

# Determinants

- $A_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ . The determinant of  $A$  is  

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \cdot C_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$$

o cofactor  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij})$

o Minor of  $a_{ij} : \det(M_{ij})$

$M_{ij} : \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  (remove the column  $j$  and row  $i$ )

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $\det(A)$

$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

$= 16 - 0 + 0 - (-2) + 3 - 36$

$= -15$

$\det(A) = 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$= 2 \cdot 8 - (-2 - 3) - 36$

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- Properties,  $A_{n \times n}$

o  $\det$  is linear. (Multilinear)

$\det(\lambda A + \mu B, A^2, \dots, A^n) = \lambda \det(A^1, \dots, A^n) + \mu \det(B, \dots, A^n)$

o if  $A_i = A_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $\det(A) = 0$  (Alternating)

o  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\det(I_n) = 1$ .

Use induction,  $I_1 = 1$ ,  $I_2 = 1 \dots I_{n-1} = 1$ ,  $I_n = 1$

o  $j, k \in [1, n]$ ,  $j \neq k$ , interchange column  $j, k$ ,  $\det$  change by sign.

o Add a scalar multiple of one column to another,  $\det$  doesn't change.

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

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•  $A$  is invertible if  $\det(A) \neq 0$

•  $A$  is triangular  $n \times n$ ,  $\det(A)$  is the product of the terms along the diagonal.

•  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ ,  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices

• Let  $A$  be a square matrix

◦ If  $A$  has a row or column of zeros, then  $\det(A) = 0$

◦ If  $A$  has two identical rows or columns, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

## 5.2 Properties of the Determinant

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- Theorem 5.13.  $A_{n \times n}$

Interchange two rows of  $A$ :  $\det(A) \Rightarrow -\det(A)$

Multiply one row of  $A$  by  $c$ ,  $\det(A) \Rightarrow c\det(A)$

Add a multiple of one row of  $A$  to another  $\Rightarrow \det(A)$  doesn't change.

- Theorem 5.12  $A_{n \times n}, B_{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$

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

o Theorem.  $E_{n \times n}, B_{n \times n}$ ,  $E$  is elementary.  $\det(EB) = \det(E)\det(B)$ .

Proof. 1°  $E$  is for interchange rows:  $\det(E) = \det(I_n) = -1$

$$\therefore \det(EB) = \det(E) \cdot \det(B)$$

2°  $E$  is to multiply one row,  $\det(E) = \det(cI_n) = c$

$$\det(E) \cdot \det(B) = \det(EB)$$

3°  $E$  is to add scalar multiple,  $\det(E) = \det(I_n)$

$$\therefore \det(E) = \det(E) \cdot \det(B)$$

o Proof. 1°  $A$  is non invertible.

$$\therefore \det(AB) = 0 = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$$

2°  $A$  is invertible

$$\therefore A = (E_k \dots E_1)^{-1} = E_k^{-1} \dots E_1^{-1} \quad (\text{Because can be } I \text{ after } \times \text{ inverse})$$

$$\therefore \det(AB) = \det(E_k^{-1} \dots E_1^{-1} B)$$

$$= \det(E_k^{-1}) \cdot \det(E_{k-1}^{-1} \dots E_1^{-1} B)$$

$$= \dots = \det(E_k^{-1} \dots E_1^{-1}) \cdot \det(B)$$

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

- $A_{n \times n}$ , invertible. Then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$

$$\det(AA^{-1}) = 1 = \det(A) \cdot \det(A^{-1})$$

- Let  $P$  be a partitioned  $n \times n$  matrix of form

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where  $A, D$  are square block matrices.  $\det(P) = \det(A) \det(D)$