

Chapter 2 Matrix Techniques

Section 2.1 Determinant and Rank

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Symmetric Positive Definite (SPD) matrices; ~~Rot~~ Orthogonal (and Rotational) matrices.

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Section 2.1 Determinant and RankDefinition of determinant of a (square) matrix.only for a square matrix $A = [a]$   $a$  is a number.  $A$ :  $1 \times 1$  matrix

$$\det A = a.$$

 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$   $a, b, c, d$ : numbers.

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = a_1 b_2 c_3 + a_2 b_3 c_1 + a_3 b_1 c_2 - a_3 b_2 c_1 - a_2 b_1 c_3 - a_1 b_3 c_2$$

Now, consider an  $n \times n$  matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}] = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $P_n = \{ \text{all permutations of } (1 \ 2 \ \cdots \ n) \}$

A permutation is a rearrangement, or is a bijection (1-1, onto mapping).

$P_n$  has  $n!$  elements. e.g.,  $n=3$ .  $P_3$  consists of  $(1 \ 2 \ 3)$ ,  $(1 \ 3 \ 2)$ ,  $(2 \ 1 \ 3)$ ,  $(2 \ 3 \ 1)$ ,  $(3 \ 1 \ 2)$ ,  $(3 \ 2 \ 1)$   
 $6 = 3!$  permutations of  $(1 \ 2 \ 3)$ . Note that  
 $(1 \ 2 \ 3)$  is also a permutation of  $(1 \ 2 \ 3)$ .

An element / permutation of  $P_n$  is often denoted  $(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n)$

If  $(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n) \in P_n$ , we denote

$$s(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n) = \text{sign} \prod_{1 \leq p < q \leq n} (j_q - j_p)$$

This is either 1 or -1.

If  $s(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n) = 1$  then  $(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n)$  is an even permutation.

If  $s(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n) = -1$  then  $(j_1 \ j_2 \ \cdots \ j_n)$  is an odd permutation.

These terminologies are related to the fact that each  $(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) \in P_n$  is obtained by finitely many pair <sup>inter</sup> exchanges. The smallest number of such pair <sup>inter</sup> exchanges is even (odd)  $\iff s(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) = 1$  (or  $-1$ ).

Example  $n=3$ .  $(123) \in P_3$ .  $s(123) = \text{sign} (2-1)(3-1)(3-2) = 1$ . So,  $(123)$  is an even permutation. We need 0 steps of pair ~~inter~~ exchanges to obtain  $(123)$  from  $(123)$ .

$(231) \in P_3$ :  $s(231) = \text{sign} (3-2)(1-2)(1-3) = 1$

even.  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$

$(123) \xrightarrow{1 \leftrightarrow 2} (213) \xrightarrow{1 \leftrightarrow 3} (231)$ .

m.n. steps of pair ~~inter~~ exchanges = 2. even.

$(132) \in P_3$   $(123) \rightarrow (132)$  odd.

Definition. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ .

$$\det A = \sum_{(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) \in P_n} s(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \dots a_{nj_n}$$

Examples (1)  $n=2$ .  $P_2 = \{(12), (21)\}$ .

$(12)$ :  $a_{11} a_{22}$ .  $s(12) = 1$ .

$(21)$ :  $a_{12} a_{21}$ .  $s(21) = -1$ .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}.$$

(2)  $n=3$ ,  $P_3 = \{(123), (132), (213), (231), (312), (321)\}$

(123).  $\text{sign}(123) = 1$ ,  $a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}$

(132)  $\text{sign}(132) = -1$   $-a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}$

(213)  $\text{sign}(213) = -\text{sign}(123) = -1$ ,  $-a_{12} a_{21} a_{33}$

(312) ( $\rightarrow(213) \rightarrow(123)$ )  $\text{sign}(312) = 1$ ,  $a_{13} a_{21} a_{32}$

(312)  $\text{sign}(312) = 1$   $a_{13} a_{21} a_{32}$

(321)  $\text{sign}(321) = -1$   $-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31}$

So,  $\det A = \det [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$

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

## Properties of determinants

Theorem Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ . Then,

$$(1) \det A = \sum_{(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) \in P_n} \text{sign}(j_1 j_2 \dots j_n) a_{j_1 1} a_{j_2 2} \dots a_{j_n n}$$

$$(2) \det A^T = \det A.$$

↑  
the transpose of  $A$ . e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem (1) Two rows (or columns) are interchanged  
 $\Rightarrow$  the sign of determinant is reversed.

$$\text{e.g. } \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In particular, two rows (or columns) are identical, then the  $\det = 0$ .

(2) If a row (column) is multiplied by a number  $c$ , then the det. is multiplied by  $c$ .

$$\text{e.g., } \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 \cdot 1 & 4 \cdot 3 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ = 4 \cdot 1 = 4$$

(3) If a multiple of a row (column) is subtracted from another row (column), then the det. is unchanged.

$$\text{e.g., } \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 4 - 0 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

Theorem (Row or Column expansion) Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ .

Then for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ )

$$\det A = a_{i1} C_{i1} + a_{i2} C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} C_{in}$$

(row expansion)

for each  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ )

$$\det A = a_{1j} C_{1j} + a_{2j} C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj} C_{nj}.$$

Here,  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$

$A_{ij}$  is the ~~row~~  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  in  $A$ .

Call  $C_{ij}$  the  $(i,j)$ -th cofactor.

Example

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{i=1}{=} 1 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot (-1)^{1+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \quad + (-2) \cdot (-1)^{1+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & = 1 \cdot (-1-2) - 2 \cdot 3 = -9. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & a_{22} & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$$

↑  
diagonal matrix

$$\det I = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1.$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$$

upper triangular matrix.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$$

lower triangular matrix

Theorem (1) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $n \times n$  matrices.

$$\text{Then } \det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$$

(2) If  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is invertible, i.e.,

$$AB = BA = I$$

for some  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$ , ~~then~~ ( $B = A^{-1}$ : inverse), then

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

Moreover

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} C^T$$

where  $C = [c_{ij}]$  is the co-factor matrix of  $A$ .

Theorem (Cramer's Rule) Assume  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  is invertible  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$Ax = b.$$

Then the unique solution  $x$  is given by

$$x_j = \frac{\det A_j}{\det A} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

where  $A_j$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix obtained by replacing the  $j$ th column of  $A$  by  $b$ .