

REVIEW:

THERE EXISTS A UNIQUE MULTILINEAR FUNCTIONAL

$$\det: \underbrace{F^n \times \dots \times F^n}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow F$$

SUCH THAT

$$\det(v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0 \quad \text{WHATEVER} \quad v_r = v_s \text{ FOR SOME } r < s.$$

$$\det(e_1, \dots, e_n) = 1 \quad \text{FOR STANDARD BASIS}$$

DEFINITION:

$$A \in M_{n \times n}(F), \det(A) = \det(v_1, \dots, v_n),$$

WHERE $v_j = A e_j$ ARE COLUMNS OF A

FORMULA:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sign}(\sigma) A_{\sigma(1)1} \dots A_{\sigma(n)n}$$

THEOREM:

$$A, B \in M_{n \times n}(F),$$

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$$

PROOF:

WE MAY ASSUME A IS INVERTIBLE,

FOR IF A IS NOT INVERTIBLE, THEN

AB IS NOT INVERTIBLE AND THEN

$$\det(A) = 0, \det(AB) = 0.$$

ASSUME NOW $\det(A) \neq 0$.

CONSIDER THE MULTILINEAR FUNCTIONAL

$$\phi(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \det(Aw_1, \dots, Aw_n)$$

if $w_n = w_s$ for some $r < s$, then

$$\varphi(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \frac{\varphi(Aw_1, \dots, Aw_n)}{\det A} = 0, \quad \text{AND} \quad \varphi(e_1, \dots, e_n) = 1$$

because $v_j = Ae_j$ is j -th column of A .

By the theorem proven before,

$$\varphi(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det(w_1, \dots, w_n).$$

but $w_j = Be_j$ (columns of B).

$$\varphi(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \det(B).$$

$$\det(Aw_1, \dots, Aw_n) = \det(ABe_1, \dots, ABe_n) = \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$$

Thus, we have shown

$$\det(B) = \frac{1}{\det A} \det(AB).$$

Recall

if A is upper triangular or lower triangular, then $\det(A) = A_{11} A_{22} \dots A_{nn}$.

Example: $F = \mathbb{Z}_3$. Find

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \det 1$$

Lemma: Suppose A is in the block form

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & A'' \end{array} \right) \text{ where } A' \in M_{k \times k}(F), \\ A'' \in M_{(l \times l)}(F)$$

$$\det(A) = \det(A') \det A''$$

Proof:

Consider first the case where $A'' = I_{l \times l}$.

Then by row operations

$$\det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & I \end{array} \right) = \det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & 0 \\ \hline 0 & I \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \det A' \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{using an explicit formula for} \\ \det, \text{ or simplifying further} \\ \text{to make } A' \text{ upper triangular} \end{array} \right)$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & A'' \end{array} \right) &= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A'' \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & I \end{array} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & A'' \end{array} \right) = \det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & A'' \end{array} \right) \det \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A' & * \\ \hline 0 & I \end{array} \right) \\ &= \det(A'') \det(A') \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & 4 & -6 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \det \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 & -6 \end{array} \right) =$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & -5 & 2 \\ -4 & 4 & -6 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \det \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ \hline 0 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 16 & -20 \end{array} \right) =$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 16 & -20 \end{pmatrix} = 2 (-80 + 96) = 32$$

COFACTOR EXPANSIONS

USE LINEARITY IN THE FIRST COLUMN

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= A_{11} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ 0 & A_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix} + A_{21} \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ 1 & A_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \\ & & & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

+ ...

$$= A_{11} \det \begin{pmatrix} A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} - A_{21} \det \begin{pmatrix} A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{32} & \dots & A_{3n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \dots = A_{11} \det \left(\tilde{A}_{[11]} \right) - A_{21} \det \left(\tilde{A}_{[21]} \right) + A_{31} \det \left(\tilde{A}_{[31]} \right) + \dots$$

where $\tilde{A}_{[ij]} \in M_{(n-1)(n-1)}(F)$ comes from

A by deleting i-th row and j-th column.

Note: Summation over all j

$$(-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} \det(\tilde{A}_{[ij]})$$

EXAMPLE

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & 4 & -6 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & -5 & 2 \\ -4 & 4 & -6 \end{pmatrix} - \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 4 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 16 & -18 \end{pmatrix} - \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -10 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} - \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -10 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 40 - \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= 80 + \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 \end{pmatrix} = 80 - 48 = 32$$

CRAMER'S RULE.

Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ be an invertible matrix, and $b \in F^n$.

Then the unique solution $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ of $Ax = b$ is given by

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \det(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, b, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n),$$

where v_1, \dots, v_n are columns of A .

$\det(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, b, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n)$ is a determinant of matrix obtained from A by replacing i -th column with b .

Proof:

$$b = Ax = x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2 + \dots + x_n v_n, \text{ or}$$

$$x \text{ solves } Ax = b.$$

$$= \det(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, \underbrace{0}_{\text{unless } r=i}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) =$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n x_r \det(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_r, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n)$$

By linearity in the i -th column.

$$= x_i \det(v_1, \dots, v_n) = x_i \det(A)$$

Divide by $\det(A) \neq 0$.

EXAMPLE. Solve $Ax = b$ for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

REMARK

CRAMER'S RULE CAN BE USED

TO GIVE A FORMULA FOR

THE INVERSE OF THE MATRIX, A^{-1} ,

INDEED, j -TH COLUMN OF A^{-1} ,

$w_j = A^{-1}e_j$ IS THE SOLUTION

$$\text{of } Aw_j = e_j.$$

Thus,

$B = A^{-1}$ IS GIVEN BY

$$B_{ij} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (-1)^{i+j} \det(\tilde{A}_{[ji]})$$