

# Matrix determinant, inverse solving of systems of equations

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# Matrix Determinant

- Let  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ , then the number  $|A|$  called determinant of the matrix  $A$ .

## i. Determinant of $2 \times 2$ matrix

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21}$$

## ii. Determinant of $3 \times 3$ matrix

$$\text{Let } B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } |B| = a_{11}(a_{22} \cdot a_{33} - a_{23} \cdot a_{32}) - a_{12}(a_{21} \cdot a_{33} - a_{23} \cdot a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21} \cdot a_{32} - a_{31} \cdot a_{22})$$

## Exercise 1

Calculate the determinants of the following matrices

$$\bullet \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 9 \\ -3 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Properties of the Determinant

- A. The determinant of a matrix  $A$  and its transpose  $A^t$  are equal  $|A|=|A^t|$
- B. Let  $A$  be a square matrix
  - 1. If  $A$  has row(Column) of zeros, then  $|A|=0$
  - 2. If  $A$  has two identical rows(or columns) then  $|A|=0$
- C. If  $A$  is triangular matrix, then  $|A|$  is product of diagonal elements
- D. If  $A$  is square matrix of order  $n$  and  $K$  is scalar, then  $|KA| = k^n |A|$

## • Minor and Cofactors

$A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix. Then  $M_{ij}$  denote a sub matrix of  $A$  with order  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  obtained by deleting its  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column. The determinant  $|M_{ij}|$  is called the minor of the element  $a_{ij}$  of  $A$ .

The cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  denoted by  $A_{ij}$  and is equal to  $(-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Co factor matrix of } (C) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Co factor matrix of } (A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & -5 \\ -2 & -2 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

## ❑ Singular Matrix

If  $A$  is square matrix of order  $n$ , the  $A$  is called singular matrix when  $|A| = 0$  and non-singular otherwise.

## ❑ Adjoin Matrix

The transpose of the matrix of cofactors of the element of  $A$  denoted by  $\text{adj } A$  is called adjoin of matrix  $A$ .

For any square matrix  $A$

$A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) A = |A| I$  where  $I$  is the identity matrix of same order.

# Inverse of a Matrix

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- If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $AB = BA = I$ , then each is said to be inverse of the other. The inverse of  $A$  is denoted by  $A^{-1}$ .

## Existence of the Inverse

The necessary and sufficient condition for a square matrix  $A$  to have an inverse is that  $|A| \neq 0$  (That is  $A$  is nonsingular).

## Reversal law of the inverse of product

If A and B are two non-singular matrices of order n, then (AB) is also nonsingular

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

If A is a non-singular matrix, then

$$A(A)^{-1} = I$$
$$|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$$



# Solution of System of Linear Equation by Matrix Method

Solution of the linear system  $AX= B$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1+a_{12}x_2+.....a_{1n}x_n&=b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1+a_{22}x_2+.....a_{2n}x_n&=b_2 \\ ..... \\ ..... \\ a_{n1}x_1+a_{n2}x_2+.....a_{nn}x_n&=b_n \end{aligned}$$

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- The above system can be put in the matrix form as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Method of inversion:

$$Ax = B$$

$$(A)^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}B$$

$$(AA^{-1})x = A^{-1}B$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$$

Exercise 3:

Solve the below equations using inversion method

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 3$$

$$x_1 + 8x_3 = 17$$