

Bachelor of Computer Application

Computational Mathematics

LECTURE 20 NOTES

Determinants





Determinants

 Every square matrix can be associated to an expression or a number which is known as its determinant. If A= [a_{ij}] is a square matrix of order n, then the determinant of A is denoted by det A or, |A| or,

Remarks:

- (i) For matrix A, | A| is read as determinant of A and not modulus of A.
- (ii) Only square matrices have determinants.

Determinant of a Matrix of Order One

- Let A = [a] be the matrix of order 1, then determinant of A is defined to be equal to 'a'
- Determinant of a Matrix of Order Two

Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
 be a matrix of order 2×2 ,

then the determinant of A is defined as:

$$det(A) = |A| = \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{12} - a_{21}a_{12}$$

EXAMPLES:

• **Example 1:** Evaluate
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution: We have
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(2)-4(-1) = 4+4 = 8.$$

Example 2: Evaluate
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x+1 \\ x-1 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution: We have
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x+1 \\ x-1 & x \end{vmatrix} = x(x) - (x+1)(x-1) = x^2 - (x^2-1) = x^2 - x^2 + 1 = 1$$

Example 3: Evaluate
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:
$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \times 3 - 4 \times -2 = 15 + 8 = 23$$

Example 4: Evaluate
$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta \\ -\cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

■ Solution:
$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin\theta & \cos\theta \\ -\cos\theta & \sin\theta \end{vmatrix} = \sin^2\theta - (-\cos^2\theta) = \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

Example 5: Evaluat
$$\begin{vmatrix} x-1 & 1 \\ e^{x^3} & x^2+x+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution:
$$\begin{vmatrix} x-1 & 1 \\ x^3 & x^2+x+1 \end{vmatrix} = (x-1)(x^2+x+1)-x^3=(x^3-1)-x^3=-1$$

• Determinant of a Matrix of Order 3 × 3



- Determinant of a matrix of order three can be determined by expressing it in terms of second order determinants. This is known as expansion of a determinant along a row (or a column). There are six ways of expanding a determinant of order 3 corresponding to each of three rows (R₁, R₂ and R₃) and three columns (C₁, C₂ and C₃) giving the same value as shown below.
- Consider the determinant of square matrix $A = [a_{ii}]_{3\times3}$

i.e.,
$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

Expansion along first Row (R₁):

• Step 1: Multiply first element a_{11} of R_1 by $(-1)^{(1+1)}$ [$(-1)^{\text{sum of suffixes in a11}}$] and with the second order determinant obtained by deleting the elements of first row (R_1) and first column (C_1) of | A | as a_{11} lies in R_1 and C_1 ,

i.e.,
$$(-1)^{1+1} a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

• Step 2: Multiply 2nd element a_{12} of R_1 by $(-1)^{1+2}$ [$(-1)^{\text{sum of suffixes in a12}}$] and the second order determinant obtained by deleting elements of first row (R_1) and 2nd column (C_2) of | A | as a_{12} lies in R_1 and C_2 ,

i.e.,
$$(-1)^{1+2} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

• Step 3: Multiply third element a_{13} of R_1 by $(-1)^{1+3}$ [$(-1)^{sum of suffixes in a13}$] and the second order determinant obtained by deleting elements of first row (R_1) and third column (C_3) of |A| as a_{13} lies in R_1 and C_3 ,

i.e.,
$$(-1)^{1+3} a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$



 Step 4: Now the expansion of determinant of A, that is, | A | written as sum of all three terms obtained in steps 1, 2 and 3 above is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= |A| = (-1)^{1+1} a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3} a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ or \quad |A| &= a_{11} \Big(a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23} \Big) - a_{12} \Big(a_{21} a_{33} - a_{31} a_{23} \Big) + a_{13} \Big(a_{21} a_{32} - a_{31} a_{22} \Big) \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{32} a_{23} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{31} a_{23} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{13} a_{31} a_{22} & \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Expansion along second Row (R₂):

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along R₂, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= (-1)^{2+1} a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+3} a_{23} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -a_{21} \left(a_{12} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{13} \right) + a_{22} \left(a_{11} a_{33} - a_{31} a_{13} \right) - a_{23} \left(a_{11} a_{32} - a_{31} a_{12} \right) \\ |A| &= -a_{21} a_{12} a_{33} - a_{21} a_{32} a_{13} + a_{22} a_{11} a_{33} - a_{22} a_{31} a_{13} - a_{23} a_{11} a_{32} + a_{23} a_{31} a_{12} \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{13} a_{31} a_{22} \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$



Expansion along first Column (C₁):

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

By expanding along C₁, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= a_{11}(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{21}(-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{31}(-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{11} \left(a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32} \right) - a_{21} \left(a_{12} a_{33} - a_{13} a_{32} \right) + a_{31} \left(a_{12} a_{23} - a_{13} a_{22} \right) \\ |A| &= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{21} a_{12} a_{33} + a_{21} a_{13} a_{32} + a_{31} a_{12} a_{23} - a_{31} a_{13} a_{22} \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{22} - a_{13} a_{31} a_{22} \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

- Clearly, values of | A| in (1), (2) and (3) are equal. It is left as an exercise to the reader to verify that the values of |A| by expanding along R₃, C₂ and C₃ are equal to the value of | A| obtained in (1), (2) or (3).
- Hence, expanding a determinant along any row or column gives same value.

