

LINEAR ALGEBRA

ASSIGNMENT # 02

TOPIC :- DETERMINANTS.

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QUESTIONS #

What is matrix determinant?

What are the properties of a determinant?

Explain each property with an example.



DETERMINANTS OF A MATRIX.

The determinant is a scalar value.

It is function of the elements of a square matrix.

It is also an element that identifies or determines nature of a matrix.

e.g. A matrix is invertible if its determinant is non-zero.

We can determine a determinant by following method:-

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \Rightarrow \det A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad -(1)$$

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

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

$$= a(ei - hf) - b(di - gf) + c(dh - eg)$$

$$= aei - ahf - bdi + bgf + cdh - ceg \quad -(2)$$

For 2×2 matrix $-(1)$

for 3×3 matrix $-(2)$

A general definition on how to determine matrix determinant with order $n \times n$ is:

$$\det A = a_{11} \det A_{11} - a_{12} + \dots + (-1)^{1+n} a_{1n} \det A_{1n}$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} (\det A_{1j}) \quad (3)$$

where $(-1)^{1+j} a_{ij}$ is known as Cofactor of an element.

$\det A_{ij}$ can also be written as A_{ij} .

Cofactor of matrix A.

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{matrix } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \dots & \dots & a_{3n} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & \dots & \dots & a_{4n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Area of parallelogram

The determinant of a matrix can also determine the area of parallelogram.

$$\text{Area of parallelogram} = [\det(A)] \quad (15)$$

Volume of parallelepiped.

The determinant of a matrix determines the volume of parallelepiped.

Volume of parallelepiped = $|\det A| - (6)$

Examples for calculating square matrix determinants.

-(1)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \cdot 5 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = 20 - 6 = 14$$

-(2), -(3), -(4)

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 & 9 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(2 \times 8 - 7 \times 9) + (-1)^3 (3)(5 \times 8 - 4 \times 9) + (-1)^4 (6)(5 \times 7 - 4 \times 2)$$

