

Week 12 Mon.

goal: to prove determinants are multiplicative. i.e.

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B) \text{ for}$$

any two square matrices
of the same size

Theorem 8.3.11. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix
and E is an elementary $n \times n$ matrix then
 $\det(EA) = \det(E) \cdot \det(A)$

with

$$\det(E) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } E \text{ is type I (interchanging} \\ & \text{two rows)} \\ \alpha & \text{if } E \text{ is type II (multiplying a row} \\ & \text{with } \alpha) \\ 1 & \text{if } E \text{ is type III} \end{cases}$$

(adding a multiple of
one row to another)

recall an elementary matrix differs from the identity matrix by one simple elementary row operation.

Proof: By induction on the size of A , which is n .

- If $n=2$. A is an 2×2 matrix. following theorem 8.1.2. We have $\det(EA) = \det(E) \det(A)$
- Suppose this theorem holds for $n=k$, where $k \geq 2$.
- (we want to check the theorem holds for $n=k+1$ as well)

Let A be $(k+1) \times (k+1)$ matrix. We write $B = EA$. Expand $\det(EA)$ across a row, which is unaffected by the ~~the~~ action of E on A . say, row i . We have $\Rightarrow (b_{ij} = a_{ij})$ ①

$$\det(B_{ij}) = r \cdot \det(A_{ij}) \quad \text{②}$$

because B_{ij} is obtained from A_{ij} by the same type of elementary row operation the E performs on A , where

$r = -1, \alpha, 1$. depending on the type of E

$$\det(EA) = \det(B) = \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \underbrace{a_{ij}}_{b_{ij} \text{ but } b_{ij} = a_{ij} \text{ for row } i} (-1)^{i+j} \det(B_{ij})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} b_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(B_{ij}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(B_{ij}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} r \cdot \det(A_{ij}) \\ &= r \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij}) \\ &= r \cdot \det(A) \\ &= \det(E) \cdot \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

Summary:

Thus we can see the theorem is true for 2×2 matrices and the truth of the theorem for $k \times k$ matrices ($k \geq 2$) implies the truth of

the theorem for $(k+1) \times (k+1)$ matrices. By the principle of induction, the theorem holds for square matrices of any size.

Theorem 8.3.12. If A and B are square matrices of the same size, then

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$$

Proof: Case I: if A is not invertible, then neither is AB . (for otherwise

$$\begin{aligned} A(B(AB)^{-1}) &= A(B \cdot B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}) = A(B \cdot B^{-1})A^{-1} \\ &= A \cdot I \cdot A^{-1} = \underline{A \cdot A^{-1} = I} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by theorem 8.3.5

$$\underline{\det(AB)} = 0 = \underline{0} \cdot \det(B) = \underline{\det(A)} \cdot \underline{\det(B)}$$

Case II if A is invertible, then the invertible Matrix theorem, that is there exist elementary matrices E_1, \dots, E_k . Such that

$$A = \underline{E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1}$$

$$\det(A) = |A|$$

$$\underline{|AB|} = | \underline{E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1} \cdot B | = |E_k| |E_{k-1} E_{k-2} \dots E_1 B|$$

$$= \underline{|E_k| |E_{k-1}| |E_{k-2}| \dots |E_1| |B|}$$

$$= |E_k E_{k-1}| |E_{k-2}| \dots |E_1| |B|$$

$$= |E_k E_{k-1} E_{k-2} \dots E_1| |B|$$

$$= |A| \cdot |B|$$

3

Corollary 8.3.13. If A is an invertible matrix then

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$$

proof. Since A is invertible, we have

$$A^{-1}A = I,$$

$$\det(A^{-1}A) = \det(I) = 1$$

Thus based on the previous theorem (8.3.12)

$$\det(A^{-1}A) = \det(A^{-1}) \cdot \det(A) = 1$$

We know $\det(A) \neq 0$, because A is invertible.

$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \quad (\text{Theorem } 8.3.5)$$

8.4 Cramer's rule.

We will use determinants to solve system of linear equations $Ax = b$ for the case of quadratic and invertible $n \times n$ matrices.

We recall that the system has a unique

$$\underline{\text{solution}}: \quad \underset{n \times 1}{x} = \underset{n \times n}{A}^{-1} \underset{n \times 1}{b}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

- We will show how to derive the Cramer's rule.

We ~~first~~ first introduce the matrices

$B_i := (A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, b, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$, which are obtained from the matrix A by replacing the i th column with b .

We can write down the linear system

$$Ax = b \text{ as}$$

$$\sum_j x_j \cdot A^j = b, \text{ where } A^j \text{ is the } j\text{th column of matrix } A.$$

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

$$\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{x_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{pmatrix}}^{A^1} + \overbrace{x_2 \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n2} \end{pmatrix}}^{A^2} + \dots + \overbrace{x_n \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}^{A^n} \\ \hline = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$



By applying the properties of determinants,

$$\det(B_i) = \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, \mathbf{b}, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

additive property of determinants if A, B, C are identical except at a fixed row $j \in [1, n]$ $\det(A) = \det(B) + \det(C)$ if that row A^j equals to $B^j + C^j$

$$(A^1, A^2, \dots, \sum_{j \in [1, n]} x_j A^j, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

- * $(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_1 A^1, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$
- * $(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_2 A^2, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$
- * ...
- * $(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_n A^n, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$

$$= \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, \sum_{j \in [1, n]} x_j A^j, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

$$= \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_1 A^1, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n) + \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_2 A^2, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n) + \dots + \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, x_n A^n, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

$$= x_1 \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, A^1, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n) + x_2 \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, A^2, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n) + \dots + x_n \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, A^n, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

Except the i th item

$$= x_i \det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, A^i, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)$$

$$= x_i \det(A)$$

$$\text{Thus } x_i = \frac{\det(B_i)}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{\det(A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{i-1}, \mathbf{b}, A^{i+1}, \dots, A^n)}{\det(A)}$$

Recall, the fact that the determinant of a matrix with two identical columns is equal to 0

Example 8.4.1 Let us apply Cramer's rule to a linear syse $Ax = b$ with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \\ 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

By replace the corresponding column of A with the vector b , We have three matrices corresponding to the three variable x_1, x_2, x_3 .

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow & & \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} & \downarrow & \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_3 = \begin{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(B_1) = 22, \quad \det(B_2) = 12, \quad \det(B_3) = -9$$

$\det(A) = 32$, thus

$$x_1 = \frac{\det(B_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{22}{32}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det(B_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{12}{32}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\det(B_3)}{\det(A)} = -\frac{9}{32}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{32} \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

7