

Linear Assignment

Properties of Determinants

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- 1) Reflection Property :- the determinant remains the same if columns change to rows and vice versa.
- 2) All-zero property :- determinant is zero if all elements of a row (or column) are zero.
- 3) Repetition property : if all elements of some row are equal to another row (column to column as well), then the determinant is zero.
- 4) Switching property : the interchange of any two rows or columns of the determinant changes its sign.
- 5) Scalar multiple property : if all elements of a row or column are multiplied by a non-zero constant, then the determinant gets multiplied by the same constant.

6) Sum Property:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1+b_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ a_2+b_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ a_3+b_3 & c_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

7) Property of Invariance:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + \alpha b_1 + \beta c_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 + \alpha b_2 + \beta c_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 + \alpha b_3 + \beta c_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

\therefore Determinant remains unaltered under an operation of the form.

$$C_i \rightarrow C_i + \alpha C_j + \beta C_k,$$

where

$$j, k \neq i$$

or an operation of the form

$$R_i \rightarrow R_i + \alpha R_j + \beta R_k$$

where

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8) Factor Property: if a determinant Δ becomes zero when we put $x = \alpha$, then $(x - \alpha)$ is a factor of Δ .

9) Triangle Property: if all the elements of a determinant above or below the main diagonal consist of zeroes, then the determinant is equal to the product of the diagonal elements.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & b_2 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 0 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 b_2 c_3$$

10) Determinant of cofactor matrix :

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{then,}$$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

where C_{ij} denotes the cofactor of the element a_{ij} in Δ