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28.1 Determinants Continued

Definition 28.1 An $m \times n$ matrix U is said to be upper triangular if $u_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i > j$. An $m \times n$ matrix L is said to be lower triangular if $l_{ij} = 0$ whenever $i < j$

Example 28.2 -

Upper Matrix Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower Matrix Example

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

Theorem 28.3 If an $n \times n$ matrix A is upper triangular or lower triangular, then

$$\det A = a_{11}a_{22} \dots a_{nn}$$

Theorem 28.4 If B is an $n \times n$ matrix obtained from A by swapping two rows of A , then $\det B = -\det A$

Corollary 28.5 If $n \times n$ matrix A has two identical rows, then $\det A = 0$

Theorem 28.6 If B is the matrix obtained from A by multiplying one row of A by a non-zero constant c , then $\det B = c \det A$

Theorem 28.7 If B is the matrix obtained from A by adding r times the k -th row of A to the j -th row, then $\det B = \det A$

Theorem 28.8 If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then $\det A = \det A^T$

Combining Theorems 28.8, 28.7, and 28.6, we find that we can do column operations

- Adding a multiple of one column to another does not change the determinant
- Multiplying a column by a non-zero scalar c multiplies the determinant by c

- Swapping two columns multiplies the determinant by (-1)

Note : Column Operations can be only used when simplifying a determinant

End of Lecture Notes
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