Remarks:

- (i) For easier calculations, we shall expand the determinant along that row or column which contains maximum number of zeros.
- (ii) While expanding, instead of multiplying by $(-1)^{i+j}$, we can multiply by +1 or -1 according as (i+j) is even or odd.

(iii) Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Then, it is easy to verify that A = 2B.

Also
$$|A| = 0 - 8 = -8$$
 and $|B| = 0 - 2 = -2$.

Observe that, $|A| = 4(-2)=2^2 |B|$ or $|A|=2^n |B|$, where n=2 is the order of square matrices A & B.

In general, if A=kB where A and B are square matrices of order n, then $|A|=k^n|B|$, where n=1, 2, 3.

EXAMPLES:

Example 1: Evaluate the determinant
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

Note that in the third column, two entries are zero. So, expanding along third column (C3),

we get
$$\Delta = 4 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

= = 4 (-1 - 12) - 0 + 0 = -52

Solution:

Expanding along R1, we get

$$\Delta = 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \sin \alpha \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \alpha & \sin \beta \\ \cos \alpha & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \cos \alpha \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \cos \alpha & -\sin \beta \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 0 - \sin \alpha (0 - \sin \beta \cos \alpha) - \cos \alpha (\sin \alpha \sin \beta - 0)$$
$$= \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \alpha - \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \sin \beta = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & x \\ x & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

• **Example 3:** Find values of x for which

• Solution: We have
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & x \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. $3-x^2=3-8$ i.e. $x^2=8$ Hence $x=\pm 2\sqrt{2}$

***** EXERCISE:

1: Evaluate the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -5 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

2: Evaluate the determinants

(i)
$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{vmatrix}$$
 (ii) $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 - x + 1 & x - 1 \\ x + 1 & x + 1 \end{vmatrix}$

3: If, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ then show that |2A| = 4|A|

4: If,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 then show that $|3A| = |27A|$

5: If, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 5 & 4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ find |A|



6: Find values of x, if

$$(ii) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & 3 \\ 2x & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

Minors And Cofactors

Definition 1:

Minor of an element a_{ii} of a determinant is the determinant obtained by deleting its ith row and jth column in which element a; lies. Minor of an element a; is denoted by M;

- **Remark:** Minor of an element of a determinant of order n ($n \ge 2$) is a determinant of order n-1.
- **Example:** Find the minor of element 6 in the determinant $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- Solution: Since 6 lies in the second row and third column, its minor M23 is given by

$$M_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = 8 - 14 = -6$$
 (obtained by deleting R₂ and C₃ in Δ).

Definition 2:

Cofactor of an element a_{ij} , denoted by A_{ij} is defined by $A_{ij} = (-1)i + j M_{ij}$, where M_{ij} is minor of a_{ii}.

$$1 - 2$$

$$4 \quad 3$$



- Example: Find minors and cofactors of all the elements of the determinant
- Solution: Minor of the element a_{ii} is M_{ii}

Here
$$a_{11} = 1$$
. So $M_{11} = Minor of $a_{11} = 3$$

 M_{12} = Minor of the element a_{12} = 4 M_{21} = Minor of the element a_{21} = -2

M22 = Minor of the element a22 = 1

Now, cofactor of aij is Aij. So,

$$\begin{array}{lll} A_{11} = & (-1)^{1+1} \, M_{11} & = (-1)^2 \, (3) = 3 \\ A_{12} = & (-1)^{1+2} \, M_{12} & = (-1)^3 \, (4) = -4 \\ A_{21} = & (-1)^{2+1} \, M_{21} & = (-1)^3 \, (-2) = 2 \\ A_{22} = & (-1)^{2+2} \, M_{22} & = (-1)^4 \, (1) = 1 \end{array}$$

***** EXAMPLES:

• Example 1: Find minors and cofactors of the elements a_{11} , a_{21} in the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: By definition of minors and cofactors, we have

Minor of
$$a_{11} = M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32}$$

Cofactor of
$$a_{11}$$
 = A_{11} = $(-1)^{1+1}$ M_{11} = a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32}

