

# 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:-

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

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

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

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

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

for  $2 \times 2$  matrix --- (1)

for  $3 \times 3$  matrix --- (2)

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

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

where  $(-1)^{1+j} A_{1j}$  is known as cofactor of an element.

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

Cofactor of matrix A.

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

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

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.

$$\text{Volume of parallelepiped} = |\det A| \quad (6)$$

Examples for calculating square matrix determinants.

-(1)

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

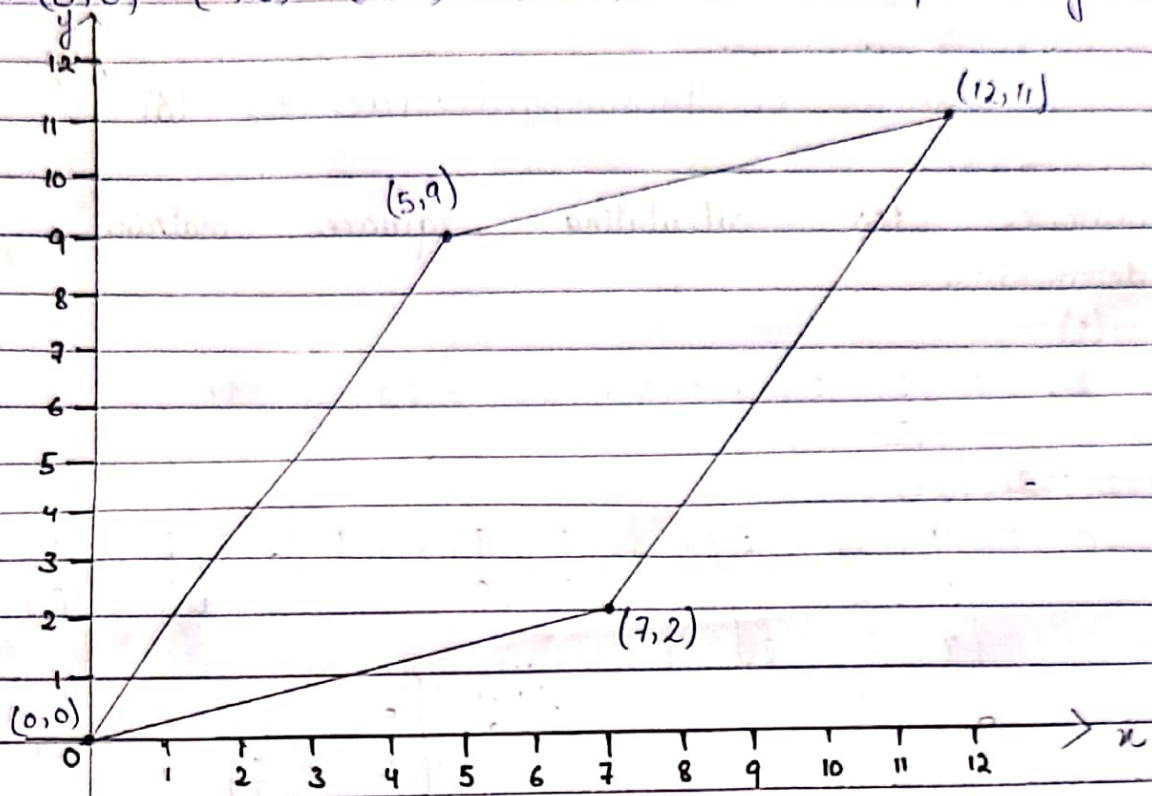
-(2), -(3), -(4)

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1(2 \times 8 - 7 \times 9) + (-1)^3 (3)(5 \times 8 - 4 \times 9) + (-1)^4 (6)(5 \times 7 - 4 \times 2) \\ &= 16 - 63 + (-1)(3)(40 - 36) + (+1)(6)(35 - 8) \\ &= -47 + (-3)(4) + 6(27) \\ &= 162 - 47 - 12 \\ &= 103 \end{aligned}$$

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.

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of parallelogram} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = [5 \times 2 - 9 \times 7]$$

$$= [10 - 63]$$

$$= [-53] = 53$$

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.

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

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(3 \times 4 - 0) - 2(1 \times 4 - 0) - 1(1 \times 1 - (-1)(3)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(12) - 2(4) - 1(4) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 24 - 8 - 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 12.$$



## 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 same value as the determinant of its transpose.  
i.e.,  $\det A = \det A^t$ .

→ 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  $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$

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

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  $-\det A$ .

Proof

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

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

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

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.

$\det A = 0$  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.

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

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

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

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

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

(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 1.

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

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

Same goes for order  $n \times n$ .

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

Example.

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

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

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

(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.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Example.

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

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \times 6 \times 2 = 252$$

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

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

Other way round.

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

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

$$= 3(42)$$

$$= 126$$

Hence proved.