

# Lecture - 16

30-07

## Methods to find out determinants:

(i) The Pivot formula  $\rightarrow$  (most useful among 3)

(ii) The big formula

(iii) The co-factor formula

### (i) The pivot formula -

$\rightarrow$  We need to first perform elimination to make  $A = LU$  form

$$\rightarrow \text{then, } \det A = (\det U) (\det L) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ U = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & x & x \\ 0 & d_2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right. \text{forms of } L \text{ and } U$$

$$= \pm (d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot \dots \cdot d_n)$$

(elements in diagonal are one)  $\downarrow$  property vii

$$= \pm (d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot \dots \cdot d_n)$$

$\downarrow$  single row exchange can cause sign to be (+ve) or (-ve)

Example: Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Upper triangular} \\ \text{matrix after} \\ \text{row exchange and} \\ \text{elimination} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \det(A) = -(1 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7) = -42$$

Example-2:

Suppose  $B = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & y & y & y \\ y & x & y & y & y \\ y & y & x & y & y \\ y & y & y & x & y \\ y & y & y & y & x \end{vmatrix}$

Performing,  $R_1 = R_1 + \dots + R_5$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x+4y & x+4y & x+4y & x+4y & x+4y \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x+4y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ y & x & y & y & y \\ y & y & x & y & y \\ y & y & y & x & y \\ y & y & y & y & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, we transpose the matrix since

$$\det(A) = \det(A^T)$$



$$= (x+4y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y & y & y \\ 1 & x & y & y & y \\ 1 & y & x & y & y \\ 1 & y & y & x & y \\ 1 & y & y & y & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Performing  $(R_2 = R_2 - R_1)$ ,  $(R_3 = R_3 - R_1)$ ,  $(R_4 = R_4 - R_1)$  and  $(R_5 = R_5 - R_1)$ , we get,

$$(x+4y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y & y & y \\ 0 & x-y & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x-y & x-y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x-y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x-y \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{(Upper triangular matrix is derived)}$$

$$\therefore \det(B) = (x+4y)(1)(x-y)(x-y)(x-y)(x-y) \\ = (x+4y)(x-y)^4$$

In this way determinant of any matrix can be found using elimination and converting it to an upper triangular matrix.

(ii) The big formula:

For  $a_{ij}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

In this case we find determinant directly from  $a_{ij}$ .

Now, for a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \cancel{0} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\downarrow$  [ $\because$  A single column is zero]

$$= ad + (-) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= ad - bc \quad [\text{Diagonal property of determinants}]$$



As we can see, based on the number of combinations, there will be  $n!$  terms. So, for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix there will be  $3! = 6$  terms.

But if  $n$  is too high, say 11, the terms will be very high ( $11! = 40$  million terms).

### (iii) Determinant by co-factors:

→ In this element we find the sum of the elements of a row multiplied to their co-factors.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \textcircled{a_{11}} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & \boxed{a_{22} \ a_{23}} \\ a_{31} & \boxed{a_{32} \ a_{33}} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \textcircled{a_{12}} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \boxed{a_{23}} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \boxed{a_{33}} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \textcircled{a_{13}} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $c_{11} \quad c_{12} \quad c_{13}$

$$\therefore \det(A) = a_{11}c_{11} + a_{12}c_{12} + a_{13}c_{13}$$

$$= a_{21}c_{21} + a_{22}c_{22} + a_{23}c_{23} \quad (\text{same for other rows})$$

$$\approx a_{11}c_{11} + \cancel{a_{12}c_{12}} + \dots + a_{1n}c_{1n} \quad (\text{for } n \text{ terms columns})$$

General formula for co-factors would be

$$(-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij}) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} i = \text{row no.} \\ j = \text{col no.} \end{array} \right|$$

For example  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= (-1)^3 (36 - 42)$   
 $= 6$

For a larger matrix, we need to find individual cofactors, of the smaller matrices.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 14 & 15 & 16 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 15 & 16 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 16 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 \end{vmatrix}$$

Then each particular determinant is found.

This is a lengthy process.

Example:

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x & y \\ y & 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Transposing A, we get,



$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & 0 & 0 & y \\ y & x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x c_{11} + 0 \cdot c_{12} + 0 \cdot c_{13} + 0 \cdot c_{14} + y c_{15}$$

$$= x(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ y & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y & x \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+5} y \begin{vmatrix} y & x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x(x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x) + y(y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y)$$

$$= x^5 + y^5$$

False expansion theorem -

If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $i \neq k$ , then

$$a_{i1}c_{k1} + a_{i2}c_{k2} + \dots + a_{in}c_{kn} = 0.$$

For example, in case of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A = a c_{11} + b c_{12} = ad + b(-c) = ad - bc$$

~~but,  $c_{11} =$~~

Now, instead of taking the first row, we take the second row.

$$\Rightarrow -c \cdot d + d(c) \quad \begin{bmatrix} d = c_{11} \\ c = c_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

We took a different row but used co-factors of first row.

$$\text{Then, } = cd - cd$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore a_{21} c_{11} + a_{22} c_{12} = 0$$

Proof: Previously,

$$a_{11} c_{11} + a_{12} c_{12} + \dots = \det(A)$$

Generalizing,  $a_{i1} c_{k1} + \dots + a_{in} c_{kn} = \det(A)$  [when  $i=k$ ]



Now, another matrix  $B$  is produced by swapping  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $k^{\text{th}}$  row.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{12} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k1} & \dots & a_{kn} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & a_{in} \\ a_{k1} & \dots & a_{kn} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

same rows

$[i^{\text{th}} \text{ row} = k^{\text{th}} \text{ row}]$

Since, two rows are same,

$$\det(B) = 0.$$

$$\therefore \det(B) = a_{i1}c_{k1} + a_{i2}c_{k2} + \dots + a_{in}c_{kn} = 0 \quad (\text{proved}).$$

$$\det A = a_i^T c_i^T$$

$$0 = a_i^T c_k^T \quad [i \neq k]$$

From these two  $(A (A^T A)^T)_{ii} = a_i^T a_i^T$

$$(A (A^T A)^T)_{ik} = 0 \quad [i \neq k]$$

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

co-factor  
~~coeff~~  $A = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

$$A (\text{co-fact } A)^T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{diagonal elements only remain})$$

$$\therefore A (\text{co-fact } A)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \det A & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \det A & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \det A & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \det A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ identity matrix

$$\therefore A (\text{co-fact } A)^T = (\det A) I$$



So, if  $A$  is an invertible matrix i.e.  $\det A \neq 0$

$$A \cdot \frac{1}{\det A} (\text{coff } A^T) = I = A A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} (\text{coff } A)^T}$$

Formula to find inverse.

Q:  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 & -5 \\ 9 & 8 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is  $B^{-1}$ ?

$$\text{co-f } B = \begin{bmatrix} 46 & -33 & 50 \\ 27 & -48 & -47 \\ 1 & 47 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \det B = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32}$$

$$\therefore \det B = 46 \times 7 + (-33) \times 1 + 2 \times 50 \\ = 389$$

$$\therefore B^{-1} = \frac{1}{389} (\text{cof } B)^T = \frac{1}{389} \begin{bmatrix} 46 & -33 & 50 \\ 27 & -48 & -47 \\ -1 & 47 & -18 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{389} \begin{bmatrix} 46 & 27 & -1 \\ -33 & -48 & 47 \\ 50 & -47 & -18 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Ans.)}$$