

- Monday notes on  $n \times n$  det def & math induction.

- The "big" theorem is that you can compute the determinant by expanding down any column or across any row. This is a substantial proof by induction (see last 2 pages of today's notes)

example:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 12 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem Let  $[A]_{n \times n}$ . Define

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{vmatrix} \text{col}_1(A) & \dots & \vec{x} & \dots & \text{col}_n(A) \end{vmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\text{col}_j$

(det of  $A$ , with  $j^{\text{th}}$  column replaced by  $\vec{x}$ ).

$$L(\vec{x}) = \begin{vmatrix} \text{row}_1(A) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ \text{row}_n(A) \end{vmatrix}$$

(det of matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing  $\text{row}_i(A)$  with  $\vec{x}^T$ ).

Then  $T, L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are both linear.

proof (for  $L$ ):  $L(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = (\text{expand across row } i)$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} (x_j + y_j) |A_{ij}|$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} x_j |A_{ij}| + \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} y_j |A_{ij}| = L(\vec{x}) + L(\vec{y})$$

$$L(c\vec{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} (cx_j) |A_{ij}| = c \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} x_j |A_{ij}| = c L(\vec{x})$$

Theorem:

effect of elementary row operations of determinants. (or col ops) (2)

- ① swapping two rows changes the sign of the det; so if two rows are equal,  $\det=0!$
- ② multiplying a single row by  $c$  multiplies a det by  $c$   
(so factoring  $c$  out of a single row, factors  $c$  out of the det).
- ③ replacing  $\text{row}_i(A)$  with  $\text{row}_i(A) + c \text{row}_k(A)$  ( $k \neq i$ )  
does not change det value!!

proof ①: by induction!  $n=2$ :  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad-bc$ ;  $\begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = cb-ad$  ✓

if true  $\forall (n-1) \times (n-1)$  dets, and  $n \geq 3$ , suppose  $\text{row}_i(A)$  &  $\text{row}_k(A)$  are swapped. Then expand across  $\text{row}_i$ , some  $l \neq i, k$ .

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} |A_{ij}|$$

$$|A_{\text{swap}}| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{kj} (-1)^{i+j} |A_{ij}^{\text{swapped}}|$$

$= -|A_{ij}|$  by induction! ■

If 2 rows are equal, then swapping yields  $|A|$  and  $-|A|$   
so  $|A|=0!$

② Special case of linearity theorem on page 1

③ from linearity:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \text{row}_1(A) \\ \vdots \\ \text{row}_i(A) + c \text{row}_k(A) \\ \vdots \\ \text{row}_k(A) \end{vmatrix} = |A| + \begin{vmatrix} \text{row}_1(A) \\ \vdots \\ \text{row}_k(A) \\ \vdots \\ c \text{row}_k(A) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= c \begin{vmatrix} \text{row}_k(A) \\ \vdots \\ \text{row}_k(A) \end{vmatrix} = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

example  
compute

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

using elementary row operations

Theorem : (determinant can be computed by expanding across any row or down any column)

If  $A$  is  $n \times n$ , then

$$|A| = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} |A_{i1}| \quad \text{def}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} |A_{ij}| \quad \text{any } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ exp. down col } j$$

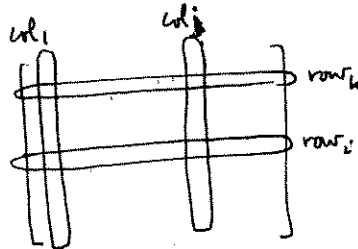
$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} |A_{ij}| \quad \text{any } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ exp. across row } i$$

proof is by induction.

we've already verified  $n=2,3$ . (or, you should have, anyway).

\* So we assume theorem is true for  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrices, and show this implies it for  $n \times n$  matrices.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad |A| := \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} |A_{i1}|$$



expand

$|A_{i1}|$

down col  $j$  (using induction hyp!)

$$|A_{i1}| = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{k+j-1} a_{kj} |A_{i1,kj}| + \sum_{k=i+1}^n (-1)^{k-1+j-1} a_{kj} |A_{i1,kj}|$$

← deleted rows  $i, k$   
cols  $1, j$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} a_{kj} |A_{kj}| \quad ?$$

expand  $|A_{kj}|$   
down col  $j$  : (using induction hyp!)

$$|A_{kj}| = \sum_{i < k} a_{i1} (-1)^{i+1} |A_{i1,kj}| + \sum_{i > k} a_{i1} (-1)^{i+1} |A_{i1,kj}|$$

Thus

col  $j$  expansion

$$= \sum_{i < k} (-1)^{k+j+i+1} a_{kj} a_{i1} |A_{i1,kj}|$$

$$+ \sum_{i > k} (-1)^{k+j+i} a_{kj} a_{i1} |A_{i1,kj}|$$

Thus

$$|A| = \sum_{k < i} (-1)^{i+1+k+j-1} a_{i1} a_{kj} |A_{i1,kj}| + \sum_{k > i} (-1)^{i+1+k-1+j-1} a_{i1} a_{kj} |A_{i1,kj}|$$

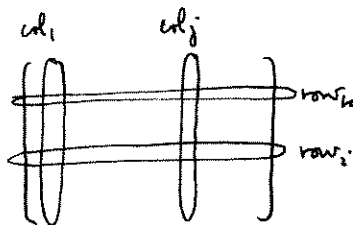


$$(2) |A| := \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} a_{ki} |A_{ki}|$$

Does this equal

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} |A_{ij}| ?$$

row<sub>i</sub> expansion



$k < i$   $|A_{ki}|$  across  $i-1$ st row

$$= \sum_{j=2}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i-1+j-1} |A_{ki,ij}|$$

$k > i$   $|A_{ki}|$  across  $i$ th row

$$= \sum_{j=2}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j-1} |A_{ki,ij}|$$

for  $j > 1$ , expand  
down 1st col

$$|A_{ij}| = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (-1)^{1+k} a_{ki} |A_{ij,ki}| + \sum_{k=i+1}^n (-1)^{1+k-1} a_{ki} |A_{ij,ki}|$$

so row<sub>i</sub> expansion =

$$j=1: (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} |A_{i1}|$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{k < i \\ j=2 \dots n}} (-1)^{i+j+k+1} a_{ij} a_{ki} |A_{ij,ki}|$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{k > i \\ j=2 \dots n}} (-1)^{i+j+k} a_{ij} a_{ki} |A_{ij,ki}|$$

thus

$$|A| = \sum_{\substack{k < i \\ j=2 \dots n}} (-1)^{k+i+j-1} a_{ki} a_{ij} |A_{ki,ij}|$$

$$k=i \rightarrow + (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} |A_{i1}|$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{k > i \\ j=2 \dots n}} (-1)^{k+i+j} a_{ki} a_{ij} |A_{ki,ij}|$$

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