

3.6 Determinants (Loose ends)

Ex Find the determinant of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol $\det(A) = 0$

Reason: the elem row op $r_1 \leftrightarrow r_3$ changes the sign of $\det(A)$

But this row op leaves A unchanged

So $\det(A) = -\det(A)$

So $\det(A) = 0$

- For any $n \times n$ matrix A , if A has 2 identical rows (or 2 identical cols) then $\det(A) = 0$.

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Ex Given 3 matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a+\alpha & b+\beta & c+\gamma \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $\det C$ in terms of $\det A$, $\det B$ Sol Use cofactor expansion along row 1:

$$\det C = (a+\alpha) \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - (b+\beta) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (c+\gamma) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det A = a \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det B = \alpha \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \beta \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \gamma \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

So

$$\det C = \det A + \det B$$

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Given $n \times n$ matrices A, B, C

Given integer i ($1 \leq i \leq n$)

Assume:

$$(i) \text{ row } i \text{ of } A + \text{row } i \text{ of } B = \text{row } i \text{ of } C$$

$$(ii) \text{ For } 1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$$

$$\text{row } j \text{ of } A = \text{row } j \text{ of } B = \text{row } j \text{ of } C$$

Then

$$\det A + \det B = \det C$$

[Same result holds if replace rows by cols]

Ex Given 2×2 matrices

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} r & s \\ t & u \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the transpose $(AB)^t$ in terms of A^t, B^t

Sol

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} ar+bt & as+bu \\ cr+dt & cs+du \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^t = \begin{bmatrix} ar+bt & cr+dt \\ as+bu & cs+du \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^t = \begin{bmatrix} r & t \\ s & u \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^t = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^t A^t = \begin{bmatrix} ratb & rctd \\ satub & sctud \end{bmatrix} = (AB)^t$$

• For $m \times n$ matrices A, B

$$(AB)^t = B^t A^t$$

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Ex Given $n \times n$ matrices E, B

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with E elementary. Verify that

$$\det(EB) = \det(E) \det(B)$$

Sol E corresponds to an elem row operation,
denoted ero .

Apply ero :

$$I \xrightarrow{ero} E$$

$$B \xrightarrow{ero} EB$$

Recall the effect of ero on the determinant:

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Cases

ero	det E	det(EB)
$r_i \leftrightarrow r_j$	$-\det I = -1$	$-\det B = \det E \det B$ ✓
$r_i' = k r_i$	$k \det I = k$	$k \det B = \det E \det B$ ✓
$r_i' = r_i + k r_j$	$\det I = 1$	$\det B = \det E \det B$ ✓
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NoteGiven $n \times n$ matrices A, B one can prove

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

Using the above Ex and the fact that each invertible matrix is a product of elem matrices.

Ex Find the inverse of

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

Sol 1 $[A | I] \xrightarrow{GJ} [I | A^{-1}]$

→ Sol 2 use

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

Find $\det A$:

use cofactor down col 1

$$\det A = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \hline -15 - 6 \\ \hline -21 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \hline -4 - 9 \\ \hline -13 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= 63 - 26$$

$$= 37$$

Find $\text{adj}A$

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$\text{adj}A =$

$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -15 - 6$ $= -21$	$-\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 4$	$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -6$
$-\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -(10 - 9)$ $= -1$	$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 15 - 6$ $= 9$	$-\begin{vmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -(-9 + 4)$ $= 5$
$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ $=$ $-4 - 9$ $= -13$	$-\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -(-6)$ $= 6$	$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= -9$

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$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -21 & -1 & -13 \\ 4 & 9 & 6 \\ -6 & 5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{37} \begin{bmatrix} -21 & -1 & -13 \\ 4 & 9 & 6 \\ -6 & 5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Ex Find determinant of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

" Vandermonde matrix "

Sol

Apply elem row operations

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & b-a & b^2-a^2 \\ 0 & c-a & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} r_2' = r_2 - r_1 \\ r_3' = r_3 - r_1 \end{array}$$

[col 1 cofactor expansion]

$$= \begin{vmatrix} b-a & b^2-a^2 \\ c-a & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Recall $b^2 - a^2 = (b-a)(b+a)$

$$r_1' = \frac{1}{b-a} r_1$$

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$$= (b-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a \\ c-a & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b+a \\ 1 & c+a \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$c+a - (b+a)$$

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$$c-b$$

$$= (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$$

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Ex

For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

For what values of a, b, c is A invertible?

Sol

Recall A is invertible if and only if

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

We saw $\det(A) = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$

A is invertible if and only if a, b, c are mutually distinct

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Ex

For an invertible $n \times n$ matrix A ,
find the determinant of A^{-1} in terms of
 $\det(A)$.

Sol

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

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

"

$$\det I$$

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$$1$$

so

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

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Ex For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the det of A^{-2} .Sol obs

$$A^{-2} = (A^{-1})^2 = (A^2)^{-1}$$

$$\det(A^{-2}) = \frac{1}{\det(A^2)}$$

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

Find $\det(A)$:

A is Vandermonde

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= (3-2)(5-2)(5-3) \\ &= \underset{\text{"1}}{6} \underset{\text{"3}}{3} \underset{\text{"2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A^{-2}) = \frac{1}{36}$$

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Ex Find det of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 9 & 4 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol Reduce to Vandermonde

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 9 & 4 & 25 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(r_2' = \frac{1}{6} r_2)$$

$$= 6 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & 4 & 25 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2)$$

$$= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 4 & 25 \end{vmatrix}$$

take trans

$$= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-3)(5-3)(5-2) = -6$$

-1 2 3

$$= 36$$

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