

Sec 3.6 Determinants

Last time: $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$,

Determinant $\det(\underline{A}) = |\underline{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} ad - bc$

★ $\underline{A}^{-1}$ defined $\iff |\underline{A}| \neq 0$ (even for $3 \times 3, 4 \times 4 \dots$)

Need something similar for $3 \times 3, 4 \times 4, \dots$

Idea: "Cross Product"

General method: "Cofactor Expansion"

— Pick any row or column to "expand along"

Ex $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let's use column 1

$$|\underline{A}| = (2)(-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + (3)(-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

a_{11}
 $(-1)^{1+1}$

matrix $\underline{A}$ with row 1, col 1
deleted

$$+ (0)(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

a_{31}
 $(-1)^{3+1}$

$\underline{A}$ with row 3, col 1 deleted.

$$= 2(4(-2) - 4(2)) - 3(0(-2) - 4(4)) + 0(0(2) - 4(4))$$

$$= -32 + 48 + 0 = \boxed{16}$$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now try along row 1:

$$\begin{aligned} |\underline{A}| &= (2)(-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + (0)(-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-8 - 8) + 4(12 - 0) + (4)(-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -32 + 48 + 16 \\ &= \boxed{16} \end{aligned}$$

a_{13} "the (1,3)-minor" M_{13} "the (1,3)-cofactor" $C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} M_{13}$

So "cofactor expansion along row 1"

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow |\underline{A}| &= a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} \\ &= a_{11}(-1)^{1+1}M_{11} + a_{12}(-1)^{1+2}M_{12} + a_{13}(-1)^{1+3}M_{13} \end{aligned}$$

along Column 1:

$$\begin{aligned} |\underline{A}| &= a_{11}C_{11} + a_{21}C_{21} + a_{31}C_{31} \\ &= a_{11}(-1)^{1+1}M_{11} + a_{21}(-1)^{2+1}M_{21} + a_{31}(-1)^{3+1}M_{31} \end{aligned}$$

Any choice of row/column for cofactor expansion gives same value $|\underline{A}|$.

(so pick one with more zeroes)

• factor $(-1)^{i+j}$ for M_{ij} gives signs $\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$



Ex $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 8 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{signs} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$

use row 3 for $|\underline{A}|$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\underline{A}| &= a_{31}C_{31} + a_{32}C_{32} + a_{33}C_{33} + a_{34}C_{34} \\ &= +2M_{31} - 0M_{32} + 0M_{33} - 0M_{34} \end{aligned}$$

no need to compute!

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 8 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \left((+)5 \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 10(8-6) = \boxed{20}$$

Cramer's Rule $\begin{matrix} n \times n & n \times 1 & n \times 1 \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \swarrow \\ \underline{A} & \underline{x} & = & \underline{b} \end{matrix}$ (alt to (RREF $\underline{A}$) or $\underline{A}^{-1}$)

Solving system $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{b}}$$

• If $|\underline{A}| \neq 0$, then can compute solution via:

$$\underline{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{b} & \underline{c}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{c}_1 & \underline{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cramer's Rule

$$x_1 = \frac{|B_1|}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-15}{-5} = 3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{|B_2|}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-10}{-5} = 2.$$

Works for 3×3 , ... too.

Ex:
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 4 \\ -4x_1 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \underline{A} \qquad \underline{x} \qquad \underline{b} \end{matrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{|B_1|}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}} = \dots = \frac{1}{5}$$



Transpose : Swap rows $\longleftrightarrow$ columns

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{(2 \times 3)} \quad \underline{B}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}_{(3 \times 2)}$$

Algebra :

$$\cdot (\underline{A} + \underline{B})^T = \underline{A}^T + \underline{B}^T$$

$$\cdot (\underline{A}^T)^T = \underline{A}$$

$$\star \cdot (\underline{AB})^T = \underline{B}^T \underline{A}^T \quad \text{NOT } \underline{A}^T \underline{B}^T$$