$$= 16 - 63 + (-1)(3)(40 - 36) + (+1)(6)(35 - 8)$$

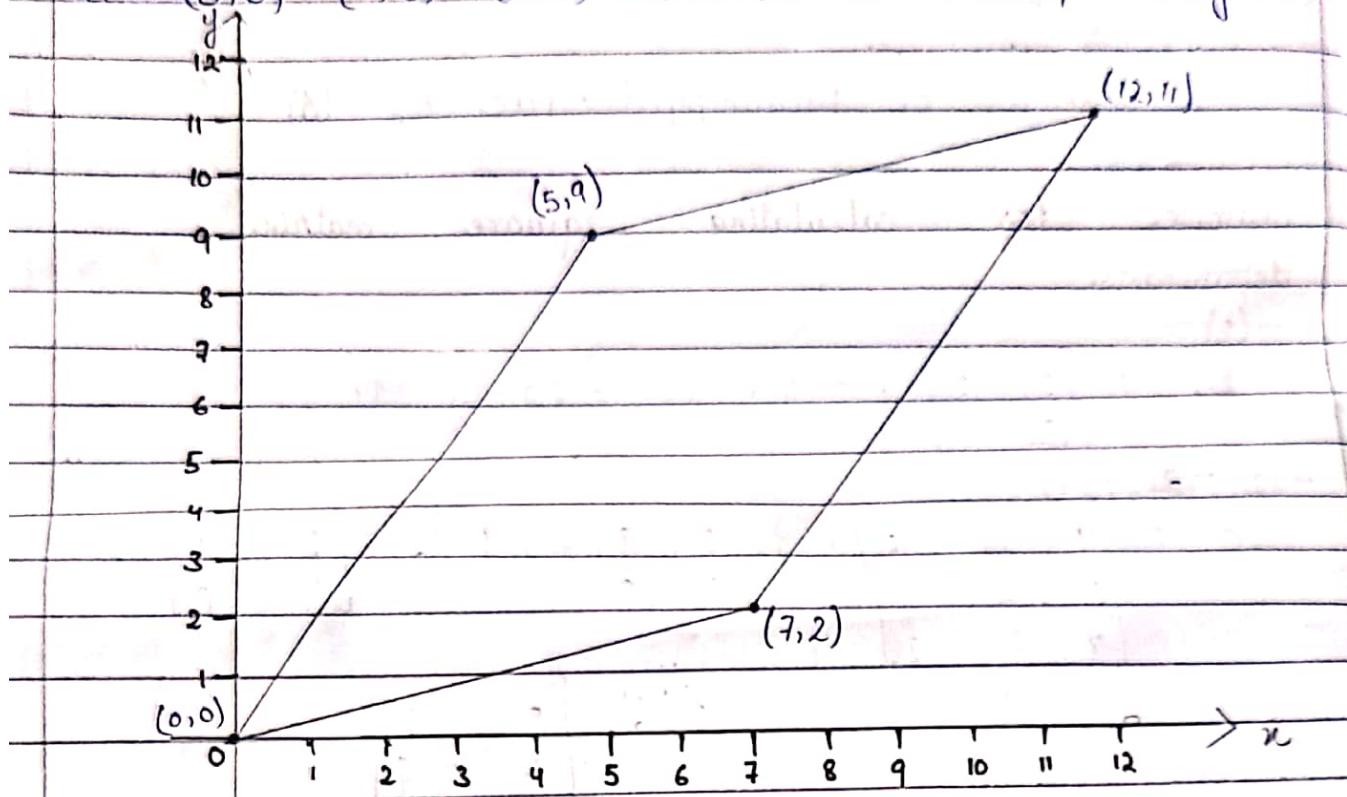
$$= -47 + (-3)(4) + 6(27)$$

$$= 162 - 47 - 12$$

$$= 103$$

Example for calculating area of parallelogram using determinants.

Let $(0,0), (7,2), (5,9), (12,11)$ be a parallelogram.



The area can be determined by vectors.

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{area of parallelogram} = [\det A]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \text{Area of parallelogram} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = [5 \times 2 - 9 \times 7] \\ &= [10 - 63] \\ &= [-53] = 53\end{aligned}$$

Example of calculating volume of parallelepiped using determinants.

(Let $(0,0,0)$, $(2,2,-1)$, $(1,3,0)$, $(-1,1,4)$ makes a parallelepiped)

Then volume of parallelepiped will be absolute value of determinant of matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Volume of parallelepiped} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left[2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$= [2(3 \times 4 - 0) - 2(1 \times 4 - 0) - 1(1 \times 1 - (-1)(3))]$$

$$= [2(12) - 2(4) - 1(4)]$$

$$= [24 - 8 - 4]$$

$$= [12]$$

$$= 12.$$

PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANTS.

(1) The matrix is only invertible when determinant is non-zero.

i.e. matrix A is only invertible i.e. A^{-1} when $\det A \neq 0$.

because if it is 0 then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj } A}{\det A} \text{ will be undefined.}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj } A}{\det A}, \det A \neq 0.$$

(2) The matrix's determinant has some value as the determinant of its transpose.

i.e., $\det A = \det A^t$.

\rightarrow if A is a matrix then the determinant of its transpose will be same as its determinant.

Proof

e.g. let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ then $\det A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

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

Example.

if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 11 \times 6 - 7 \times 8 = 66 - 56 = 10.$

then $A^t = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A^t = 6 \times 11 - 8 \times 7 = 66 - 56 = 10.$

(3) When rows or columns of matrix are interchanged the determinant is negative.

i.e if we interchange rows or columns of matrix A then its determinant is $\rightarrow \det A$.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} \sim \text{Rows interchanged.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= a_{21}a_{12} - a_{22}a_{11} = a_{12}a_{21} - a_{11}a_{22} \\ &= -(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) = -\det A. \end{aligned}$$

Example.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 10 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 33 - 20 = 13$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 11 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 20 - 33 = -13.$$

$$\Rightarrow -\det A.$$

(4) The determinant of a matrix is 0.

$$\det A = 0 \text{ when.}$$

\rightarrow i) A matrix A has two identical rows or two identical columns.

\rightarrow ii) A matrix A has all elements zero.

i.e when all the entries of a matrix are zero.

$$(i) A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} = 0.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 1 = 0.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 1(9-24) - 1(9-24) + 4(1-3) = -15 + 15 - 0.$$

(ii)

It is obvious that if all the elements of a matrix are 0 then determinant will be zero.

Which concludes that

A null matrix A of order $n \times n$ has $\det A = 0$ (always).

(5)

Determinant of the identity matrix is always.

i.

$$\text{i.e. } I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 1 - 0 \times 0 = 1$$

Same goes for order $n \times m$.

(6) If each entry of row or a column consists of two terms as sum than its determinant can be expressed as:

Example:

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

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

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

(7)

When to each entry of a column or row of a matrix is added a non-zero multiple of the corresponding entries of another row or column then determinant of matrix remains same.

Example:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |A| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{if } |B| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} + k a_{11} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} + k a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } |B| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & k a_{11} \\ a_{21} & k a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow |B| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{11} \\ a_{21} & a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow |B| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} + 0$$

$$\rightarrow |B| = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = |A|$$

(8) If the matrix is triangular then product of the entries in its diagonal gives the determinant of that matrix.

Example.

e.g. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|A| = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 21 \times 6 \times 2 = 252.$$

Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|B| = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \times 7 \times 6 = 126$$

Other way round:

$$|B| = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 3(7 \times 6 - 0) - 2(0) + 6(0)$$

$$= 3(42)$$

$$= 126$$

Hence proved.