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# 1 Introduction

This document is intended as an extension to the exercise generator: https://github.com/TimJ2718/python-exercise-generator and as an introduction to linear algebra.

# 2 Determinant

# 2.1 Definition and conclusions

The determinant function  $\det(A)$  for a square matrix:  $A \in K^{n \times n}$  is defined as the function which maps  $K^{n \times n} \to K$  and satisfies the following properties: We write  $A = (v_1, ... v_n)$ , where  $v \in K^{1 \times n}$ .

- $\det(v_1, ...\lambda \cdot v_i, ...v_n) = \lambda \det(v_1, ...v_i, ...v_n)$
- $\det(v_1,...v_i+w,...v_n) = \det(v_1,...v_i,...v_n) + \det(v_1,...w,...v_n)$
- $v_i = v_j \Rightarrow \det(v_1, ..., v_i, ..., v_j, ..., v_n) = 0$
- det(1) = 1 (Here 1 is the unity matrix)

Important conclusions are:

- $\det(A) = 0 <=>$  A does not have a full rank <=> The columns/rows are linear dependent
- $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$
- $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$
- $\det(v_1, ..., v_i, ..., v_j, ...v_n) = \det(v_1, ..., v_i + v_j, ...v_n)$

## 2.2 Calculations

## 2.2.1 Explicit formulas

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$$

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

 $=a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}+a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}+a_{13}a_{21}a_{32}-a_{31}a_{22}a_{13}-a_{32}a_{23}a_{11}-a_{33}a_{21}a_{12}$ 

#### Examples

$$\det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot 6 - (5 \cdot (-3)) = 12 + 15 = 27$$

$$\det\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 9 \cdot 6 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) - 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 1 - (-1) \cdot 3 \cdot 9 - (-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = -54 + 54 - 2 - 36 + 27 + 6 = -5$$

## 2.2.2 Blockmatrix

Let be  $M \in K^{n \times n}$  and 0 the 0 matrix.

If A and C are quadratic matrices (C does not need to be quadratic) then the determinant of M is given by:  $M = \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix} = \det [A] \cdot \det [C]$ 

$$M = \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & C \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \det [A] \cdot \det [C]$$

#### Example

$$\det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 8 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -14.$$

### 2.2.3 Triangular matrix

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{array}\right)$$

There are two kinds of triangular matrices:

A is an upper triangular matrix if all elements under the diagonal are zero:  $a_{ij} = 0$  for i > j.

A is a lower trinangular matrix if all elements over the diagonal are zeros:  $a_{ij} = 0$  for i < j.

The determinant of a triangular matrix is given by the product of the diagonal elements:  $det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}$ 

## Example

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24; \ \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24$$

### 2.2.4 Laplace expansion

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{array}\right)$$

Define:  $A_{ij}$  as the matrix where row i and the column j is removed:

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1,j-1} & a_{1,j+1} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i-1,1} & \dots & a_{i-1,j-1} & a_{i-1,j+1} & \dots & a_{i-1,n} \\ a_{i+1,1} & \dots & a_{i+1,j-1} & a_{i+1,j+1} & \dots & a_{i+1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n,j-1} & a_{n,j+1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinat of A is given by:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \cdot \tilde{A}_{ij}$$
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Examples

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 0 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3} \cdot 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 0 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \cdot 4 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 8 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### $\mathbf{3}$ Eigenvalue problem

### Introduction

A vector v is called eigenvector of the linear map  $\varphi$  if  $\varphi(v) = \lambda \cdot v$ . Here the scalar  $\lambda$  is called eigenvalue.

For obvious reasons  $\varphi$  must be an endomorphism us and can be expressed as a quadratic matrix.

#### 3.2 Characteristical polynom

Let be:  $A \in K^{n \times n}$  and  $v \in K^{1 \times n}$  and  $\lambda \in K$ .  $A \cdot V = \lambda V \rightarrow (\lambda \cdot \mathbb{1} - A)v = 0$  (Here 1 is again the unity matrix.) This can only be true if  $(\lambda \cdot \mathbb{1} - A)$  has no full rank  $<=> \det(\lambda \cdot \mathbb{1} - A) = 0$ We define  $\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda \cdot \mathbb{1} - A)$  as the characteristical polynom.

#### 3.3 **Eigenvalues**

The eigenvalues are given by the roots of the characteristical polynom. The multiplicity of the root is called algebraic multiplicity.

#### **Eigenvectors** 3.4

The eigenvectors to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  can be found by solving the following equation:

 $(\lambda_i \cdot \mathbb{1} - A)v = 0$  Every eigenvalue has at least one eigenvector but at most as many as the algebraic multiplicity. The number of linear independent eigenvalues of a eigenvalue is called geometric multiplicity.

#### 3.5 Example

Determine the characteristical polynom, the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Chracteristical polynom: 
$$\chi(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -3 \\ 0 & \lambda - 4 \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda - 1) \cdot (\lambda - 4) - 0 \cdot (-3) = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4$$

Eigenvalues:

 $\chi(\lambda) = 0 \iff (\lambda - 1) \cdot (\lambda - 4) = 0$ 

 $=>\lambda_1=1$ : Algebraic multiplicity: 1

 $=>\lambda_2=4$ : Algebraic multiplicity: 1

Hint: You can check your result with the following relationship:

The sum of the eigenvalues is equal to the trace of the matrix.

$$1+4\stackrel{!}{=}\lambda_1+\lambda_2$$

(Eigenvalues that occur more than once are added multiple times according to their occurance)

(The trace of a matrix is given by the sum of the diagonal elements)

### **Eigenvectors:**

$$\lambda_{1} = 1:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{2} = 4:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
Where  $W$ 

**Hint**: You can plug in v and  $\lambda$  in the definition  $Av = \lambda v$  and check if your calculation is right.

#### 3.6 Diagonalizability