Minor of
$$a_{21} = M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{12} a_{33} - a_{13} a_{32}$$

Cofactor of
$$a_{21} = A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} M_{21} = (-1) (a_{12} a_{33} - a_{13} a_{32}) = -a_{12} a_{33} + a_{13} a_{32}$$



• Remark: Expanding the determinant Δ , along R₁, we have

$$\Delta = (-1)^{1+1}a_{11}\begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2}a_{12}\begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3}\begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

= $a_{11} A_{11} + a_{12} A_{12} + a_{13} A_{13}$, where Aij is cofactor of a_{ij}

= sum of product of elements of R₁ with their corresponding cofactors

Similarly, Δ can be calculated by other five ways of expansion that is along R₂, R₃,C₁, C₂ and C₃.

Hence,

 Δ = sum of the product of elements of any row (or column) with their corresponding cofactors.

• Example 2: Find minors and cofactors of the elements of the determinant

and verify that $a_{11}A_{31} + a_{12}A_{32} + a_{13}A_{33} = 0$

Solution: We have
$$M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 5 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - 20 = -20; A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} (-20) = -20$$

$$M12 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 1 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = -42 - 4 = -46; A_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} (-46) = 46$$

$$M13 = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 30 - 0 = 30; A_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} (30) = 30$$

$$M21 = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 5 \\ 5 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 21 - 25 = -4; A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} (-4) = 4$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

M22 = =
$$-14-5=-19$$
; A $_{22}=(-1)^{2+2}(-19)=-19$

M23 = =
$$10 + 3 = 13$$
; A2₃ = $(-1)^{2+3}$ (13) = -13

M31 = =
$$-12 - 0 = -12$$
; A $_{31} = (-1)^{3+1} (-12) = -12$

M32 =
$$= 8 - 30 = -22$$
; A $_{32} = (-1)^{3+2}(-22) = 22$

and M33 =
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
 = 0 + 18 = 18; A₃₃ = (-1)³⁺³ (18) = 18

Now
$$a_{11} = 2$$
, $a_{12} = -3$, $a_{13} = 5$; $A_{31} = -12$, $A_{32} = 22$, $A_{33} = 18$

So
$$a_{11} A_{31} + a_{12} A_{32} + a_{13} A_{33}$$

= 2 (-12)
$$\frac{1}{3}$$
(-3) (22) + 5 (18) = -24 - 66 + 90 = 0
Example 3: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find the determinant of the matrix A^2 - 2A.

• **Solution:** We have,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{2}-2A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{2}-2A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+6 & 3+3 \\ 2+2 & 6+1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A^{2}-2A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 25-0 = 25$$



• Example 4: If
$$\begin{vmatrix} x-2 & -3 \\ 3x & 2x \end{vmatrix}$$
 = 3, find the values of x.

• Solution: We have,

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-2 & -3 \\ 3x & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $(x-2) \times (2x) - (-3) \times 3x = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(x-2) + 9x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 2x²-4x+9x = 3

$$\Rightarrow$$
 2x² + 5x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (2x-1)(x+3) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x-1 = 0 or, x+3 = 0 \Rightarrow x= (1/2), -3

Example 5: Prove that the determinant
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix}$$
 is independent of **0**.

• Solution: We have,
$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \Delta = x \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{vmatrix} - \sin \theta \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \theta & 1 \\ \cos \theta & x \end{vmatrix} + \cos \theta \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \theta - x \\ \cos \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $\Delta = x(-x^2-1) - \sin \theta(-x \sin \theta - \cos \theta) + \cos \theta(-\sin \theta + x \cos \theta)$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $\Delta = -x^3 - x + x \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta + x \cos^2 \theta$

 \Rightarrow $\Delta = -x^3 - x + x (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = -x^3 - x + x = -x^3$, which is independent of θ .

EXERCISE:

1: Write Minors and Cofactors of the elements of following determinants:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
(i) & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & (ii) & \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}
\end{array}$$

$$(ii) \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

2: Write Minors and Cofactors of the elements of following determinants:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array} \qquad (ii) \begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\
3 & 5 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 2
\end{array}$$

3: Using Cofactors of elements of second row, evaluate

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

4: Using Cofactors of elements of third column, evaluate

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & yz \\ 1 & y & zx \\ 1 & z & xy \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$



5: If and A_{ij} is Cofactors of a_{ij} , then value of Δ is given by

(A)
$$a_{11} A_{31} + a_{12} A_{32} + a_{13} A_{33}$$
 (B) $a_{11} A_{11} + a_{12} A_{21} + a_{13} A_{31}$

(C)
$$a_{21} A_{11} + a_{22} A_{12} + a_{23} A_{13}$$
 (D) $a_{11} A_{11} + a_{21} A_{21} + a_{31} A_{31}$