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Math 201- Lecture Participation Assignment

10 properties of the determinants

1) $\det(I_n) = a_{11} \underset{0}{C_{11}} + a_{12} \underset{0}{C_{12}} + a_{13} \underset{0}{C_{13}} + \dots + a_{1n} \underset{0}{C_{1n}} = 1 \cdot \underbrace{(-1)^{1+1}}_1 \cdot \underbrace{\det(I_{n-1})}_1 = 1 //$

2) The determinant changes sign when two rows are swapped.

3) The determinant is a linear function of each row of the matrix when the remaining rows are fixed.

4) If the two rows of A are equal, then $\det(A) = 0$. (Because of the 2nd property)

5) Adding a constant multiple of one row to another row does not change the determinant.

6) If A has a row of zeros, then $\det(A) = 0$.

7) If A is an upper triangular or lower triangular or a diagonal matrix, then

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{33} \cdot \dots \cdot a_{nn}$$

8) $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$.

($\equiv A$ is not invertible (singular) $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0$)

9) Given $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, then $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$

Nice
consequence

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$$

10) The transpose leaves the determinant alone, i.e. $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$

Nice
consequence

$\det A = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + a_{3j}C_{3j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$: Determinant A can be computed along any column of $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

my favourite properties are

5) because when I do elementary row op., I don't have to calculate the determinant again.

1) because it is easy to remember.

8) because it seems a good way to decide whether a matrix is invertible or not.
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