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Assignment # 2

What is Determinant? Write it properly with examples..?

Define:-

The determinant is a scalar value that is a function of entries of a square matrix. In particular the determinant is non-zero if and only if the matrix is invertible. The determinant of a matrix A is denoted by $\det(A)$, $\det A$ or $|A|$.

Example:-

In case of 2×2 matrix the determinant can be defined as

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= ad - bc$$

Properties of Determinant:

The properties of determinant are given below:

1.

If any two rows (or columns) of a determinant are interchanged then sign of determinant changes.

Example:

If a matrix of 3×3 , then.

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(2-8) - 2(3-20) + 4(6-10)$$

$$|A| = 12$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Interchange (Row 2) with (Row 3),

$$|A'| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(8-2) - 2(20-3) + 4(10-6)$$

$$= 6 - 34 + 16$$

$$= -12$$

So, it is proved that

$$|A| = -|A'|$$

2.

If all elements of a row (or column) are zero, then determinant is 0.

Example:

$$= |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 2(0) + 5(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0$$

So, it is proved by a above matrix, the determinant of any zero row or column is zero.

3.

The value of the determinant remains unchanged if its rows and columns are interchanged.

Example:

$$|A^T| = |A|$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 8 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|A^T| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|A| = (2 \times 0) - (8 \times 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 40$$

$$|A| \Rightarrow -40$$

$$|A^T| = (2 \times 0) - (5 \times 8)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 40$$

$$|A^T| \Rightarrow -40$$

Hence, it is proved in above example that

$$|A| = |A^T|$$

4.

If elements of a row or column of a determinant are expressed as sum of two (or more) terms, then the determinant can be expressed as sum of two (or more) determinants.

Example:

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+2x & b+2y & c+2z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2x & 2y & 2z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

As we see in above example, if two rows and columns are same then determinant will be zero.
So,

$$|A| = 0 + 2(0)$$

$$|A| = 0$$

5.

If in a determinant all the elements above or below the diagonal are zero, then value of determinant is equal to product of diagonal elements.

Example:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & i \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ d & e & 0 \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a \times e \times i$$

6.

If any two rows (or columns) of a determinant are identical, the value of determinant is zero.

Example -

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

A_1, R_1 and R_3 has same values
So,

$$|A| = 5(0-8) - 2(8-5) + 8(2-0)$$

$$= 5(-8) - 2(3) + 8(2)$$

$$= -40 - 6 + 16$$

$$|A| = 0$$

So, it is proved that the
determinant of a matrix is
zero which has same rows
or column.

7.

If each element of a row
(or a column) of a determinant
is multiplied by a constant
 k , then determinant's value
get multiplied by k .

Example :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(0-6) - 4(5-4) + 6(3-0)$$

$$\Rightarrow -12 - 4 + 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 2$$

R.H.S :

$$|A| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[1(0-6) - 2(5-4) + 3(3-0)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[-6 - 2 + 9]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[-8 + 9]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[1]$$

$$|A| \Rightarrow 2$$

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Hence, in above example, it
is proved.