

Lecture 1

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Defn: An $m \times n$ matrix over the field \mathbb{F} (e.g. $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{F} = \text{GF}(q)$) is a rectangular array of numbers from \mathbb{F} .

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ denote an $m \times n$ matrix.

The numbers that constitute A are called its elements and the j th element of the i th row can be written as $a_{ij} = [A]_{ij}$.

The dimension of A is $m \times n$. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, it is said to have order n .

Let A and B denote $m \times n$ matrices and let C denote an $n \times p$ matrix. The following algebraic operations are defined:

1. Multiplication by a scalar

$$[\alpha A]_{ij} = \alpha [A]_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

2. Matrix addition

$$[A + B]_{ij} = [A]_{ij} + [B]_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

3. Matrix multiplication

$$[AB]_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n [A]_{ik} [B]_{kj}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Note that the number of columns of A must equal the number of rows of B . In general, $AB \neq BA$. However, if $AB = BA$, A and B are said to commute.

4. The transpose of a matrix is denoted A^T , where

$$[A^T]_{ij} = [A]_{ji}$$

5. Matrix inverse. Let A denote an $n \times n$ matrix, if \exists an $n \times n$ matrix B s.t. $AB = I$, then B is said to be the inverse of A and is denoted A^{-1} .

6. Complex conjugate of a matrix A is denoted \bar{A} , where

$$[\bar{A}]_{ij} = \overline{[A]_{ij}} = \operatorname{Re}([A]_{ij}) - i \operatorname{Im}([A]_{ij})$$

7. Conjugate transpose (Hermitian transpose) of A is denoted A^*

where $[A^*]_{ij} = [\bar{A}]_{ji}$.

Properties (1)–(18) follow from the above definitions.

(pf: exercise) Let $A, B,$ and C denote matrices of compatible dimensions, and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.

$$(1) \quad A+B = B+A$$

$$(2) \quad (A+B) + C = A + (B+C)$$

$$(3) \quad \alpha(A+B) = \alpha A + \beta B$$

$$(4) \quad (\alpha\beta)A = \alpha(\beta A)$$

$$(5) \quad A-B = A + (-1)B$$

$$(6) \quad (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \text{associativity of matrix mult.}$$

$$(7) \quad (A+B)C = AC + BC \quad \text{right distr.}$$

$$(8) \quad A(B+C) = AB + AC \quad \text{left distr.}$$

$$(9) \quad (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

$$(10) \quad (AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

$$(11) \quad (A^*)^* = A$$

$$(12) \quad (A+B)^* = A^* + B^*$$

$$(13) \quad (\alpha A)^* = \bar{\alpha} A^*$$

$$(14) \quad (AB)^* = B^* A^*$$

$$(15) \quad AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A$$

$$(16) \quad (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

$$(17) \quad (A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$(18) \quad (A^*)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^*$$

Defn

The determinant of a square matrix A is a number in the field \mathbb{F} , denoted $\det(A)$ or $|A|$.

The determinant of a 1×1 matrix $A = a$ is a .

The determinant of a 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is defined as: $\det(A) = ad - bc$.

And, the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix A , with elements $[A]_{jk} = a_{jk}$, is defined inductively in terms of the determinant of an $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix, as:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{k=1}^n [A]_{1k} C_{1k},$$

where C_{jk} denotes the (j,k) th cofactor or algebraic complement of the element $[A]_{jk}$, where:

$$C_{jk} = (-1)^{j+k} M_{jk},$$

and:

$$M_{jk} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1(k-1)} & a_{1(k+1)} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{(j-1)1} & \dots & a_{(j-1)(k-1)} & a_{(j-1)(k+1)} & \dots & a_{(j-1)n} \\ a_{(j+1)1} & \dots & a_{(j+1)(k-1)} & a_{(j+1)(k+1)} & \dots & a_{(j+1)n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{n(k-1)} & a_{n(k+1)} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ 1 \leq k \leq n. \end{matrix}$$

M_{jk} is the determinant of the matrix formed from A by deleting the j th row and k th column. M_{jk} is called the minor of the element $[A]_{jk}$.

Properties of determinants (0.) $\det(I) = 1$.

