

Math 2270-3

6.2 the rest of determinant algebra

In Thursday problem session this week we'll carefully go through exam 2, and the ideas/computations it was testing. (after 15 minutes re Friday hw.)

(1)

- $|A| =$
- if A is upper (or lower) triangular, $|A| =$
- $|A|$ can be computed using row or column expansions

From Tuesday notes, check alternating Theorem 4 and multilinear Theorem 5 and row-op algebra for det. Theorem 6

example

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \\ R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2/2 \\ R_3/3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= -6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} -R_1+R_2 \\ -R_1+R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} -R_2$$

$$= 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} -R_2+R_1 \\ -R_2+R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 18 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} R_3/3$$

$$= 18 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} -2R_3+R_1 \\ R_3+R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 18 \cdot 1 = 18$$

example

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} R_1/2$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} -R_1+R_2 \\ -5R_1+R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} -3R_2+R_3$$

$$= 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Theorem 7! $|A| \neq 0$ iff $\text{rref}(A) = I$ iff A^{-1} exists

because

$$|A| = \underbrace{k_1 k_2 \dots k_n}_{\text{non-zero factors -}} \underbrace{\det(\text{rref}(A))}_{\neq 0 \text{ iff } \text{rref}(A) = I}$$

non-zero factors -
either (-1)'s from row swaps, or non-zero factors extracted from individual rows

Clever consequence of this reasoning:

Theorem 8 $\det(AB) = |A||B|$

(does $\det(A+B) = \det A + \det B$?)

pf: $|A|$
 " "
 $k_1 |A_1|$
 " "
 $k_1 k_2 |A_2|$
 " "
 " "
 " "

doing elementary row ops

do the identical
 row ops on AB
 - this is the same as doing them first on A & then multiplying by B!

$|AB|$
 " "
 $k_1 |A_1 B|$
 " "
 $k_1 k_2 |A_2 B|$
 " "
 " "

$k_1 k_2 \dots k_n |[rref(A)][B]|$

Case 1 $rref(A) = I; |I| = 1$
 thus $|A| = k_1 k_2 \dots k_n$
 so $|AB| = k_1 k_2 \dots k_n |B| = |A||B|$

Case 2 $rref(A) \neq I$ In this case
 $|A| = 0$ ($rref(A)$ has zero row)
 $|AB| = 0$ ($[rref(A)][B]$ has zero row too!)
 so $0 = |AB| = |A||B|$ holds

Theorem 9 How are $|A|$ and $|A^{-1}|$ related?

Theorem 10 If A and B are similar, $B = S^{-1}AS$, how are $|A|, |B|$ related?

Def: Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ linear, $\dim V = n$
 Let $\mathcal{B} = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ basis for V , $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = B$. Define $\det T := |B|$
 doesn't depend on choice of basis!

Theorem 11: If Q is an orthogonal matrix ($Q^{-1} = Q^T$), what are the possible values of $|Q|$?

recall, only orthogonal Q for $n=2$ are

$$[Rot_\alpha] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \quad [Ref_{\alpha/2}] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 12 Let $A_{n \times n}$ be a square matrix
Let $\text{cof}(A)$ be its cofactor matrix, entry $c_{ij}(\text{cof}(A)) = c_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} |A_{ij}|$
Define $\text{adj}(A) := \text{cof}(A)^T$

$$\text{Then } \boxed{A \text{adj}(A) = \text{adj}(A)A = (\det A) I}$$

So when A^{-1} exists,

$$\boxed{A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj}(A)}$$

proof entry ii : $(A)(\text{adj}(A)) = \text{row}_i(A) \cdot \text{col}_i(\text{adj}(A)) = \text{row}_i(A) \cdot \text{row}_i(\text{cof}(A)) = |A|$ by row expansion for det

$i \neq j$: $\text{entry}_{ij}(A)(\text{adj}A) = \text{row}_i(A) \cdot \text{row}_j(\text{cof}(A))$
 $= \begin{vmatrix} \text{row}_1(A) \\ \dots \\ \text{row}_i(A) \\ \dots \\ \text{row}_j(A) \\ \dots \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{row } i \\ \leftarrow \text{row } j \end{matrix}$
 $= 0$

(expand across row j ; the row j cofactors of this matrix are the row j cofactors of A)

(analogous discussion for $(\text{adj}A)(A) = \det A I$)

(we experimented with this formula yesterday)