

vv214: Determinants

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1. Review: Orthonormal bases, Least squares solution, Fourier series, correlation.
2. Determinants of 2×2 and 3×3 matrices.
3. Properties of determinants.
4. Patterns, inversions, determinants of $n \times n$ matrices.
5. Multiplicative property of a determinant.
6. Laplace expansions.

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$$r = \cos(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \frac{(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}{|\bar{x}||\bar{y}|}$$

Remark: By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$|(\bar{x}, \bar{y})| \leq |\bar{x}||\bar{y}| \Rightarrow -1 \leq r \leq 1$$

Correlation: Example

Consider meat consumption and incidence of cancer rate in the following countries:

Country	Consumption	Rate	Deviation: Cons	Deviation: Rate
Japan	26	7.5	-122	-10.7
Finland	101	9.8	-47	-8.4
Israel	124	16.4	-24	-1.8
GB	205	23.3	57	5.1
US	284	34	136	15.8
Mean	148	18.2		

The correlation coefficient is

$$r = \frac{122 \cdot 10.7 + 47 \cdot 8.4 + 24 \cdot 1.8 + 57 \cdot 5.1 + 136 \cdot 15.8}{198.53 \cdot 21.539} \approx 0.9782$$

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6. Is $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1000 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 1000 & 8 \\ 1000 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1000 \\ 1 & 2 & 1000 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ positive or negative?

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Consider a map $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 & 2 \\ y & 2 & 1 \\ z & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that the map is linear and find its matrix.

3. Let

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ c & -d \end{pmatrix} = 2$$

Evaluate

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3a + 2c & c \\ 2d + 3b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercises:

4. Let $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and

$$\det(\bar{v}_1 \dots \bar{v}_{n-1} \bar{x}) = 1, \det(\bar{v}_1 \dots \bar{v}_{n-1} \bar{y}) = 2,$$

$$\det(\bar{v}_1 \dots \bar{v}_{n-1} \bar{z}) = 3$$

Find

$$\det(\bar{v}_1 \dots \bar{v}_{n-1} (-\bar{x} + 2\bar{y} + 3\bar{z} + 5\bar{v}_3))$$

Commutative Rings

Definition: A **ring** is a set R equipped with two operations

$$\forall x, y \in R \quad x + y \in R, \quad x \cdot y \in R$$

satisfying

- a. R is an abelian group under addition.
- b. $x(yz) = (xy)z$ (multiplication is associative)
- c. $x(y + z) = xy + xz$, $(y + z)x = yx + zx$ (the two distributive laws hold)

If $xy = yx \forall x, y \in R$, we say that the ring R is **commutative**.

If there is an element $1 \in R$ such that $1x = x1 = x$ for each $x \in R$, R is said to be a **ring with identity**, and 1 is called the **identity** for R .

Examples of commutative rings with identity:

1. The set of integers \mathbb{Z} with usual operations (but it is not a field)
2. The set of all polynomials over a field with usual operations.
We shall denote the polynomial ring by $R[x]$.

Determinants

If R is a commutative ring with identity, we define an $m \times n$ matrix over R as a function A from the set of pairs (i, j) of integers into R .

Recall that we have considered matrices with real or complex entries, that is, matrices over the fields \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} .

All what we did with matrices over fields can be applied to matrices over a ring, including the evaluation of the determinant function.

Example: Let $R = \mathbb{R}[x]$ be the ring of all polynomials over the field of real numbers. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + x & x + 1 \\ x - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - 1 & x + 2 \\ x^2 - 2x + 3 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = x + 1, \quad \det B = -6$$

A is not invertible over $\mathbb{R}[x]$, whereas B is invertible over $\mathbb{R}[x]$.

Properties of determinants

Definition: The scalar $(-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$ is called the **cofactor** of the entry a_{ij} .

$$c_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij} \Rightarrow \det A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} c_{ij},$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ik} c_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } j \neq k$$

Replace the j th column of A by its k th column, and call the resulting matrix B .

$$\det B = 0, \quad B_{ij} = A_{ij}$$

$$0 = \det B = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} B_{ij} b_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} a_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ik} c_{ij}$$

$$12. \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ik} c_{ij} = \delta_{jk} \det A$$

Properties of determinants

Definition: The **classical adjoint** $\text{adj } A$ of A is the transpose of the matrix of cofactors of A :

$$(\text{adj } A)_{ij} = c_{ji} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ji}$$

Summarize formulas from the property 12 into the matrix equation

$$(\text{adj } A)A = (\det A)I$$

$$(-1)^{i+j} A_{ij}^T = (-1)^{i+j} A_{ji} \Rightarrow \text{adj } A^T = (\text{adj } A)^T$$

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13. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix over R . A is invertible over R iff $\det A$ is invertible in R . If A is invertible, the unique inverse is defined by

$$A^{-1} = (\det A)^{-1}(\text{adj } A)$$

In the example above, $\det A = x + 1 \Rightarrow A$ is not invertible.

Properties of determinants: Cramer's Rule

Consider a linear system of equations $Ax = y$

$$(adj A)Ax = (adj A)y$$

$$(\det A)x = (adj A)y \Rightarrow (\det A)x_j = \sum_{i=1}^n (adj A)_{ji}y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}y_i$$

The last expression is the determinant of the matrix obtained from A by replacing the j th column by y .

$$\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow x_j = \frac{\det B_j}{\det A}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

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Use $A(\text{adj } A) = (\det A)I$ to find $\text{rank } (\text{adj } A)$.

Orthogonal Linear Transformations

Definition: A linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called **orthogonal** if

$$||T\bar{x}|| = ||\bar{x}|| \quad \forall \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

The matrix of an orthogonal transformation is called **orthogonal**.

Example: The rotation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

preserves the length $\Rightarrow A$ is the orthogonal matrix.

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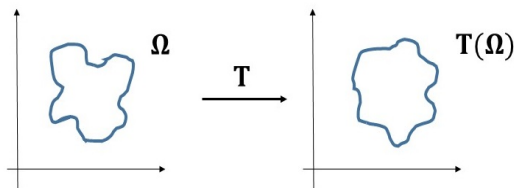
$$A^T A = R^T Q^T Q R = R^T R \Rightarrow \det A^T A = (\det R)^2 = (V(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_m))^2$$

$$V(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_m) = \sqrt{\det A^T A}$$

$$m = n \Rightarrow V(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_m) = |\det A|$$

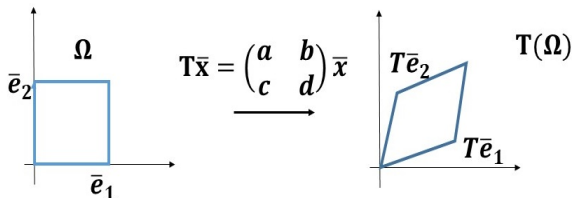
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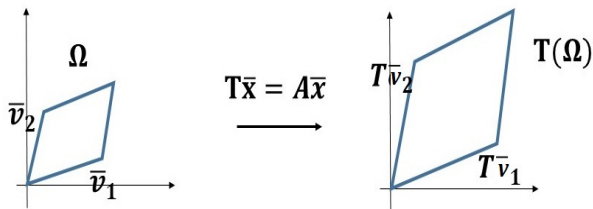


$$\text{The expansion factor} = \frac{\left| \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right|}{1} = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

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If $\Omega = \text{span}(\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2)$, $B = (\bar{v}_1 \ \bar{v}_2)$ and $T\bar{x} = A\bar{x}$, then



$$\text{The expansion factor} = \frac{|\det(T\bar{v}_1 \ T\bar{v}_2)|}{|\det B|} = |\det A|$$

$$\text{In } \mathbb{R}^n, |\det A| = \frac{V(A\bar{v}_1, \dots, A\bar{v}_n)}{V(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n)}$$