

# Linear Algebra, EE 10810/EECS 205004

Note 4.2 – 4.4

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- Next Quiz on Nov. 25th, Wednesday.

- **Assignment:**

1. Compute the determinants of the following matrix in  $\overline{\overline{M}}_{4 \times 4}(R)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

2. Use row operations to simplify and compute these determinants.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} 101 & 201 & 301 \\ 102 & 202 & 302 \\ 103 & 203 & 303 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 \\ t & 1 & t \\ t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

3. A matrix  $\overline{\overline{Q}} \in \overline{\overline{M}}_{n \times n}(R)$  is called *orthogonal* if  $\overline{\overline{Q}}\overline{\overline{Q}}^t = \overline{\overline{I}}$ . Prove that if  $\overline{\overline{Q}}$  is orthogonal, then  $\det(\overline{\overline{Q}}) = \pm 1$ .

4. Find the determinant of the symmetric Pascal matrices

$$\det = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & \mathbf{19} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

## From Scratch !!

- Properties of Determinant

- The determinant changes sign when two rows (or two columns) are exchanged.
- $\det(\overline{\overline{A\overline{B}}}) = \det(\overline{\overline{A}}) \cdot \det(\overline{\overline{B}})$
- $\det(\overline{\overline{A}}) = \det(\overline{\overline{A}}^t)$
- $\det(\overline{\overline{I}}) = 1$
- The determinants equal *Volumes*.
- If two rows of  $\overline{\overline{A}}$  are equal, then  $\det(\overline{\overline{A}}) = 0$ .
- Subtracting a multiple of one row from another row leaves  $\det(\overline{\overline{A}})$  unchanged.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c - ma & d - mb \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad (4)$$

- A matrix with a row of zeros has  $\det(\overline{\overline{A}}) = 0$ .
- If  $\overline{\overline{A}}$  is *singular* then  $\det(\overline{\overline{A}}) = 0$ .

- **Section 4.2: Determinants of Order  $n$**

1. Pivot formula: multiplication of  $n$  pivots (times 1 or  $-1$ )
2. Big formula: add up  $n!$  terms (times 1 or  $-1$ )
3. Cofactor formula: combine  $n$  smaller determinants (times 1 or  $-1$ )

- Theorem 4.4: cofactor expansion

$$\det(\overline{\overline{A}}) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} \overline{\overline{A}}_{ij} \cdot \det(\overline{\overline{A}}_{ij}), \quad (5)$$

for any integer  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

- Theorem 4.3:  $n$ -linear function

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{r-1} \\ u + kv \\ a_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{r-1} \\ u \\ a_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + k \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{r-1} \\ v \\ a_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

- Theorem 4.5:  $\overline{\overline{B}}$  is obtained by interchanging any row of  $\overline{\overline{A}}$ , then  $\det(\overline{\overline{B}}) = -\det(\overline{\overline{A}})$ .
- Theorem 4.6:  $\overline{\overline{B}}$  is obtained by adding a multiple of one row of  $\overline{\overline{A}}$  to another row of  $\overline{\overline{A}}$ , then  $\det(\overline{\overline{B}}) = \det(\overline{\overline{A}})$ .

- **Section 4.3-4.4: Properties and Summary of Determinants**

- Cramer's Rule:
- $n$ -dimensional volume: