

Determinant

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Definition 1. $\mu : \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{V} \times \cdots \mathbf{V} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is n -linear form on \mathbf{V}

if $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{w}, \dots) = \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) + c\mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots)$

Definition 2. μ : n -linear form on \mathbf{V} . μ is alternating n -linear form, if $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) = 0$

Note. μ : alternating n -linear form on $\mathbf{V} \iff \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots) = -\mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots)$

Proof. \implies Suppose that $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \dots) = 0 \quad \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{V}, c \in \mathbb{R}$. Since μ is n -linear form,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \dots) + \mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \dots) &= 0 \\ \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots) + \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) + \mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots) + \mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}) = \mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{w}) = 0$, $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots) = -\mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots)$
 $\therefore \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots) = -\mu(\dots, \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots)$

\Leftarrow Suppose that $\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) = -\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) &= -\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots) \\ 2\mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \mu(\dots, \mathbf{v}, \dots, \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Note.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}^n \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^n &\approx \mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \\ (\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n) &\leftarrow A = (\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_n) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3. Alternating n -linear form on \mathbb{R}^n with $\mu(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n) = 1$ is "determinant". i.e. $\mu = \det$

Definition 4. A group \mathbf{G} consists of a set on which binary operation $*$ is defined so that for each pair of elements a, b in \mathbf{G} there is a unique element $a * b$ in \mathbf{G} , such that following conditions hold.

- (1). $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbf{G}$
- (2). $\exists e \in \mathbf{G} a * e = e * a = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbf{G}$
- (3). $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbf{G}$

Definition 5. The groups that obey the axiom of commutativity are abelian groups

Example 1. $(\mathbb{Z}, +), (\mathbb{Q}, +), (\mathbb{R}, +), (\mathbb{C}, +), (\mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), +)$ are abelian. But $(\mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \times)$ is not abelian, because it is not guranteed an inverse always exits $\forall A \in \mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}$

Definition 6. $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) := \{A \in \mathfrak{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) | A \text{ is invertible}\}$ and it is called general linear group.

Note. $(GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \times)$ is group but non-abelian

Definition 7. If $H \subseteq G$ and $(H, *)$ is also group, then H is subgroup of G and wrote $H \leq G$

Theorem 8 (Subgroup Test). $H \leq G \iff ab^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$

Proof. \implies it is trivial to prove. proof omitted

\Leftarrow Suppose that $ab^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$

$$b := b^{-1}, \text{ then } ab \in H$$

$$b := a, \text{ then } aa^{-1} = e \in H$$

$$a := e, \text{ then } b^{-1} \in H$$

$\therefore H$ is group □

Example 2. $2\mathbb{Z} := \{2a | a \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq \mathbb{Z}$

Proof. $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \quad 2a + (-2b) = 2(a - b) \in 2\mathbb{Z} \quad \therefore 2\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$ □

Definition 9. $n \in \mathbb{N}, [n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. σ is permutation if $\sigma : [n] \longrightarrow [n]$ is bijection.

Definition 10. $\mathfrak{S}_n := \{\sigma | \sigma : \text{permutation on } [n]\}$ \mathfrak{S}_n is symmetric group and (\mathfrak{S}_n, \circ) is a group.

Definition 11. $\iota(a) = a \quad \forall a \in [n], \iota : [n] \longrightarrow [n]$

Note

(1). \mathfrak{S}_n is non abelian group

(2). For convenience, we will write $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ as follows. $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \cdots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix}$

Theorem 12. Define an equivalence relation on $[n]$ for fixed $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ as follows.

$a \sim b \iff b = \sigma^k(a) \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then \sim is equivalence relation on $[n]$

Proof. 1. reflexive

$$a = \sigma^0(a) = a \quad \forall a \in [n]$$

$$\therefore a \sim a$$

2. symmetric

Suppose that $a \sim b$. i.e. $b = \sigma^k(a)$

Since $(\sigma^k)^{-1} = (\sigma^{-1})^k, a = \sigma^{-k}(b)$

$$\therefore b \sim a$$

3. transitive

Suppose that $a \sim b, b \sim c$. i.e. $b = \sigma^k(a), c = \sigma^l(b)$

Since $c = \sigma^k(\sigma^l(a)), c = \sigma^{k+l}(a)$

$\therefore c \sim a$

□

Definition 13. $[a]_{eq} := \{b \in [n] \mid a \sim b\}$ is orbit of a

Example 3. $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$, $[1]_{eq} = \{1, 2, 4, 3\} = [2]_{eq} = [4]_{eq} = [3]_{eq}$
 $[5]_{eq} = [6]_{eq} = \{5, 6\}$

Definition 14. $\mu \in \mathfrak{S}_n (n \geq 2)$ is a cycle if the number of orbit whose size is geq 2 is at most 1.

Theorem 15. Every permutation is the product of disjoint cycles

Note. disjoint cycle: the intersection of two maximum orbits in each cycle is empty and disjoint cycles are commutative

Definition 16. A cycle of $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ is transposition if $|\sigma| = 2$

Theorem 17. Every cycle is a product of transpositions. In general, $(a_1 \cdots a_n) = (a_1 a_n) \cdots (a_1 a_2)$

Example 4. $\sigma = (2\ 4\ 5) = (2\ 5)(2\ 4) \in \mathfrak{S}_5$

$$2 \mapsto 4 \mapsto 4$$

$$4 \mapsto 2 \mapsto 5$$

$$5 \mapsto 5 \mapsto 2$$

Note.

$$\begin{aligned} \iota &= (1\ 2)(1\ 2) \\ &= (1\ 2)(1\ 2)(3\ 4)(3\ 4) \\ &= (1\ 2)(1\ 2)(3\ 4)(3\ 4) \cdots (n-1\ n)(n-1\ n) \end{aligned}$$

Definition 18. $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ is even if it is a product of transpositions where the number of transition is even, otherwise σ is odd.

Definition 19. $\mathcal{A}_n := \{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \mid \sigma \text{ is even}\}$; the alternating subgroup of \mathfrak{S}_n

Theorem 20.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sgn} : \mathfrak{S}_n &\longrightarrow \{-1, 1\} \\ \sigma &\mapsto \begin{cases} -1 & \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \setminus \mathcal{A}_n \\ +1 & \sigma \in \mathcal{A}_n \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

sgn is group homomorphism (operation preserving).

Definition 21. $\mathfrak{B} = \{\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} : \text{ordered basis for } V, \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n, \mathfrak{B}^\sigma := \{\mathbf{v}_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(n)}\}.$
Permutation matrix is $[Id]_{\mathfrak{B}}^{\mathfrak{B}^\sigma}$

Example 5. $\mathfrak{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}, \sigma = (1\ 3\ 2), \mathfrak{B}^\sigma = \{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$

$$[Id]_{\mathfrak{B}}^{\mathfrak{B}^\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$