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Chapters 6 and 7 revolve around the information found inside a matrix

First step - the determinant.

Recall the determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A) = ad - bc$$

and that

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A^{-1}$  exists iff  $ad-bc = \det(A) \neq 0$ .

## The determinant of $A_{n \times n}$

See Mathematica  
output for  $4 \times 4$  and  
larger cases.

① The common denominator of the elements of the inverse of a matrix when it exists, found via the process of reversing  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  to  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$

② denoted in matrix notation:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}.$$

The determinant is (cont'd)

- ③ non-zero precisely when  $A^{-1}$  exists.
  - ④ the indicator that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution or not. When  $\det A \neq 0$ , there is a unique solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . When  $\det A = 0$ , system either has no solutions or an infinite number.
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How to define the determinant for  $A_{n \times n}$ ?

In essence, the same way:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$

- Form the  $2n \times n$  matrix  $[A \mid I_n]$ .

- Row reduce it to  $[I_n \mid A^{-1}]$ .

if possible.

If one kept track of all the operations and used the entries w/o numbers, the common denominator of elements of  $A^{-1}$  would be  $\det(A)$ . See next page.

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In[85]:= Print["A22= ", MatrixForm[A22 = {{a11, a12}, {a21, a22}}]]
Print["A33= ", MatrixForm[A33 = {{a11, a12, a13}, {a21, a22, a23}, {a31, a32, a33}}]]
Print["A44= ", MatrixForm[A44 = {{a11, a12, a13, a14},
{a21, a22, a23, a24}, {a31, a32, a33, a34}, {a41, a42, a43, a44}}]]]
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$$A22 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A33 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A44 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[88]:= MatrixForm[Inverse[A22]]
Print["The Determinant of A22 is ", Det[A22], ". Compare with above denominator."]
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Out[88]/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{a_{22}}{-a_{12} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22}} & -\frac{a_{12}}{-a_{12} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22}} \\ -\frac{a_{21}}{-a_{12} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22}} & \frac{a_{11}}{-a_{12} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Determinant of A22 is  $-a_{12} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22}$ . Compare with above denominator.

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In[90]:= MatrixForm[Inverse[A33]]
Print["The Determinant of A33 is ", Det[A33], ". Compare with above denominator."]
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Out[90]/MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-a_{23} a_{32} + a_{22} a_{33}}{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}} & \frac{a_{13} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{33}}{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}} \\ \frac{a_{23} a_{31} - a_{21} a_{33}}{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}} & \frac{-a_{13} a_{31} + a_{11} a_{33}}{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}} \\ \frac{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}}{-a_{22} a_{31} + a_{21} a_{32}} & \frac{a_{12} a_{31} - a_{11} a_{32}}{-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Determinant of A33 is

$-a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}$   
. Compare with above denominator.

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In[92]:= Print["The a11 element of A44 is ", Inverse[A44][[1, 1]]]
Print["The Determinant of A44 is ", Det[A44], ". Compare with above denominator."]
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The a11 element of A44 is

$(-a_{24} a_{33} a_{42} + a_{23} a_{34} a_{42} + a_{24} a_{32} a_{43} - a_{22} a_{34} a_{43} - a_{23} a_{32} a_{44} + a_{22} a_{33} a_{44}) /$   
 $(a_{14} a_{23} a_{32} a_{41} - a_{13} a_{24} a_{32} a_{41} - a_{14} a_{22} a_{33} a_{41} + a_{12} a_{24} a_{33} a_{41} + a_{13} a_{22} a_{34} a_{41} -$   
 $a_{12} a_{23} a_{34} a_{41} - a_{14} a_{23} a_{31} a_{42} + a_{13} a_{24} a_{31} a_{42} + a_{14} a_{21} a_{33} a_{42} -$   
 $a_{11} a_{24} a_{33} a_{42} - a_{13} a_{21} a_{34} a_{42} + a_{11} a_{23} a_{34} a_{42} + a_{14} a_{22} a_{31} a_{43} - a_{12} a_{24} a_{31} a_{43} -$   
 $a_{14} a_{21} a_{32} a_{43} + a_{11} a_{24} a_{32} a_{43} + a_{12} a_{21} a_{34} a_{43} - a_{11} a_{22} a_{34} a_{43} - a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} a_{44} +$   
 $a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} a_{44} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} a_{44} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} a_{44} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} a_{44} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} a_{44})$

