

Chapter 7

Determinants

7-1 Permutations

1. Permutation

A permutation p of order n is an arrangement of the integers $1, 2, \dots, n$ in any order.

Ex. $n=2$ permutations ($2!$)

1,2 $p(1)=1, p(2)=2$

2,1 $p(1)=2, p(2)=1$

Ex. $n=3$ permutations ($3!$)

1,2,3

1,3,2

2,1,3

2,3,1

3,1,2

3,2,1

$p(j)$ = the number the permutation has put in place j .

2. Even and Odds permutations (奇排列和偶排列)

Rules:

- (1) For each number k in the permutation, count the number of integer to its right that are smaller than k .
- (2) Sum all the numbers obtained in (1) in order to get a number.
- (3) If the number in (2) is odd, then the permutation is called odd permutation, otherwise even permutation.

Ex. permutation 2,5,1,4,3

k *number_of_integers < k*

2 1

5 3

1 0

4 1

3 0

Sum 5

\therefore 2,5,1,4,3 is an odd permutation!

Ex. Permutation 2,1,5,4,3

k	<i>numbers _of_ integers < k</i>
2	1
1	0
5	2
4	1
3	0
Sum	4

∴ 2,1,5,4,3 is an even permutation!

3. Sign of permutation

$$\text{sgn}(p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \\ 1 & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

7.2 Definition of determinate

1. Definition

$$\det(A) = \sum_p (-1)^{\text{sgn}(p)} a_{1p(1)} a_{2p(2)} \cdots a_{np(n)}$$

Where p (j) is determined by the permutations on 1, 2...n

2. Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \sum_p (-1)^{\text{sgn}(p)} a_{1p(1)} a_{2p(2)}$$

n=2

permutations	even or odd	P(1)	P(2)	sgn(p)
1,2	Even	1	2	0
2,1	Odd	2	1	1

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \det(A) &= (-1)^0 a_{11} a_{22} + (-1)^1 a_{12} a_{21} \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21} \end{aligned}$$

7.3 Properties of determinate

1. Theorem

$A_{n \times n}, B_{n \times n}$

$|A| = 0$ if A has a zero row

2. Theorem (Type II row operation)

$|B| = \alpha|A|$ if B is obtained from, A by multiplying row k by a scalar α

3.Theorem (Type I row operation)

$|A| = -|B|$ if B is formed from A by interchanging two rows.

4. Corollary

$|A| = 0$ if A has two identical rows.

Pf: Assume that B is obtained from A by interchanging the two identical rows.

$$\therefore B = A \Rightarrow |B| = |A| \dots (1)$$

But from theorem3, we have

$$|B| = -|A| \dots (2)$$

$$\therefore (1) + (2)$$

$$|B| = |A| = 0$$

5. Corollary

$|A| = 0$ if row k of A is α times row i.

P.f:

case (1) $\alpha = 0$

$$|A| = 0 \quad (\text{Theorem I})$$

case (2) $\alpha \neq 0$

If B is obtained from A by multiplying row k by $1/\alpha$, then B has two identical row i & k

$$\therefore |B| = 0 \quad (\text{corollary 4}) \dots (1)$$

But from theorem 2, we have

$$|B| = \frac{1}{\alpha}|A| \dots (2)$$

\therefore From (1) & (2), we have

$$|A| = 0$$

6.Theorem

$$|AB| = |A||B|$$

7.Theorem

$$|A| = |A_1| + |A_2|$$

$$\text{if } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{ij} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{k1} + \beta_{kj} & \dots & \alpha_{kj} + \beta_{kj} & \dots & \alpha_{kn} + \beta_{kn} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \alpha_{nj} & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{k1} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{kn} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \beta_{k1} & \dots & \dots & \beta_{kn} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= |A_1| + |A_2|$$

8. Theorem (Type III row operation)

$|B| = |A|$ If B is formed by A by adding r times row I to row k

P.f.

$$|B| = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{ij} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{in} \\ \alpha_{i1} + \alpha_{k1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{in} + \alpha_{kn} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem 7

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & & & \alpha_{in} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & & & \alpha_{in} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{k1} & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Theorem } r \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & & & \alpha_{in} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i1} & & & \alpha_{in} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + |A|$$

$$\text{Corollary 4} \quad 0 + |A|$$

$$\therefore |B| = |A|$$

9. Theorem

$$|A| = |A^T|$$

7.4 Evaluation of Determinants by Elementary row operations

1. Method

Given an $n \times n$ matrix A, use the row operations to obtain a new matrix B having at most one nonzero element in some row I or column j

Then $|A|$ is a scalar multiple of $|B|$ is a scalar multiple of the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ determinant formed by deleting from B the row and column containing this nonzero element.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \alpha_{ij} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i-11} & & & & \alpha_{i-1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_{ij} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{i+11} & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$= (-1)^{i+j} \alpha_{ij} \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \alpha_{1j-1} & \alpha_{1j+1} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{i-11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{i-1n} \\ \alpha_{i+11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{i+1n} \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

2. Example

$$\text{Given } A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 6 & 5 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 & -8 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 3 & -6 \\ 8 & 9 & -11 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find: $|A|$ by row operations.