(1.) If any two columns of A are interchanged, then the determinant of the resulting matrix is equal to $(-1)|A|$.

pf: (by induction) In the 2×2 case, $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Then,

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{bmatrix}\right) = bc - ad = -\det(A).$$

Now assume that the property is true for any $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix.

Let A be $n \times n$, with $A = [\underline{a}_1 \dots \underline{a}_n]$, where \underline{a}_j denotes the j th column of A .
First assume column k is interchanged with column $k+1$. Then, $(\underline{a}_j$ is an $n \times 1$ "column" matrix.)

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_{k-1}, \underline{a}_{k+1}, \underline{a}_k, \underline{a}_{k+2}, \dots, \underline{a}_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j+k} [A]_{ij} C_{ij}$$

$$= -\det(A). \quad \text{The general case follows by repeated interchanges of adjacent columns.}$$

(2.) If any column of A is multiplied by a scalar α , the determinant of the resulting matrix is $\alpha|A|$.

pf: (by induction) In the 2×2 case, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha a & b \\ \alpha c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \alpha b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \alpha(ad - bc) = \alpha|A|.$$

Now assume that the property is true for any $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix.

And let A be $n \times n$, with $A = [\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_n]$. Then,

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_{k-1}, \alpha \underline{a}_k, \underline{a}_{k+1}, \dots, \underline{a}_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha [A]_{ij} C_{ij}$$

$$= \alpha \det(A).$$

Property (3.) If any column of A is proportional to another column of A , then $|A| = 0$.

pf: (by induction) In the 2×2 case:

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha b & b \\ \alpha d & d \end{bmatrix} \right) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{by prop. (2.)}}}{=} \alpha \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ d & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \alpha (bd - bd) = 0.$$

Now assume that the property is true any $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix.

And let A be $n \times n$, with $A = [\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_n]$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left([\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_{j-1}, \alpha \underline{a}_k, \underline{a}_{j+1}, \dots, \underline{a}_n] \right) &= \\ &= \alpha [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+j} M_{ij} + [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+k} M_{ik} \\ &= \alpha [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+j} M_{ij} + \alpha [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+k} \tilde{M}_{ik} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} j^{\text{th}} \text{ column is} \\ \text{divided by } \alpha \end{array} \\ &= \alpha [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+j} M_{ij} + \alpha [A]_{jk} (-1)^{1+k} (-1)^{k-j-1} M_{ij} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{(-1)^{1+k} (-1)^{k-j-1}}_{=(-1)^j} \leftarrow \text{by prop. 1}$

property (4.) The determinant is a linear function of a given column when all other columns are fixed.

Let $A = [a_1 \dots a_n]$.

Then
$$\det([a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, \underline{b} + a_k, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n]) = \det(A) + \det([a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, \underline{b}, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n])$$

pf: (by induction) In the 2×2 case, with $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a+b_{11} & b \\ c+b_{21} & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a+b_{11})d - (c+b_{21})b = (ad - bc) + (b_{11}d - b_{21}b) = \det(A) + \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b \\ b_{21} & d \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Now assume that the property is true for any $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix.

And let A denote an $n \times n$ matrix with $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$. Then:

$$\det([a_1, \dots, \underline{b} + a_k, \dots, a_n]) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n [A]_{ij} \{C_{ij}(A) + C_{ij}([a_1, \dots, \underline{b}, \dots, a_n]) + [\underline{b} + a_k]_{ii} C_{ik}(A)\}$$

where $C_{ij}(A)$ denotes the cofactor of the (ij) th element of A .

It follows that $\det([a_1, \dots, \underline{b} + a_k, \dots, a_n]) = \det(A) + \det([a_1, \dots, \underline{b}, \dots, a_n])$.

Corollary: If a multiple of any column of A is added to another column of A then the determinant of the resulting matrix is unchanged, i.e. if $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$, then

$$\det([a_1, \dots, \alpha a_j + a_k, \dots, a_n]) = \det(A), \text{ where } \begin{matrix} 1 \leq k \leq n, \\ 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ j \neq k, \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{F}. \end{matrix}$$

pf: By column linearity (prop. (4.))

$$\det([a_1, \dots, \alpha a_j + a_k, \dots, a_n]) = \underbrace{\det([a_1, \dots, \alpha a_j, \dots, a_n])}_= 0 \text{ by prop. (3.)} + \det(A)$$

Hence, $\det([a_1, \dots, \alpha a_j + a_k, \dots, a_n]) = \det(A)$.