The Determinant of A44 is

$a_{14} a_{23} a_{32} a_{41} - a_{13} a_{24} a_{32} a_{41} - a_{14} a_{22} a_{33} a_{41} + a_{12} a_{24} a_{33} a_{41} + a_{13} a_{22} a_{34} a_{41} -$   
 $a_{12} a_{23} a_{34} a_{41} - a_{14} a_{23} a_{31} a_{42} + a_{13} a_{24} a_{31} a_{42} + a_{14} a_{21} a_{33} a_{42} - a_{11} a_{24} a_{33} a_{42} -$   
 $a_{13} a_{21} a_{34} a_{42} + a_{11} a_{23} a_{34} a_{42} + a_{14} a_{22} a_{31} a_{43} - a_{12} a_{24} a_{31} a_{43} - a_{14} a_{21} a_{32} a_{43} +$   
 $a_{11} a_{24} a_{32} a_{43} + a_{12} a_{21} a_{34} a_{43} - a_{11} a_{22} a_{34} a_{43} - a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} a_{44} +$   
 $a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} a_{44} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} a_{44} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} a_{44} - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} a_{44} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} a_{44}$   
. Compare with above denominator.

Note: Procedure would be ridiculously tedious!

Q: Are there other ways?

A: Yes, of course.

Section 6.1 details a combinatoric way to recreate the complicated expression for  $\det(A_{n \times n})$ .

We will pass on this method for a better one:

First, for  $3 \times 3$  matrices?

① Via the cross product

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note:  $\det A \neq 0$  precisely when  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are linearly independent. (why?)

Consider  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$ , the cross product of 2 vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  (Calculus III)

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  is a vector perpendicular to both  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ , and

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 w_3 - v_3 w_2 \\ v_3 w_1 - v_1 w_3 \\ v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we then take the "dot product" of the result with  $\vec{u}$ , this product is non zero precisely when  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  are not orthogonal:

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_2 w_3 - v_3 w_2 \\ v_3 w_1 - v_1 w_3 \\ v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compare with  
Mathematica output

$$\begin{aligned} &= u_1 v_2 w_3 - u_1 v_3 w_2 + u_2 v_3 w_1 \\ &\quad - u_2 v_1 w_3 + u_3 v_1 w_2 - u_3 v_2 w_1 \end{aligned}$$

That is, this is non zero when  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are linearly independent.

② Sarrus' Rule - A clever way to do the same thing:

with plus signs

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{31} & a_{32} \end{array}$$

with minus signs

write this out and compare.

Both techniques are valid for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Both fail in higher dimensions!

Def. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$ , define the

$A_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{14} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$   $i$ th minor  $A_{ij}$  (note the capital letter)

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

$A_{ij} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the } (n-1) \times (n-1) \text{ matrix formed by} \\ \text{removing the } i\text{th row and the } j\text{th} \\ \text{column.} \end{array} \right.$

Thm 6.2.10 Given  $A_{n \times n}$ , the Laplace expansion

(or cofactor expansion) along the  $j$ th column

is

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

and along the  $i$ th row is

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

Notes ① To find the det of  $A_{n \times n}$  requires finding the determinants of  $n$  matrices of size  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ , which requires each ... recursively.

② One can choose ANY row or column for this calculation. So choose the one with the most 0's in it (why?)

③ Minor matrices are also called cofactors

ex. Calculate  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$

Solution: Choose 1<sup>st</sup> row:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(45 - 48) - 2(36 - 42) + 3(32 - 35) \\ &= -3 + 12 - 9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

what does  
this mean?

ex Calculate  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Solution: Here  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$  (choose 1<sup>st</sup> col).

$$= a \begin{vmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= abc, \text{ the product of main diagonal.}$$

ex. Calculate  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ 0 & e & f & g \\ 0 & 0 & h & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & j \end{vmatrix}$ , all real numbers.

Solution: Choose 4<sup>th</sup> row.

$$\text{determinant} = \cancel{a}(-1)^{4+1} a_{41} A_{41} + (-1)^{4+2} a_{42} A_{42}$$

$$+ (-1)^{4+3} a_{43} A_{43} + (-1)^{4+4} a_{44} A_{44}$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 0 + (1)j \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & h \end{vmatrix}$$

choose 1<sup>st</sup> column

$$= j \left( a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ 0 & h \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ 0 & h \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= j a e h = \text{product of main diagonal.}$$

again.