

Properties of Determinants

P7) From (P3, 4, 6), it follows that

ERO (Elementary row op.) do not change whether \det is 0 or non-zero.

Recall $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible \Leftrightarrow

$$\text{rank}(A) = n \Leftrightarrow \text{RREF of } A \text{ is } I_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$$

A is not invertible $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) < n$

\Leftrightarrow RREF of A has a zero row

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$$

Thus $\det(A) \neq 0$ if and only if A is invertible.

P8) Any scalar quantity $Q(A)$ having these properties is indeed $\det(A)$. ($Q(A)$ must be $= \det(A)$)

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

In particular, $\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = \det(AA^{-1}) = \det I_n = 1$

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

3.3 The Cofactor Expansions

Defⁿ Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

The (i,j) th minor M_{ij} of the element a_{ij} is the determinant of the matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column of A .

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The (i,j) th cofactor C_{ij} of the element a_{ij} is defined by $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

$$M_{33} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \quad C_{33} = (-1)^{3+3} (6) = 6$$

signs alternate like this $\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + & - & \dots \\ - & + & - & + & \dots \\ + & - & + & - & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

2) If we expand along column j ;

$$\det(A) = a_{1j} C_{1j} + a_{2j} C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj} C_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} C_{kj}$$

eg. $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ $M_{11} = \det(d) = d$ $M_{12} = \det(c) = c$
 $C_{11} = M_{11} = d$ $C_{12} = -M_{12} = -c$

$$\det(A) = aC_{11} + bC_{12} = ad - bc$$

eg. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ let's expand along the first row.

Notation: $\det(A) = |A|$

$$\det(A) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(28) - 5(12) + 2(0) = -32$$

eg. Compute $\det(A)$ for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 5 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{matrix} -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix}$ } these operations don't change $\det!$
 Cofactor expand along the first column.
 $\det(A) = \det(B) = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 5 + 6 = 11$

eg. let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ $M_{11} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = -3$

$$M_{22} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = -12$$

$$M_{13} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = -3$$

eg. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $M_{12} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -5$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} (-5) = 5$$

Thm (Cofactor Expansion Theorem)

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If we multiply the elements in any row (or column) of A by their cofactors, then the sum of the resulting product is $\det(A)$. Thus,

1) If we expand along row i ;

$$\det(A) = a_{i1} C_{i1} + a_{i2} C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} C_{in} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} C_{ik}$$

Cofactor expansion along row 3 gives us;

$$\det(A) = 0 - 0 + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 4(7 - 15) = -32$$

Remark: $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ because the i^{th} column cofactor expansion of A^T is the i^{th} row cofactor expansion of A .

The adjoint method for A^{-1}

Defⁿ If every element in an $n \times n$ matrix A is replaced by its Cofactor, the resulting matrix is called the matrix of cofactors and is denoted M_c .

The transpose of M_c is called the adjoint of A and is denoted $\text{adj}(A)$.

Thus the elements of $\text{adj}(A)$ are $\text{adj}(A)_{ij} = C_{ji}$

$$(\text{adj}(A) = M_c^T)$$

e.g. Determine $\text{adj}(A)$ for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -11 \quad M_{13} = -5$$

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \quad M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad M_{23} = 10$$

$$M_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \quad M_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad M_{33} = 5$$

$$M_c = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 11 & -5 \\ 4 & 2 & -10 \\ -6 & -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Cofactors}$$

$$\text{So } \text{adj}(A) = M_c^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 \\ 11 & 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -10 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm (The adjoint method for A^{-1})

If $\det(A) \neq 0$ then $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$

Continuing from the prev example,

$$\det(A) = 5 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -30 + 10 = -20$$

$$\text{So } A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{20} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 \\ 11 & 2 & -3 \\ -5 & -10 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cramer's rule

Given an invertible $n \times n$ matrix A and the vector equation $Ax = b$

let B_k denote the matrix obtained by replacing the k^{th} column of A with b .

$$\text{So, } B_k = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & b_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & & b_n & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm If $\det(A) \neq 0$ the unique solution to the $n \times n$ system $Ax = b$ is $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ where $x_k = \frac{\det(B_k)}{\det(A)}$ $k=1, 2, \dots, n$

Example Use Cramer's rule to solve the system $3x_1 - x_2 = 1$
 $-5x_1 + 2x_2 = 4$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A) = 6 - 5 = 1$$

$$\det(B_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$\det(B_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 12 + 5 = 17$$

$$\text{So } x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} = \frac{6}{1} = 6$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} = \frac{17}{1} = 17$$

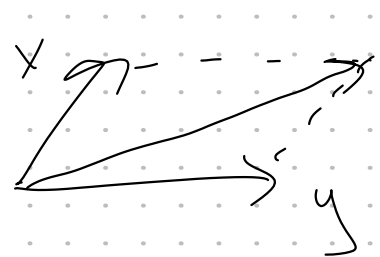
$x = (6, 17)$ is the unique solution.

4. Vector Spaces

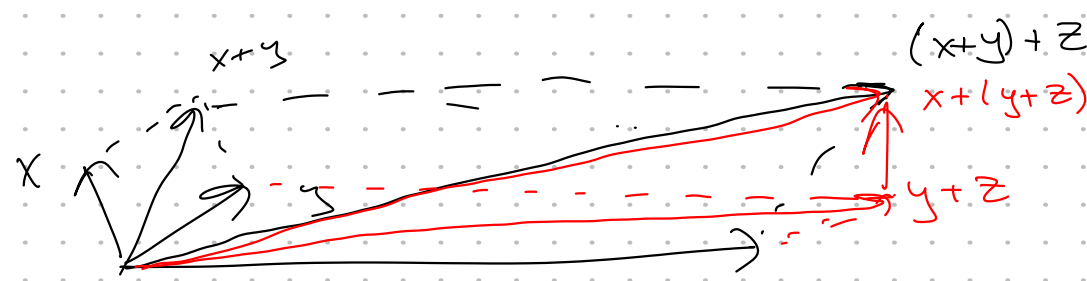
4.1 Vectors in the Euclidean Space (\mathbb{R}^n)

Vectors are "arrows". They have a magnitude (length) and a direction.

Vector addition



$$\textcircled{1} \quad x + y = y + x \quad (\text{commutative})$$



So we have associativity. $\textcircled{2}$

$\textcircled{3}$ There is a vector called the zero vector, denoted 0 , such that $x + 0 = x$ for all vectors x . $0 = \cdot$