

Assignment-4

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Abstract—In this work, we evaluate the determinant of a matrix.

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1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Evaluate
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & x+y \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix}$$

2 THEORY

The determinant of a matrix of order three can be determined by expressing it in terms of second order determinants and is called expansion of a determinant along either a row or column. Consider a determinant of square matrix $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$

$$i.e., |\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \quad (2.0.1)$$

Now, the expansion of determinant of \mathbf{A} that is, $|\mathbf{A}|$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= (-1)^{1+1} a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{1+3} a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.2)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{A}| &= a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{32}a_{23}) - a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{31}a_{23}) \\ &\quad + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{22}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.3)$$

Generally, the properties of determinants are used while evaluating the determinant. We have used row/column reduction method and then compute the determinant of a matrix.

3 SOLUTION

$$\text{Given, } |\mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & x+y \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \begin{vmatrix} 2(x+y) & 2(x+y) & 2(x+y) \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$= 2(x+y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\begin{matrix} C_2 \leftarrow C_2 - C_1 \\ C_3 \leftarrow C_3 - C_1 \end{matrix}} 2(x+y) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & x & x-y \\ x+y & -y & -x \end{vmatrix} \quad (3.0.4)$$

Expanding the determinant from (3.0.4), we get

$$= 2(x+y) [-x^2 - \{(-y)(x-y)\}] \quad (3.0.5)$$

$$= 2(x+y) (-x^2 + xy - y^2) \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$= -2x^3 + 2x^2y - 2xy^2 - 2x^2y + 2xy^2 - 2y^3 \quad (3.0.7)$$

$$= -2(x^3 + y^3) \quad (3.0.8)$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} x & y & x+y \\ y & x+y & x \\ x+y & x & y \end{vmatrix} = -2(x^3 + y^3) \quad (3.0.9)$$