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Assignment No: 2

Linear Algebra

Q1 :- what is determinant of a Matrix?

The determinant is a special number that can be calculated from a matrix.

The matrix has to be square. The determinant helps us to find the inverse of a matrix, tells us things about the matrix that are useful in systems of linear equations, calculus and more.

For  $n \geq 2$  the determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is the sum of  $n$  terms of the form  $\pm a_{ij} \det A_{ij}$ , with plus and minus signs alternating, where the entries  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}$  are from the first row of  $A$ . In symbols,

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= a_{11} \det A_{11} - a_{12} \det A_{12} + \dots + (-1)^{1n} a_{1n} \det A_{1n} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} \det A_{1j} \end{aligned}$$

QNo: 2: What are the properties of a determinant? Explain each property with the help of an example?

# Properties of Determinants

## ● Row Operations:

Let  $A$  be a square matrix:

- 1: If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .

Example:-

$$\text{let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Add 2 times row 1 to row 2. This will give matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \det B \\ (4 - 6) &= 8 - 10 \\ -2 &= -2 \quad (\text{Proved}). \end{aligned}$$

- 2: If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = -\det A$ .

let,

Example:-

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

after interchanging row 1 and row 2.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\det A &= +\det B \\ (4 - 6) &= (6 - 4) \\ -2 &= 2 \quad (\text{Proved}) \end{aligned}$$



3. If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = k \cdot \det A$ .

Example:-

$$\text{let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

multiply row 1 by  $k=3$  to get  $B$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= k \cdot \det(A) \\ ((12) - 18) &= 4 - 6 \\ -6 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$3(-2)$$

$$3 \cdot \det A$$

(Proved)

### ● Column Operations:-

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix then  $\det A^T = \det A$

Example:-

$$\text{let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A^T &= \det A \\ (1 \times 4) - (3 \times 2) &= (1 \times 4) - (3 \times 2) \\ 4 - 6 &= 4 - 6 \\ -2 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

(Proved)

● Multiplicative Property:-

If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrix then  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$ .

Example:-

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 20 \\ 14 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det AB = (\det A) \det(B)$$

$$(25 \times 13) - (20 \times 14) = (12 - 3) (8 - 3)$$

$$325 - 280 = 9 \times 5$$

$$45 = 45 \quad \text{--- (Proved)}$$

● A linearity property of a determinant:-

Suppose  $A = [a_1 \dots a_j \dots a_n]$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with column  $a_1, a_j, a_n$ . Suppose one column say  $a_j$  is replaced by a variable column  $x$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let,  $T(x) = \det[a_1, x, a_n]$ .  $T(x)$  is a number

So,  $x \rightarrow T(x)$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$T$  is a linear transformation, this means:-

(i)  $T(cx) = cT(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c$ .

(ii)  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$  for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$



(ii) is true because of a property we already know about how factoring a number out of a column effects the determinant.

$$\begin{aligned}T(cx) &= \det [a_1 \dots cx \dots a_n] \\&= c \det [a_1 \dots x \dots a_n] \\&= c T(x)\end{aligned}$$

Example:-

let,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  replace column 2 by a variable vector  $x$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$T(x) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 3 \\ 4 & x_2 & 6 \\ 7 & x_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

multiplying a scalar with 2nd column.

$$T(x) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2x_1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2x_2 & 6 \\ 7 & 2x_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 3 \\ 4 & x_2 & 6 \\ 7 & x_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2 T(x) \quad (\text{Proved})$$

$$= c T(x)$$

(ii) is checked by expanding the determinants for  $T(x+y)$ ,  $T(x)$  and  $T(y)$  down the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column.

Example:-

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ replace column 2 by}$$

variable  
a vector  $x$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$T(x) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 7 \\ 2 & x_2 & 8 \\ 3 & x_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since,  $T$  is linear:

$$T(x+y) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1+y_1 & 7 \\ 2 & x_2+y_2 & 8 \\ 3 & x_3+y_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 7 \\ 2 & x_2 & 8 \\ 3 & x_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y_1 & 7 \\ 2 & y_2 & 8 \\ 3 & y_3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= T(x) + T(y) \quad (\text{Proved})$$