

Lesson 16

Determinants

Ch 4

Notes on matrix multiplication

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x_1 c_1 + x_2 c_2 + \dots + x_n c_n$$

$$(y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_m) A = y_1 r_1 + y_2 r_2 + \dots + y_m r_m$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \quad (1 \ \dots \ 0) A = r_1$$

$$A \cdot B \quad \begin{pmatrix} A c_1^B & A c_2^B & \dots & A c_n^B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} r_1^A B \\ r_2^A B \\ \vdots \\ r_n^A B \end{pmatrix}$$

Elementary matrices are matrices obtained performing 1 elementary operation on I

performing elementary operations on an $n \times m$ matrix B corresponds to multiplying B by an elementary ($n \times n$) matrix

1) exchanging row i and row j

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} B$$

2) Multiplying row i by k

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ k e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} B$$

3) Replacing row i with row $i + k$ row j

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i + k e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix} B$$

Th 1 : $\text{Det}(A \cdot B) = \text{Det}(A) \cdot \text{Det}(B)$

proof: If A is singular then AB is singular since the columns of AB are linear combinations of columns of A (or by contradiction if AB is invertible then there is C s.t. $(AB) \cdot C = I$ but then $A(BC) = I$ so A is invertible)

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

If A is not singular we can find elementary matrices s.t. $A = E_1 \cdots E_n I$

and we can prove by induction on n that $\text{det}(E_1 \cdots E_n B) = \text{det}(E_1 \cdots E_n) \cdot \text{det}(B)$

① Base case

a) E_1 is obtained from I

by swapping two rows

then $E_1 B$ is the matrix obtained by swapping the same 2 rows in B

$$\det(E_1, B) = -\det(B)$$

$$\det(E_1) \cdot \det(B) = -1 \cdot \det(B)$$

b) E_1 is obtained by multiplying one row of I by $k (\neq 0)$

then E_1, B is B with the same row multiplied by k

$$\det(E_1, B) = k \det(B)$$

$$\det(E_1) \cdot \det(B) = k \cdot \det(B)$$

c) E_1 is obtained by replacing row l of I with row $l + k$ rows

then E_1, B is the matrix obtained from B by replacing row l with row $l + k$ rows

$$\det(E_1, B) = \det(B)$$

$$\det(E_1) \cdot \det(B) = 1 \cdot \det(B)$$

Induction step:

$$\text{Assume } \det(E_1, \dots, E_n, B) = \det(E_1, \dots, E_n) \det(B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \det(E_1, \dots, E_{n+1}, B) &= \det(E_1) \det(E_2, \dots, E_{n+1}, B) \\ &= \det(E_1) \det(E_2, \dots, E_{n+1}) \det B = \det(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{n+1}) \det B \\ &= \det(A) \det(B) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: $\text{Det}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\text{Det}(A)}$

Therefore if A is non singular

$$\text{det}(A) \neq 0.$$

Th 2: $\text{det}(A^t) = \text{det}(A)$

Proof: hw problem