Sol:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 6 & 5 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 & -8 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 3 & -6 \\ 8 & 9 & -11 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \times (-1/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -5/2 & -3/2 \\ 4 & 4 & -8 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 3 & -6 \\ 8 & 9 & -11 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \lrcorner \times (-4) \\ \lrcorner \times (-6) \\ \lrcorner \times (-8) \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & -5/2 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 16 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 21 & 18 & -15 \\ 0 & 33 & 9 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore |B| = -\frac{1}{2}|A| \quad (\text{Theorem 2})$$

$$|C| = |B| \quad (\text{Theorem 8})$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 2 & -4 \\ 21 & 18 & -15 \\ 33 & 9 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Formed form C by deleting row1 and column 1

$$\therefore |D| = \frac{1}{(-1)^{1+1} C_{11}} |C| = |C|$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 2 & -4 \\ 21 & 18 & -15 \\ 33 & 9 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\times(-\frac{1}{2})} E = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 & -2 \\ 21 & 18 & -15 \\ 33 & 9 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \lrcorner \times (-18) \\ \lrcorner \times (-9) \end{matrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow F = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 & -2 \\ -123 & 0 & 21 \\ -39 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore |E| = \frac{1}{2}|D|, \quad |F| = |E|$$

$$|F| = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -123 & 21 \\ -39 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = 411$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |A| &= -2|B| = -2|C| = -2|D| = -4|E| = -4|F| \\ &= -4 \times 411 \\ &= -1644 \end{aligned}$$

7.5 Cofactor Expansions

1. Minor, M_{ij}

The minor of element a_{ij} of matrix A is the determinant of the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix obtained by deleting row i and column j of A .

Ex.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sol: minor of } a_{12} = M_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -6$$

$$\text{minor of } a_{33} = M_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -3$$

2. Cofactor, C_{ij}

The cofactor of a_{ij} is the number $(-1)^{i+j}M_{ij}$

Ex.

$$\text{Cofactor of } a_{12} = c_{12} = (-1)^{1+2}M_{12} = 6$$

$$\text{Cofactor of } a_{33} = c_{33} = (-1)^{3+3}M_{33} = -3$$

3. Cofactor expansion by a row

If A is $n \times n$, then for any integer i with $1 \leq i \leq n$, $|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}$

P.f.

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & a_{i2} & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} + \cdots \\
&+ \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} M_{i1} + (-1)^{i+2} a_{i2} M_{i2} + \cdots + (-1)^{i+n} a_{in} M_{in} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} \quad (\text{i dummy index})
\end{aligned}$$

Ex.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Determine $|A|$ by cofactor expansion by a row.

Sol: Cofactor expansion by row 1 ($i = 1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore |A| &= \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} M_{1j} \\
&= a_{11} M_{11} - a_{12} M_{12} + a_{13} M_{13} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4. Cofactor expansion by a column

Let A be $n \times n$. Then for any integer j with $1 \leq j \leq n$, $|A| = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij}$

Ex.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |A| = ?$$

Sol: Cofactor expansion by column 1, $j=1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A| &= \sum_{i=1}^3 (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} M_{i1} \\
 &= (-1)^{1+1} a_{11} M_{11} + (-1)^{2+1} a_{21} M_{21} + (-1)^{3+1} a_{31} M_{31} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

7.6 Determinants of Triangular Matrices

1. Upper triangular matrix

An $n \times n$ matrix A is called upper triangular if all the elements below the main diagonal are zero.

$$A: \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Lower triangular matrix

Matrix A is called lower triangular matrix if all element upper the main diagonal are zero.

3. Determinants of triangular matrices

$|A|$ = The product of its main diagonal element

$$= a_{11} a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$$

7.7 A Determinant formula for a matrix Inverse.

1. Condition for no singularity let A be $n \times n$, then A is no singular iff $|A| \neq 0$

p.f. Assume $|A| \neq 0$

$$\therefore |A| = \alpha |A_R| \neq 0$$

$\therefore A_R$ can not have any zero rows

$$\therefore A_R = I_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rank}(A) = \text{Rank}(A_R) = n$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is no singular

Assume A is no singular

$$\Rightarrow A_R = I_n$$

And: $|A| = \alpha |A_R|$
 $|A_R| = |I_n| = 1$

$\therefore |A| = \alpha \neq 0$ (充分必要條件)

2. Formula for matrix Inverse let A be $n \times n$ no singular matrix.

Then $B = A^{-1}$

Where the element b_{ij} of B is given as follows $b_{ij} = \frac{1}{|A|} (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

Ex. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \neq 0$ No singular

$\therefore A^{-1} = B = \left[\frac{1}{|A|} (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij} \right]$

$= \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} & (-1)^{1+2} M_{21} \\ (-1)^{2+1} M_{12} & (-1)^{2+2} M_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

7.8 Cramer's Rule

Let A be nonsingular $n \times n$ matrix. Then the unique solution of $AX=B$ is

$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

Where $x_k = \frac{1}{|A|} |A(K;B)|$ and $A(K;B)$ is the matrix obtained from A by

replacing column K of A by matrix B.

Ex. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ no singular

A unique solution exists

$$x_1 = \frac{A(1;B)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{A(2;B)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}$$