Property (5) Let $\pi(1, \dots, n)$ denote the set of $n!$ permutations of the integers $(1, \dots, n)$ and let $\mu(p)$ denote the number of interchanges of elements of $p \in \pi$ that are needed to produce the usual order $(1, \dots, n)$.

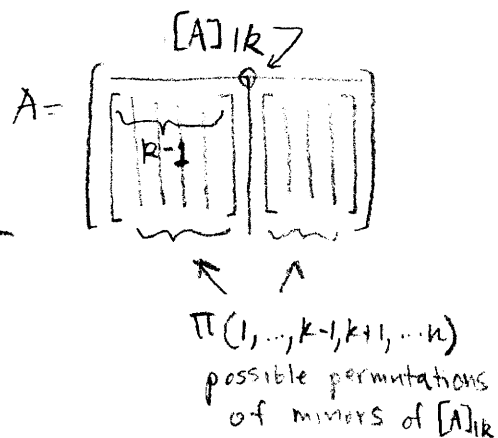
Then, $\det(A) = \sum_{p \in \pi(1, \dots, n)} (-1)^{\mu(p)} \prod_{k=1}^n [A]_{kp(k)}$, where $p(k)$ is the k th element of permutation p .

pf: (by induction) In the 2×2 case, with $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\sum_{p \in \{[12], [21]\}} (-1)^{\mu(p)} \prod_{k=1}^2 [A]_{kp(k)} = (-1)^0 ad + (-1)^1 cd = \det(A)$$

Now assume that the property is true for any $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix. And let A denote an $n \times n$ matrix. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \sum_{k=1}^n [A]_{1k} C_{1k} = \sum_{k=1}^n [A]_{1k} (-1)^{k+1} M_{1k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n [A]_{1k} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{p \in \pi(1, \dots, k-1, k+1, \dots, n)} (-1)^{\mu(p)} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} [A]_{(j+1)p(j)} \\ &= \sum_{p \in \pi(1, \dots, n)} (-1)^{\mu(p)} \prod_{j=1}^n [A]_{jp(j)} \end{aligned}$$



Corollary: [HW]

$$\det(A) = \sum_{p \in \pi(1, \dots, n)} (-1)^{\mu(p)} \prod_{k=1}^n [A]_{p(k)k}$$

Property (6.) ^{The} Determinant of the product of two matrices is the products of ^{the} determinants

Let A denote an n x n matrix and B denote an n x n matrix.
And let C = AB. Then |C| = |A||B|.

pf: Denote the elements of B as [B]_{ij} = b_{ij}, 1 ≤ i ≤ n, 1 ≤ j ≤ n,
and denote the columns of A as a_k, 1 ≤ k ≤ n.

Then
$$C = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n b_{k1} a_k, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^n b_{kn} a_k \right].$$

It follows from the column linearity property (Prop. 4) that:

$$\det(C) = \sum_{k_1=1}^n \dots \sum_{k_n=1}^n \det \left(\left[b_{k_1 1} a_{k_1}, \dots, b_{k_n n} a_{k_n} \right] \right),$$

and from property (3.) it follows that:

$$\det(C) = \sum_{g \in \Pi(1, \dots, n)} \det \left(\left[b_{g(1)1} a_{g(1)}, \dots, b_{g(n)n} a_{g(n)} \right] \right)$$

and from property (2.) it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(C) &= \sum_{g \in \Pi(1, \dots, n)} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^n b_{g(j)j} \right\} \det \left(\left[a_{g(1)}, \dots, a_{g(n)} \right] \right) \\ &= \sum_{g \in \Pi(1, \dots, n)} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^n b_{g(j)j} \right\} (-1)^{\mu(g)} \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \det(A) \cdot \sum_{g \in \Pi(1, \dots, n)} (-1)^{\mu(g)} \prod_{j=1}^n b_{g(j)j}$$

= det(B) by corollary to prop (5)

Hence, $\det(C) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$.

corollary and $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ pf: HW
 $\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)^{-1}$.