

Determinant of Matrices, Adjoint, Cramer's Rule, Finding Inverses.

Determinant of a matrix.

$X = \text{set of square matrices. } \det: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a function.}$

2x2 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ $\det(A) = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21}$ $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$

3x3 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ $\det(A) = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$

For a general square matrix, need method of cofactors.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ a square matrix.

Defn: Minor of a_{ij} is the determinant of the matrix in the form

$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & \dots & a_{in} \end{bmatrix}$ (the matrix obtained by removing i th row j th column of A)

Notation: minor of $a_{ij} = M_{ij}$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 10 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -14. (*)$

Defn: $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. Cofactor of a_{ij} is the number $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

Notation: $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

Ex: For A in $(*)$,

$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} M_{12} = (-1) \cdot (-14) = 14.$

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

$\det(A) = a_{i1}C_{i1} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$ (expansion w.r.t. i th row)
 $\det(A) = a_{1j}C_{1j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$ (expansion w.r.t. j th row).

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ -7 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Find $\det(A)$, w.r.t. i) first row
 ii) second column.

Soln.

i) along first row.

$$\det(A) = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} \quad (\text{make calculations.})$$

ii) along second column

$$\det(A) = a_{12}C_{12} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{32}C_{32} \quad (\text{make calculations.})$$

Ex: Compute the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln: expand it w.r.t. second row.

Defn: Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and C_{ij} be the cofactor of a_{ij} . The matrix of cofactors from A is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{ni} & C_{n2} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The adjoint of A is C^T .

Notation: $\text{adj}(A) = C^T$.

Ex: Compute the adjoint of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ -7 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Using determinant finding inverse:

Fact: $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ a square matrix. If A is invertible matrix

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

Ex: Use adjoint matrix to compute the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ -7 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Remark: One can calculate the determinant of a square matrix.
Not a non-square matrix.

Properties of determinant

① $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$. Consider $\det(A)$ and $\det(2A)$.

② $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$, $B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$

Warning!! $\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$ (in general).

③ $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ if A is invertible, $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$. Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

④ $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$. Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

⑤ $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ if A has a zero row, then $\det(A) = 0$. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

⑥ $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ if A is triangular matrix, then $\det(A) = a_{11} \dots a_{nn}$.

Fact: $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

An invertible matrix is called non-singular
 (if it's not invertible, it's called singular)

Cramer's Rule:

Fact: $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$. $AX = B$ $\begin{bmatrix} (a_{11} \dots a_{1n}) \\ \vdots \\ (a_{n1} \dots a_{nn}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$

Then $x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)}$, ..., $x_n = \frac{\det(A_n)}{\det(A)}$

$A_i \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & a_{2j} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \dots & & a_{ni} & & \dots \end{bmatrix}$
 \hookrightarrow replaced by $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: Solve the system using cramer's rule.

$$3x + y + z = 3$$

$$2x + 2y + 5z = -1$$

$$x - 3y - 4z = 2$$

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$$x + z = 1$$

$$y + z = 1$$

$$x + y = 4$$

②

$$4x - y + 3z = 2$$

$$x + 5y - 2z = 3$$

$$3x + 2y + 4z = 6.$$