

$$\therefore U+W \subseteq X$$

Since,  $U+W$  is contained in  $X$ , hence  $U+W$  is the smallest  
 subspace containing both  $U$  and  $W$ .

3. Given any two  $m \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , prove that  
 $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$ .

Soln

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(A+B) &= \dim \{\text{col}(A+B)\} \\ &= \dim \{\text{col}(A)\}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given, } (A+B)x &= Ax + Bx \\ \therefore \text{col}(A+B) &\subseteq \text{col}(A) + \text{col}(B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{rank}(A+B) &= \dim \{\text{col}(A+B)\} \\ &= \dim \{\text{col}(A)\} + \dim \{\text{col}(B)\} - \dim \{\text{col}(A \cap B)\} \\ &\leq \dim \{\text{col}(A)\} + \dim \{\text{col}(B)\} \\ &= \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B).\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B).$$

4. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of an invertible matrix  $A$ , show that  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .

Soln Since  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ,

$$\exists \bar{x} \text{ st. } A\bar{x} = \lambda\bar{x} \quad (\bar{x} \neq 0)$$

Since  $A$  is invertible,

$$A^{-1}A\bar{x} = \cancel{A^{-1}\bar{x}} A^{-1}\lambda\bar{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \lambda(A^{-1}\bar{x})$$

Now,  $\lambda \neq 0$  (since  $A$  is invertible)

$$\therefore \lambda^{-1}\bar{x} = A^{-1}\bar{x}$$

Hence,  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .

5.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5)

(a) Find the SVD of A.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues of  $A^T A \rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 6$$

eigenvectors:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) \bar{x}_1 = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 I) \bar{x}_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore \bar{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \bar{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{orthonormal} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\therefore V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

(in decreasing order of eigenvalues)

Similarly,

$$A A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues of  $A A^T$  are  $\rightarrow 0, 0, 2, 6$

eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ :

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$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{orthonormal} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 6$ :

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

$$\therefore \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{orthonormalize} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{orthonormalize} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also,  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (nonzero eigenvalues of  $AA^T$  and  $A^TA$   
arranged in descending order)

$$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$U \quad \Sigma \quad V^T$

(b). Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A$  and  $\text{Row } A$ .

Soln  $\text{rank}(A) = r = 2$

Basis for  $\text{Col } A = \{\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2\} = \{\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_3\}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \\ x_{14} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Basis for  $\text{Row } A = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_4\} = \{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2\}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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(c) Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$  and  $\text{Nul } A^T$ .

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Nul } A = \{ \bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n \}$$

$$= \emptyset$$

$\therefore$  Null space of  $A$  does not exist

$$[A = U \Sigma V^T]$$

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Nul } A^T = \{ \bar{u}_m, \dots, \bar{u}_n \}$$

$$= \{ \bar{u}_3, \bar{u}_4 \}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{u}_{12} \\ -\bar{u}_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2/\sqrt{6} \\ \bar{u}_{12} \\ \bar{u}_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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6/ Find the Hessian of the function

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^4 + (x_1+x_2)^2 + (x_1+x_3)^2.$$

Is the Hessian PSD?

Sol:-

$$\frac{\nabla f}{\nabla x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_1^3 + 2(x_1+x_2) + 2(x_1+x_3) \\ 2(x_1+x_2) \\ 2(x_1+x_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 12x_1^2 + 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

H will be PSD if and only if the determinants of all the leading principal minors are non-negative.

$$|H_1| = 12x_1^2 + 4 > 0$$

$$|H_2| = \begin{vmatrix} 12x_1^2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 12x_1^2 \geq 0$$

$$|H_3| = \begin{vmatrix} 12x_1^2 + 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (12x_1^2 + 4)4 - 2 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 4 = 48x_1^2 \geq 0$$

Hence, the Hessian is PSD.

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7. Show from the eigenvalues that if  $A$  is positive definite,  
so are  $A^T$  and  $A^{-1}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup> If  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\bar{x}$ ,  
then  $A^{-1}$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda^{-1}$  corresponding to the same eigenvector  $\bar{x}$ .

Since  $A$  is ~~PDS~~ PD

$$\lambda > 0 \quad (\text{for all eigenvalues of } A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^{-1} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  all eigenvalues of  $A^{-1}$  are  $> 0$

$\Rightarrow A^{-1}$  is PD.

If  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$  corresponding to eigenvector  $\bar{x}$ ,

$A^T$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$  corresponding to same eigenvector  $\bar{x}$ .

Since  $A$  is PD,

$$\lambda > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  all eigenvalues of  $A^T$  are  $> 0$

$\Rightarrow A^T$  is PD.

8) Prove that if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  square matrix, then

$$|A| = \pm \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n.$$

Soln: Let,  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  be a singular value decomposition of  $A$ .

$$\text{Then, } |A| = |\Omega| |\Sigma| |V^T|$$

Since  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices,

$$|\Omega| = \pm 1 \text{ and } |V^T| = 1$$

$$\therefore |A| = \pm |\Sigma|$$

Since  $\Sigma$  is square, it must be diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  (singular values of  $A$ ).

$$\therefore |\Sigma| = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \pm \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n.$$

9. For what values of  $k$ , will the following matrix be PD?

$$\text{(a)} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -4 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln: A  $2 \times 2$  real symmetric matrix is positive definite if and only if its diagonal entries are positive and if its determinant is positive.

$$\therefore k > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } |A| = 2k - 16 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k > 8$$

Hence,  $\boxed{k > 8}$ .

