

MA-106 Linear Algebra

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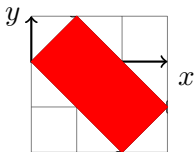
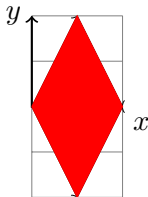
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Determinant of a square matrix: Applications

- 1 *Test for invertibility:* A is invertible $\iff \det(A) \neq 0$.
- 2 If A is $n \times n$, then $|\det(A)| = \text{volume of the box (in } n\text{-dimensional space } \mathbb{R}^n) \text{ with edges as rows of } A$.
- 3 **Example. 1** The volume (area) of a line in $\mathbb{R}^2 = 0$.

2. The determinant of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{-4}$.

(3) Let's compute the volume of the box (parallelogram) with edges as rows / columns of A .



$$\boxed{= 4}$$

Defining Properties of Determinants

The determinant is a function

$$\det : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

which is defined (**uniquely**) by its three basic properties.

- 1 $\det(I) = 1$.
- 2 the sign of determinant is reversed by a row exchange, i.e. if B is obtained from A by exchanging two rows, then $\det(B) = -\det(A)$.
- 3 \det is linear in each row separately, i.e. if we fix $n - 1$ rows, say A^2, \dots, A^n , then

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} - \\ A^2 \\ \vdots \\ A^n \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is linear. There are n such functions (one for each row).

Checking Defining Properties: 2×2 case

Known to us: $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc.$

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

❷ $\det \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} = cb - da = -(ad - bc) = -\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$

❸ $\det \begin{pmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = (a + a')d - (b + b')c =$
 $(ad - bc) + (a'd - b'c) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$ and
 $\det \begin{pmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = t(ad - bc) = t \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

❹ Similarly, check linearity property in second row.

Induced Properties of Determinants: 2×2 case

- ❶ If B and C are two matrices, then

$$\det(B + C) = \det(B) + \det(C). \quad (\text{False})$$

Infact

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B + C) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} B^1 + C^1 \\ B^2 + C^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} B^1 \\ B^2 + C^2 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} C^1 \\ B^2 + C^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{by linearity}) \\ &= \det(B) + \det \begin{pmatrix} B^1 \\ C^2 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} C^1 \\ B^2 \end{pmatrix} + \det(C) \quad (\text{by linearity}) \end{aligned}$$

- ❷ $\det(tB) = t \det(B)$ (False)

$$\text{Infact} \quad \det(tB) = \det \begin{pmatrix} tB^1 \\ tB^2 \end{pmatrix} = t \det \begin{pmatrix} B^1 \\ tB^2 \end{pmatrix} = t^2 \det(B).$$

- ❸ If B is $n \times n$, then $\boxed{\det(tB) = t^n \det B}$.

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Properties of Determinants continued ...

- ① Assume **two rows of A are equal** (say i -th and j -th rows). Let B be obtained from A by $\boxed{R_i \longleftrightarrow R_j}$, then $B = A$. Hence

$$\det(A) = \det(B) = -\det(A) \implies \boxed{\det(A) = 0}.$$

- ② Assume B is obtained from A by $\boxed{R_i \mapsto R_i + aR_j}$. Then

$$\det(B) = \det \begin{pmatrix} A^i + aA^j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix} = \det(A) + \det \begin{pmatrix} aA^j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix} = \det(A).$$

- ③ Assume **one row of A is zero** (say A^i). Let B be got from A by $\boxed{R_i \mapsto R_i + R_j}$, then $B^i = B^j$. Hence $\det(A) = \det(B) = 0$.

- ④ If $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$ is diagonal, then $\det(A) = ab$. (Use linearity).

Properties of Determinants continued ...

- ① If $A = (a_{ij})$ is triangular, then $\det(A) = a_{11} \dots a_{nn}$.

Proof. If all a_{ii} are non-zero, then by elementary row

operations, A reduces to a diagonal matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$

whose determinant is $a_{11} \dots a_{nn}$.

If atleast one diagonal entry is zero, then elimination will produce a zero row. Hence $\det(A) = 0$.

- ② If A is singular, then $\det(A) = 0$.

Elimination produces a zero row in U , where $PA = LU$.
Hence $\det(A) = \pm \det(U) = 0$.

- ③ If A is invertible, then $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Elimination produces n -pivots, say d_1, \dots, d_n . Then

$$\det(A) = \pm \det(U) = \pm d_1 \dots d_n \neq 0.$$

Properties of Determinants continued ...

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

We may assume that A, B are invertible.

Hint: For fixed B , show that the function d defined by

$$d(A) = \det(AB)/\det(B)$$

satisfies the following properties

- 1 $d(I) = 1$.
- 2 If we interchange two rows of A , then d changes its sign.
- 3 d is a linear function in each row of A .

Then d is the **unique** determinant function \det . Therefore

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



$$\boxed{\det(A) = \det(A^T)}$$

- If A is singular, then A^T is singular and we get $0 = 0$.
- Hence we assume A is non-singular.
- We get a permutation matrix P such that

$$PA = LDU \implies A^T P^T = U^T D^T L^T$$

- Since U and L are triangular with diagonal entries 1, we get
$$\det(U) = 1 = \det(U^T) \quad \text{and} \quad \det(L) = 1 = \det(L^T)$$
- D is diagonal, hence $D^T = D$.
- Since $PP^T = I$ and $\det P = \pm 1$, we get $\det(P) = \det(P^T)$.
- From above, we get $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$. □

First Formula for Determinant

If A is invertible, then $\boxed{PA = LDU}$. Hence

$$\det A = \det(P) \cdot \det(D) = \pm \det D = \pm (\text{product of pivots}).$$

Example: Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ be $n \times n$ matrix

which is $(-1, 2, -1)$ tri-diagonal.

Pivots of A are $2/1, 3/2, \dots, (n+1)/n$ (without row exchange).
Hence

$$A = LDU = L \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & & & \\ & 3/2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & (n+1)/n \end{pmatrix} U$$

$$\text{Therefore } \det(A) = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) = n+1$$

Formula for Determinant - 2×2 case

Write $(a, b) = (a, 0) + (0, b)$, the sum of vectors in coordinate directions. Similarly write (c, d) . By linearity property,

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix}$$

For $n \times n$ matrix, each row splits into n coordinate directions, so the expansion of $\det(A)$ has n^n terms. When two rows are in same coordinate direction, that term will be zero. Examples.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{vmatrix} = -bc$$

The non-zero terms have to come in different columns. So, there will be $n!$ such terms.

Formula for Determinant: 3×3 case:

If $A = (a_{ij})$ is 3×3 matrix, then

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & \\ & & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & & a_{23} \\ & & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ a_{21} & & \\ & & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ & & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & & \\ & a_{32} & \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ & a_{22} & \\ a_{31} & & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & \\ 1 & & \\ & & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \\ 1 & & \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} & & 1 \\ 1 & & \\ & 1 & \end{vmatrix} + a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} & & 1 \\ & 1 & \\ 1 & & \end{vmatrix}$$

Formula for Determinant: 3×3 case continued ...

$$= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} (1) + a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} (-1) + a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} (-1)$$

$$+ a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} (1) + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} (1) + a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} (-1)$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all permutations } P} (a_{1\alpha} a_{2\beta} a_{3\gamma}) \det(P)$$

where P runs over all permutation matrices.

$$\text{If } (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (2, 3, 1), \text{ then } P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = P_{13}P_{12}.$$

Here $\det(P) = (-1)^2 = 1$.