

Chapter 5: Determinants (Notes 1)

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12/12: Properties of Determinants

$$\bullet A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

— $6! = 720$ possible permutations

$$\bullet B = \{6, 1, 4, 2, 5, 3\}$$

— $5+0+2+0+1+0 = 8$ inversions.

— Make B an even permutation

• Inversion: The number of elements out of order following an element.

• Even permutation: $\sum (\text{Inversions}) = \text{an even number}$.

• Determinant $(A) = \det(A) = |A|$: Sum of signed elementary products of A .

• Elementary product: Exactly one entry from each row/column of A .

$$\bullet A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

E.P.	Permutation	Inversion	Parity	Sign
$a_{11} a_{22}$	1, 2	0	even	+
$a_{12} a_{21}$	2, 1	1	odd	-

$$\bullet |A| = a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}$$

• Properties:

1. $|I| = 1$

■ There is only one nonzero elementary product.

2. Row swaps change the sign of $|A|$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \quad \text{vs.} \quad \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = bc - ad = -(ad - bc)$$

■ Use induction for higher dimensions.

3. $|A|$ is a linear operation one row at a time.

$$\begin{vmatrix} xa & xb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = x(ad - bc)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+x & b+y \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc + xd - yc = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

4. If A has 2 equal rows, $|A| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = ab - ab = 0$$

5. Adding a multiple of a row of A to another row preserves $|A|$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c-xa & d-xb \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

6. Row of zeros $\Rightarrow |A| = 0$

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

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7. U is the upper triangular form of A , then $|U| = u_{11} u_{22} \cdots u_{nn}$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

• $|U| = |A|$ because of 5.

8. If A is singular, then $|A| = 0$.12/13: Method of Cofactor Expansion

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} - a_{13} a_{22} a_{31}$$

$$= a_{11} (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32}) + a_{12} (a_{23} a_{31} - a_{21} a_{33}) + a_{13} (a_{21} a_{32} - a_{22} a_{31})$$

$$\text{• Minor} = M_{1,1} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{• Cofactor} = C_{1,1} = \pm (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32})$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 2 & 7 \\ \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{3} \\ -3 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Find $|A|$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-1 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ -1 & -9 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & -9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -1 \left(-1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -9 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 7 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \right) + 3 \left(5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -9 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 5 \\ 3 & -9 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ & -1 (-1 \cdot 71 + 5 \cdot -7) + 3 (5 \cdot -9 + 2 \cdot 12 + 0) \\ & -71 + 5 \cdot -60 + 72 \\ & -88 \end{aligned}$$

12/17: Cramer's Rule

• A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix, $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

• $Ax = b$ is solved by $x_i = \frac{|A_i(b)|}{|A|}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

$$Ax = b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{6}{-2} = -3$$

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- Proof: Let the columns of I_n be noted as e_1, \dots, e_n .
 - If $Ax = b$, $AI_n x = b$.
 - $AI_i(x) = A[e_1 \dots x \dots e_n] = [Ae_1 \dots Ax \dots Ae_n] = [a_1 \dots b \dots a_n] = A_i(b)$
 - $|A| |I_i(x)| = |AI_i(x)| = |A_i(b)|$
 - $|I_i(x)| = x_i$ (think about the matrix)
 - $|A| x_i = |A_i(b)|$, $x_i = \frac{|A_i(b)|}{|A|}$

12/18: Inverses

- A is an $n \times n$ matrix.
- C is a matrix of the cofactors of A .
 - c_{ij} is the cofactor of a_{ij}

$$AC^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & \dots & c_{n1} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & c_{2n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |A| & \bigcirc & \dots & \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc & |A| & \dots & \bigcirc \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bigcirc & \dots & \dots & |A| \end{bmatrix} = |A| I_n$$

$$AC^T = |A| I, \quad A^{-1} AC^T = |A| A^{-1} I, \quad C^T = |A| A^{-1}, \quad \frac{1}{|A|} C^T = A^{-1}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

- C^T is called the adjoint of A , or $\text{adj}(A)$.

PROPERTY IX OF DETERMINANTS: $|AB| = |A||B|$

Let E be an $n \times n$ elementary matrix.

- a) If E results from a row swap I_n (an $n \times n$ identity matrix), then $|E| = -1$ by property II
- b) If E results from multiplying one row of I_n by $k \in F$, then $|E| = k$ by property III
- c) If E results from adding a multiple of one row of I_n to another row, then $|E| = 1$ by property V

LEMMA:

Recall that multiplying a matrix B by an elementary matrix on the left performs the corresponding row operation on B . Because of this AND statements a-c above we can say that $|EB| = |E||B|$.

Now, let A be an arbitrary $n \times n$ matrix whose reduced row echelon form is R . Let $E_1 E_2 \dots E_r$ be the elementary matrices corresponding to the elementary row operations that reduce A to R such that $E_r \dots E_2 E_1 A = R$

Taking determinants of both sides and repeatedly applying the Lemma, we obtain

$$|E_r| \dots |E_2| |E_1| |A| = |R|.$$

Since the determinants of all elementary matrices are nonzero, as shown in the top box above, we can conclude that $|A| \neq 0$ if and only if $|R| \neq 0$.

Suppose A is invertible, then $R = I_n$, so $|R| = 1 \neq 0$. Therefore $|A| \neq 0$ also. Conversely if $|A| \neq 0$ then $|R| \neq 0$, so R cannot contain a zero row by property VI and it follows that R must be I_n so A is invertible.

To show that $|AB| = |A||B|$ for any arbitrary matrices A and B of size $n \times n$, consider two cases: when A is invertible and when A is not invertible.

Invertible Case: If A is invertible it can be written as a product of elementary matrices $A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_k$, so then $AB = E_1 E_2 \dots E_k B$, and k applications of the Lemma eventually give

$$|AB| = |E_1 E_2 \dots E_k B| = |E_1| |E_2| \dots |E_k| |B|.$$

Continuing to apply the Lemma, we obtain $|AB| = |E_1 E_2 \dots E_k| |B| = |A| |B|$.

Singular Case: On the other hand, if A is not invertible, then neither is AB . $|AB| = |A| = 0$