(b)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 5 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Soln: A can never be positive definite, since it has a negative diagonal entry -2.

10. Suppose that A and B are positive definite matrices. Show that

(a).  $A+B$  is positive definite.

Soln: Since A and B are positive definite,

$$\bar{x}^T A \bar{x} > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\bar{x}^T B \bar{x} > 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow \bar{x}^T (A+B) \bar{x} > 0$$

Hence  $A+B$  is positive definite.

(b).  $kA$  is positive definite, for  $k>0$ .

Soln:

$$\bar{x}^T A \bar{x} > 0$$

$$\therefore k \bar{x}^T A \bar{x} > 0 \quad (k>0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}^T (kA) \bar{x} > 0$$

Hence,  $kA$  is positive definite.

11) If  $A \in M_m$  be self-adjoint. Show that

$$U = (\mathbb{I} - iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA)^{-1}$$
 is unitary.

Sol:

$$U = (\mathbb{I} - iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} UH &= ((\mathbb{I} + iA)^{-1})^H (\mathbb{I} - iA)^H \\ &= (\mathbb{I} - iA^H)(\mathbb{I} + iA^H) \\ &= (\mathbb{I} - iA)^{-1}(\mathbb{I} + iA) \end{aligned}$$

$[A = A^H \text{ (self-adjoint)}]$

$$\therefore UHU = (\mathbb{I} - iA)^{-1}(\mathbb{I} + iA)(\mathbb{I} - iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA)^{-1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{cases} (\mathbb{I} + iA)(\mathbb{I} - iA) = \mathbb{I} + A^2 \\ (\mathbb{I} - iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA) = \mathbb{I} + A^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (\mathbb{I} + iA)(\mathbb{I} - iA) \text{ can be commuted}$$

$$\therefore (1) \Rightarrow UHU = (\mathbb{I} - iA)^{-1}(\mathbb{I} - iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA)(\mathbb{I} + iA)^{-1}$$

$$= \mathbb{I}$$

Hence,  $U$  is unitary!

12) Let  $m \leq n$ ,  $A \in M_m$ ,  $B \in M_m$ ,  $Y \in M_{m,n}$  and  $Z \in M_{n,n}$ . Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible. Show that  $A+YBZ$  is invertible if and only if  $B^{-1} + ZA^{-1}Y$  is invertible. Moreover,

$$(A+YBZ)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}Y(B^{-1} + ZA^{-1}Y)^{-1}ZA^{-1}$$

Sol:

$$P + PB P = P(\mathbb{I} + PB) = (\mathbb{I} + PB)P$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}P = P(\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1} \Rightarrow P(\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}P^{-1}$$

$$= P[\mathbb{I} - (\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}PB]$$

$$= P[\mathbb{I} - (\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}BP]P^{-1}$$

$$= [P - P(\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}BP]P^{-1}$$

$$\therefore (\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1} = \mathbb{I} - P(\mathbb{I} + PB)^{-1}B \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } (A+YBZ)^{-1} &= ((I + YBZ^{-1}A)^{-1})^{-1} \\
 &= A^{-1} (I + YBZ^{-1})^{-1} \\
 &= A^{-1} [I - YB(I + ZA^{-1}YB)^{-1}ZA^{-1}] \quad (\text{from (1)}) \\
 &= A^{-1} - A^{-1}YB(I + ZA^{-1}YB)^{-1}ZA^{-1} \\
 &= A^{-1} - A^{-1}Y[(I + ZA^{-1}YB)B^{-1}]^{-1}ZA^{-1} \\
 \therefore (A+YBZ)^{-1} &= A^{-1} - A^{-1}Y(B^{-1} + ZA^{-1}Y)^{-1}ZA^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since, the computation of  $(A+YBZ)^{-1}$  involves the computation of  $(B^{-1} + ZA^{-1}Y)^{-1}$ , hence  $(A+YBZ)$  is invertible if and only if  $(B^{-1} + ZA^{-1}Y)$  is invertible.

13). The  $n \times n$  Pascal matrix is defined as

$$P_{ij} = \binom{i+j-2}{j-1} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n)$$

What is the determinant?

Sol: The  $3 \times 3$  Pascal matrix is

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The LU decomposition of  $A_3$  yields

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly for the  $4 \times 4$  Pascal matrix,

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalizing the above matrices,

$$P = L \cdot U$$

$$\text{where, } P_{ij} = {}^{i+j-2}C_{j-1}$$

$$L_{ij} = {}^{i-1}C_{j-1}$$

$$U_{ij} = {}^{j-1}C_{j-1}$$

Hence, each element  $P_{ij}$  of  $P$  can be written as -

$$P_{ij} = {}^{i+j-2}C_{j-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left\{ {}^{i-1}C_k \times {}^{j-1}C_{k+1} \right\}$$

which is a proven theorem.

Hence, every Pascal matrix can be decomposed into a lower triangular and an upper triangular matrix with diagonal elements = 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |P_{ij}| &= |L| \times |U| \\ &= \left\{ \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} {}^{i-1}C_k \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} {}^{j-1}C_{k+1} \right\} \\ &\approx 1 \times 1 \\ &\approx 1. \end{aligned}$$