

Ch3 Determinants (cont.)

Properties of Determinants (from Section 3.2)

P1. If A is an $n \times n$ upper triangular or lower triangular matrix then

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

P2. If B is the matrix obtained by permuting two rows of A then

$$\det(B) = -\det(A)$$

P3. If B is the matrix obtained by multiplying one row of A by any scalar then

$$\det(B) = k \det(A)$$

P4. If B is the matrix obtained by adding a multiple of any row of A to a different row of A then

$$\det(B) = \det(A)$$

We may use these properties to
calculate determinants

Ex / Suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ and $\det(A) = 7$

Suppose $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4g & 4h & 4i \\ a+d & b+e & c+f \\ a-2g & b-2h & c-2i \end{bmatrix}$. Find $\det(B)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= \det(A) \cdot -1 \cdot 4 \\ &= -28 \end{aligned}$$

P5. $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

P6. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n denote the row vectors of A . If the i th row vector of A is the sum of two row vectors, say $a_i = b_i + c_i$ then $\det(A) = \det(B) + \det(C)$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_i = b_i + c_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

The corresponding property is also true for columns

P7. If A has a row (or column)
of zeros then $\det A = 0$

P8. If two rows (or two columns)
are scalar multiples of each other
then $\det(A) = 0$

P9. $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$

P10 If A is an invertible matrix
then $\det(A) \neq 0$ and $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$

Ex / Let A and B be 4×4
matrices with $\det(A) = 3$ and
 $\det(B) = 4$. If $C = 5A \cdot 2B$, find
 $\det(C)$.

$$\det(5A) = 5^4 \cdot 3$$

$$\det(2B) = 2^4 \cdot 4$$

$$\det(C) = \det(5A) \cdot \det(2B)$$

HW11

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

HW12

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A) = 6$$

Find $\det(B)$ where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 2d & 2g \\ b-c & e-f & h-i \\ c-a & f-d & i-g \end{bmatrix}$$

HW13

Let A and B be 4×4 matrices
such that $\det(A) = 5$ and $\det(B) = 3$

Find a) $\det (2B)^{-1} (AB)^T$

b) $\det (4B)^3$

c) $\det (A^{-1} B^2)^2$

HW14

Determine all values of the
constant k for which

$$x_1 + kx_2 = b_1$$

$$kx_1 + 4x_2 = b_2$$

has a unique solution