

Math 390

Monday, April 26

Determinants

Axiomatic Definition

$$D: \text{Mat}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$1) D(\dots, \alpha \underline{r}_i, \dots) = \alpha D(\dots, \underline{r}_i, \dots)$$

$$2) D(\dots, \underline{r}_i + \underline{r}_j, \dots) = D(\dots, \underline{r}_i, \dots) + D(\dots, \underline{r}_j, \dots)$$

$$3) D(\dots, \underline{r}_k, \dots, \underline{r}_k, \dots) = 0$$

$$4) D(\underbrace{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_n}_{I_n}) = 1$$

Tue - Problem Session
Evaluations

Thu } Talk Preparation
Fri }

Mon - Anna
Tristen

Tue - Magden
Jack

Fact Matrices w/ 0 row \Rightarrow determinant is zero

$$D(\dots, \underline{0}, \dots) = D(\dots, \underline{0}, \dots) = 0 \quad D(\dots, \underline{0}, \dots) = 0$$

(1)

Fact Swapping rows changes the sign of the determinant

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= D(\dots, \underline{r_i} + \underline{r_j}, \dots, \underline{r_i} + \underline{r_j}, \dots) \\
 &\stackrel{(3)}{\rightarrow} = D(\dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots) + \underbrace{D(\dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots)}_{0 \text{ (fact)}} + \underbrace{D(\dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots)}_{0 \text{ (fact)}} + \underbrace{D(\dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots)}_{0 \text{ (fact)}} \\
 &\stackrel{(2) \text{ twice FOIL}}{\rightarrow} = D(\dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots) + D(\dots, \underline{r_j}, \dots, \underline{r_i}, \dots) \\
 &\quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 &\quad \text{negatives of each other}
 \end{aligned}$$

Fact Matrix w/ linearly dependent rows \Rightarrow determinant 0 slot i

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{r_i} &= a_1 \underline{r_1} + a_2 \underline{r_2} + \dots + a_n \underline{r_n} \quad \text{skip } \underline{r_i} \\
 D(\underline{r_i}) &= D(\dots, a_1 \underline{r_1} + \dots + a_n \underline{r_n}, \dots) = \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n a_k D(\dots, \underline{r_k}, \dots) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n a_k \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ (3)}}{0} = 0 \\
 &\quad \swarrow \\
 &\quad \text{matrix w/ two equal rows}
 \end{aligned}$$

Determinant of a 2×2 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = D(a\underline{e}_1 + b\underline{e}_2, c\underline{e}_1 + d\underline{e}_2)$$

$$= D(a\underline{e}_1, c\underline{e}_1) + D(a\underline{e}_1, d\underline{e}_2) + D(b\underline{e}_2, c\underline{e}_1) + D(b\underline{e}_2, d\underline{e}_2)$$

$$= ac D(\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_1) + ad D(\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2) + bc D(\underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_1) + bd D(\underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_2)$$

$$= ac \cdot 0 + ad \cdot 1 + bc \cdot (-1) + bd \cdot 0$$

$$= ad - bc$$

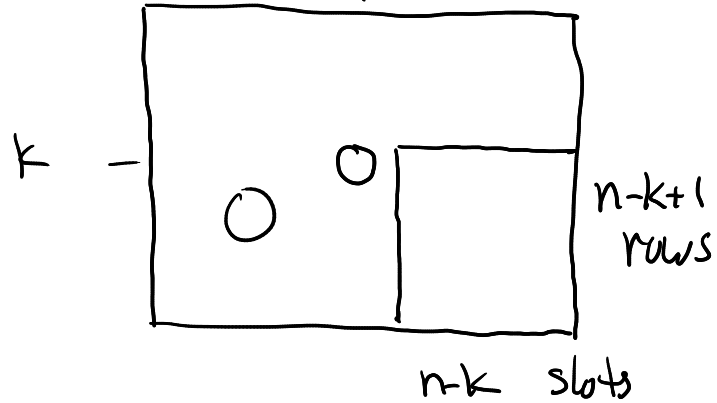
Fact Determinant of diagonal matrix is the product of the diagonal entries

$$D(a_{11}\underline{e}_1, a_{22}\underline{e}_2, \dots, a_{nn}\underline{e}_n) = a_{11} D(\underline{e}_1, a_{22}\underline{e}_2, \dots, a_{nn}\underline{e}_n)$$

$$= \dots = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \quad D(\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \dots, \underline{e}_n) = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \cdot 1$$

Fact The determinant of an upper-triangular matrix is the product of the diagonal entries.

1) A 0 entry on the diagonal \Rightarrow determinant is zero



These vectors are linearly dependent
 MVSD $n-k+1$ vectors w/ $n-k$ slots
 $\in \mathbb{C}^{n-k}$

Linearly dependent rows \Rightarrow 0 determinant

2) Row 1, rewrite as $\underline{d} + \underline{v} = (a_{11}, 0, \dots, 0) + (0, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n})$

$$\text{determinant} = D(\underline{d} + \underline{v}, \dots) = D(\underline{d}, \dots) + D(\underline{v}, \dots)$$

$$= D(\underline{d}, \dots)$$

0 on diagonal
 (or first column zero vector)

looking more diagonal

repeat w/ subsequent rows

How to compute $D(A)$

1) A singular \Rightarrow linearly dependent rows $\Rightarrow D(A) = 0$

2) A nonsingular $\Rightarrow A$ invertible $\Rightarrow I_n = \underline{A^{-1}} A$

$$I_n = \underbrace{E_n \cdots E_2 E_1}_{} A$$

elementary matrices
that "do" row operations

Track the effect of the row operations (swap, multiply row, multiply a row & add to another)

So there is only one way to compute $D(A)$.

① inverse, unique -

② Accumulation of row operations